



Newsletter 28th May 2021

Break the Rules Day

Today, there was a real buzz of excitement all around the school as the children enjoyed 'Break the Rules' day to raise money for future school projects. A huge thank you to all of our parents and families who have supported this event and I am delighted to inform you that we raised a staggering £1,075.

Children loved the fact that they were able to choose their own rules to break (with the guidance from the class teachers) and many of them broke multiple rules!!



House Point Winners Half Termly Reward

Huge congratulations to the blue house who collectively achieved 3,483 house points since we returned back to school on 8th March.

Yesterday, they were rewarded for their hard work and efforts with a wide range of different activities led by Kidfit. These activities included archery, dodgeball, badminton and football and creating electronic circuits. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to reward blue house together as a team, but children had their reward time with other children in blue house who were in the same phase bubble as they are. Moving forwards, I am also pleased to inform you that Kidfit will be our new holiday club provider, so this was a great opportunity for some of the children to experience the activities that will be on offer during the holiday club sessions. There will be more information about this after half term.



Class Attendance this week

	This week's attendance %
Donaldson class (R)	99.2
Darlings Class (1)	98.0
Jemison Class (2)	92.4
Da Vinci Class (3)	99.2
Rosen class (4)	96.3
Wonders Class (5)	97.3
Beckhams Class (5)	99.0
Attenborough Class (6)	95.8

Unfortunately no class achieved 100% attendance this week. Special mention to Donaldson and Da Vinci for almost getting there!

Head Teacher's Awards

This week, I have been busy meeting with children who are applying the school learning values to their work in class.

In Reception Lily had worked exceptionally hard with her writing and showed that she was working to her full potential.

Bella for her excellent creative homework (about the lifecycle of a chicken) and showing great resilience whilst writing in class.

Millie also showed great resilience and determination when writing in her C.I.L time too.

In Year 2, Christian was nominated as he has really worked hard to achieve his full potential in mathematics.

In Year 3, Neave also showed great resilience in her maths lesson when challenging herself and working though the calculations to reach the correct solutions.

Brendan, also in Year 3, completed an amazing piece of homework, which demonstrated excellence and achieving his potential. He created 3D pictures and produced beautiful written work to go alongside his creative pop ups.

House Points

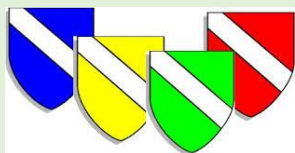
This weeks house points

Red House - 502

Blue House - 480

Green House - 600

Yellow House - 511



Whatsapp Security Settings

If you have a "Whats App" application on your mobiles, this message is for you.

Whats App has changed the group setting to include "Everyone" so people you don't know can add you to a group, especially those unwanted Companies or individuals. Possible future Scams.

You can change your settings :

1. Go to your Whats App Icon
 2. Click on Settings at the bottom of the page
 3. Click on Account
 4. Click on Privacy
 5. Click on Groups
 6. Change setting from "Everyone" to "My Contacts"
- You can change other settings, but that is your personal choice.

I personally have changed all my settings to "My Contacts"
Keep Safe and vigilant.

Dance performances

This half term, Years 1 - 5 (year 6 will be having their dance lessons after half term) have been having dance lessons weekly and this week we finished this unit of PE with dance performances within the phase bubbles.

On Monday this week, Year 4 performed three separate dances based on their topic of the Celts. Their dances were based around Celt battles, making bread and Celtic spirals.

On Wednesday, the Year 5 classes performed their dances to each other. Beckams split into small groups to develop their own dance moves which they put to the song Happy by Pharrell Williams. They then danced to an instrumental version of Bad Guy by Billie Eilish which had a very different tone to Happy. The children kept the same movements but changed the way that they performed them so that they would fit the new song. Wonders danced to 'Proud Mary'. They worked in groups of their choosing of 2- 6 children, choreographing their own routines! This involved great team work, finding and keeping rhythm and beat within the changing sections.

On Thursday, Year 3 performed their dance to the Year 4 children. They performed their dances in pairs and choreographed their own movements to 'Footloose'.

Year 2 also performed their class dance to a sea shanty. Each child thought of a movement that they wanted to include somewhere in the dance and then all the movements were combined to create a finished dance which reflected all of the children's ideas.

Year 1 worked in groups to come up with their dance moves which were then combined to make the final dance. They performed their dance to an instrumental track 'Back to Christmas Day'.

Great to Be Gold

Following the recent period of lockdown, the staff have been really impressed with the behaviour and learning attitudes of all of the children who have remembered our Great to Be Gold values and expectations. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<p>Harlen H - he has been trying hard to make the right choices, he has also been doing some fantastic listening at home as well as preschool. Keep it up Harlen.</p> <p>Matilda M she has been a lovely friend this week and has been doing super sharing with her friends.</p>	<p>Leon E - he has been brilliant this week at preschool. He has made great choices and been a kind friend, sharing the toys and making his friends feel happy.</p>
Nur	<p>Hadley for being a great team player and enjoying the challenge this brings.</p>	<p>Elizabeth for always being ready to learn and always trying her best at everything she does.</p>
Rec	<p>Alessia - for always wanting to learn more and for sharing her learning at home. She could tell her family all about the difference between mammals and egg laying animals</p>	<p>Izzy - for showing a real love of learning and for her love of writing. Izzy will just go for it and doesn't worry about it...which is brilliant!</p>
Year 1	<p>Cait - for her positive attitude, impeccable manners and excellent behaviour.</p>	<p>Isabella - for being an outstanding role model by always following the school rules. Sam A - for working to the best of his ability and including fantastic vocabulary in his writing.</p>
Year 2	<p>Billy for trying hard to make the right choices.</p>	<p>Ronny and Charlie for working to the best of their ability.</p>
Year 3	<p>Ewen C - We have noticed over the past few weeks how hard Ewen is trying to be the best he can be. He is always respectful to all adults and is well mannered. Keep up the fantastic work Ewen!</p>	<p>Cornelius - We have been particularly impressed with the effort and enthusiasm that Cornelius has shown in our dance lessons and Cornelius listens to all adults and is respectful. Well done Cornelius!</p> <p>Alfie C - Alfie encompasses all our school values. He shows a love of learning, always follows the school rules and is respectful to all adults and children alike. Alfie is a fantastic role model to his peers. This is well deserved Alfie, great work.</p>
Year 4	<p>Poppy - fabulous participation in Celtic Day and brilliant acting as Queen Branwen in our dramatization of Branwen and the Invasion of Ireland.</p>	<p>Ethan - expert knowledge and a love of learning in our Celtic topic - Ethan is able to tell you everything you need to know about The Celts.</p>
Year 5W	<p>James - in our dance sessions this term, James has been a strong leader in the largest group of children. Their final performance was organised and showed good teamwork. Max K - his progress in reading and writing this year is amazing, a real love for learning and hard work in school and at home has paid off.</p>	<p>Lillie-Mae - resilience in math, she admitted that catch up club has really helped her and that she is more confident as a result.</p>
Year 5B	<p>Isabella C, Alessio M and Sarah M All these children are gold as they always making the right choices and never give up when a task seems tricky.</p>	

Year
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Willow S - she is a very supportive member of the class and consistently makes the right choices. She engages in activities to the best of her ability and this week her contributions to our history discussions showed a depth of humanity and understanding that really impressed us. Her concern regarding issues of equality and justice stands out.

George M - he has been focusing so well this week on all aspects of his learning and has shown a commitment to achieving his best work. He can be really proud of all he has achieved and can celebrate the new level of independence he has shown.

Year 4 Celtic Day

On Wednesday this week, Year 4 brought to life their learning about the Celts by having a Celt themed day. All the children and the staff came to school dressed up in their Celtic clothing and enjoyed a full day of engaging, exciting and creative activities. These activities included bread making, weaving, acted out a Celtic battle, a real fire pit and acted out some Celtic stories and jobs that the Celts would have done. It was an amazing day and experience for all the children.



Birthday celebrations

Wishing all the children who have celebrated their birthday this week or are looking forward to their birthday in the half term holiday a very happy birthday.

Riley E
25th May

Francis R
25th May

Eric T
3rd June

Beau DS
21st May

Poppy C
4th June

Lexie L
25th May

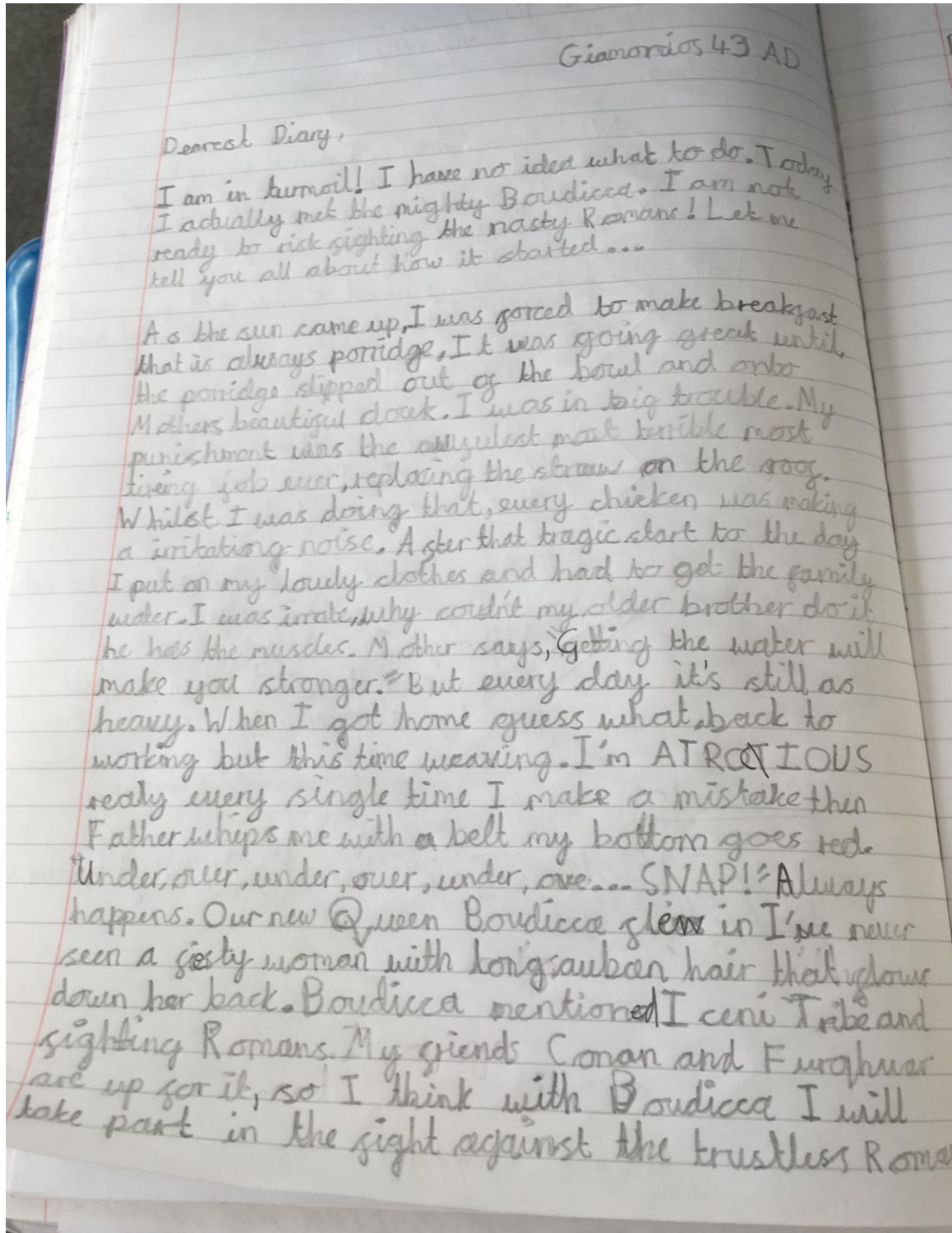
Charlie B
5th June

Alessio M
30th May

Flynn S
6th June

Examples of Year 4 diary entries following their Celtic Day on
Wednesday

Diary entry by Oscar W



Diary entry by Charlie R

Beloved Diary,
I am in a WAR tomorrow: I really don't know why I'm doing this, OH for the country
Ok you won't believe who I saw
I MET THE QUEEN: BOUDICCA!
Ok so ^{at} in the dawn I got up from bed
I was really tired but I still ^{did} done everything
I needed to do, I made my breakfast: Oats
and scrumias fruit bread, it was delicious.
Then in the morning I got water to
drink, I fed the chickens (they escaped
from their pen a few times but I managed
to get them back in). Lastly I ^{gaurd} guarded
the heat. Ok this is the part I ... met
BOUDICCA! It was actually her I was
whaaaaa... I heard she was in a war
between Romans and Celts so I shaped
my sword and grabbed my shield. Ok

**Fitness!
Focus!
Friends
FUN!**

**COME AND SEE WHAT THE "F" IN FOOTBALL IS FOR!
Watton Youth is looking for you**

Free training sessions available on Tuesday evenings, come and join the fun!

What better time to:
get outdoors
make new friends
increase your fitness
join and support your local football team.

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Watton youth u8 teams are currently recruiting 7-8 year old boys and girls in year 3, all skill levels welcome.

Dates for your Diary

May

31st - 4th June - Half term

June

7th - INSET DAY 4 school closed

21st - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

28th - Years 3 and 4 trip to Woodhall

29th - Years 5 and 6 trip to Woodhall

July

2nd - Enterprise Day

6th - Sports Day

6th - New to Reception (September 2021) virtual parent meeting 6pm

8th - Year 6 transition day to secondary school

8th - Reception - Year 5 Meet your New Teacher

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School, Rectory Lane, Watton at Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG <http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>

Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

8th - New to Nursery (September 2021) virtual parent meeting 6pm
8th - Year 6 transfer day to secondary schools.
9th - Sports Day reserve
5th - 9th - Assessment Week
12th - No Pens Day
12th - 9am - 10am New to Nursery September 2021 stay and play
13th - 9am - 10am New to Reception class September 2021 stay and play
14th - 9am - 10am New to Nursery September 2021 stay and play
14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers
15th - 9am - 10am New to Reception class September 2021 stay and play
21st - Last day of summer term
22nd - INSET Day 5