

At Dr. Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.
 Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
 Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



Our stars of the week awards



13.10.17

Caterpillars	Maeve O'Mahony	For great participation and perseverance in all lessons and activities.
Bees	Libby Turner	For being a responsible member of Bees class and helping out around the classroom.
Ladybirds	Harry Thomas	For taking responsibility for his work, his learning and his behaviour.
Hedgehogs	Amber Jay	For a fantastic determined attitude in maths this week. Excellent perseverance.
Badgers	Willow Dixon	For showing fantastic courage and perseverance in maths.
Highest class attendance	Bees	
Golden Broom For tidiest classroom	Badgers	

Information regarding attendance

We all know how important it is for children to attend school as much as possible in order to make the best progress they can. We continue to strive hard to raise standards across the school and it is important for us all to work together, both parents and staff to help us get the best outcome for them. One of the ways that you can help is to ensure your child attends regularly and arrives on time. As part of our role we monitor this and we meet with parents if we have concerns. Improving the outcomes for children is vitally important, so attendance is and will continue to be a big focus for us. Obviously we understand there will always be situations where your child is not well enough to attend, but please keep the Office updated.

Please note that as from Monday 9th if a child's attendance drops below 95% we will follow this up.

Mr Joy - Ladybirds Class

It has been great starting my second year in Dr Walker's. Though I have only been here a short time I am proud to feel part of such a warm community. I studied at Kent University and completed my teacher training with Essex Primary Teacher training. My favourite subjects at school were art and science and I still enjoy taking time out for some painting and spending time out in nature. I'm really excited to have the opportunity to guide the schools development of science this year and look forward to bringing some of my passion to the subject and to my first school nature club!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to the fact that we do have children in the school who suffer with serious nut allergies, please can parents ensure that if they are sending their child in with a packed lunch, they check that it **does not contain any form of nuts or nut spreads such as Nutella.**

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Two Reminders from the Office



£1 coins

- Unfortunately from today, Friday 13th October the school can no longer accept the old £1 coins.
- Please can parents to return their child's data collection sheet by **Monday 16th October**

School Photographs - Monday 6th November

Please remember that there are individual school photos happening on Monday 6th November. Families with younger siblings can arrive from 8:30 for family groups. Any siblings in school will be photographed both individually and together during the morning so there is no need to come at 8:30 unless they have a younger sibling to be included in the family group.

A note from our Chair of Governors

One of the key priorities we are working on across the school is taking pride and care in all we do. We need our children to be proud of what they do and how they behave both in school and outside in the wider community. Pride in their work reflects pride in themselves and pride in wearing our school uniform and representing our school in the wider community is vital.

One way this pride could be clearly demonstrated is in the care our children take in the presentation of their work. Currently it cannot be said that all of our pupils are committed to exceptional and beautifully presented work. The teachers are making a concerted effort to help support the children to develop this. Across the school the children are expected to;

consistently use rulers to draw lines, use neat handwriting with no crossing out, and write well prepared sentences and paragraphs carefully positioned on the page and to set their maths out so that it is clear and any mistakes or misconceptions can be easily identified and addressed.

We as governors are monitoring how this is progressing but this can only be totally successful with your support in this. You too can help us by encouraging your children to treat this as a priority. It really can make a difference to their attainment and progress and of course to the way they behave in and out of school.



Shakespeare workshop feedback from Badger and Hedghog classes

'I loved the Shakespeare play because it had extraordinary acting.... It was also amazing because you don't just sit and watch you can join in.... I give it 5 stars.'

'I think it was amazing but I was a bit nervous because I was chosen as a caretaker... it was fun!'

'It was fun to sing along with the songs.'

'Fantastic music, acting superb and costumes fantastic.'

'It was it was so exciting.'

'I hope they can come again.'

'I loved it.' '5 star rating'

'Romeo and Juliet is a fantastic show a bit violent but a lot of drama.'

'I liked it, it was a brilliant show, there was lots of drama and I recommend it.'

'The Shakespeare performance of Romeo & Juliet was the best performance I have ever seen.'

'I liked that Romeo dressed up like spider man at the dress up party to get Juliet because he was in love!'

'It was good to watch and I liked it- ok it was a pretty sad but sometimes funny.'

I think they enjoyed it!

Regards

Fiona Reid

Diary dates

- Wednesday 18th October you are invited to visit your child's class for an open class afternoon between 3.15 -4.15

Share your views through Parent View

If you are unable to come to the parent forums you can of course discuss matters with your child's class teacher, Deputy Head or Headteacher or alternatively you can share your views through Parent View. Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year *and* at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View. Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about aspects of school life. Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved. If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at the School Office.