

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe that January is over. Time flies, we will soon be half way through this academic year. It doesn't seem five minutes since our youngest pupils in Fir Class started school for the first time.

We are so proud to have been awarded the highest Quality Mark from the Youth Sport's Trust. It is a major achievement and I wish to thank George Hounsell and all the staff who work so hard to ensure our pupils are confident individuals who love sport and at the same time develop fit and healthy life styles. We also want to give a great big thankyou to all our pupils who are developing in to great ambassadors for sport.

To add to this success, pupils in Key Stage 1 took part in the North Shropshire gymnastic competition this Thursday and each won a bronze medal. Congratulations.

The pupils in KS2 and the staff had had so much fun this week. In order to make our topic on Voyages and Discoveries come alive for our pupils, we have hired a set of Virtual Reality headsets. Pupils in Y3 and Y4 have been exploring Antarctica and Year 5 and 6 have been looking around a science laboratory at Charles Darwin's exhibits. Year 5 and 6 have also been on the Darwin Trail in Shrewsbury in order for them to get a clearer picture of who Charles Darwin was and his Theories of Evolution. These experiences have helped the pupils to gain insights that they might never have experienced otherwise.

Elm Class also got stuck in finding out about different parts of the globe. They are also looking the work at Ernest Shackleton and the journey he took on his South Pole adventure. We are looking forward to the next two weeks and our visit from the famous author of the Spy Dogs series - Andrew Cope (no relation I might add)!

Mrs Zillah Cope

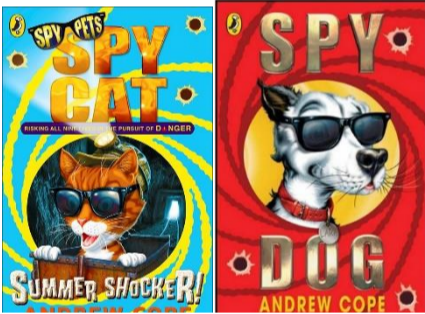
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REMINDERS & NOTICES

Upcoming Author Visit

We are looking forward to welcoming the author Andrew Cope into school on the 12th February. Andrew will be working with the children and there will be opportunities for children to purchase signed copies of his Spy Dogs books for £5. A flyer will be sent home which will include your order form to hand to class teachers or staff in the office.



YOUTH SPORT TRUST

Youth Sports Trust Success

This week we had an inspection of PE and Sport by the Youth Sports Trust. We are extremely proud to share with you that our provision for PE was judged as outstanding and we have achieved the Youth Sports Trust Gold Mark for the first time! The tool has been aligned to the Ofsted guidance, supporting the PE and Sport Premium, and comprises a series of straightforward benchmarking statements, where the school's level of provision is judged in the categories below:

- Overall vision for PE, physical activity and school sport.
- Quality of PE & School Sport.
- Use of PE, physical activity and sport as a catalyst for wider learning.

Chinese New Year

The children in 6 o'clock club on Friday last week celebrated Chinese New Year with their own Chinese buffet and creating their own Chinese lanterns.



Trust Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Winter Newsletter has been published. If you have not had a chance to read it yet, the Newsletter highlights the Cross-Trust activities that students participate in and is available to view by [clicking here](#).



Mrs Wellings is running another 'Read with the Chickens Workshop' on Wednesday 5th February from 3:15pm – 3:45pm in our school library. Please contact the school office to book onto this family workshop.

Keep an eye out next week for our upcoming 'Name the Goats' competition. With the recent news of our Social Farm welcoming two goats from Liverpool Coop Academy, we want to hear your suggestions for names.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

- w/c 3rd Feb 2020 Creative Arts Fortnight
- 4th February 2020 – KS2 Sportability Festival
- 6th February 2020 – Hockey Competition Level 2
- 12th February 2020 – Andrew Cope Author Visit

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

Our new website is nearly complete and will be live very soon. It will contain information on events, student achievements and key information. We will update you once it is live.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this last week's award winners:

Fir – Ava Shore
Willow – Summer- Leigh Mathewson
Maple – April Roe
Rowan – Emily Faul
Elm – Evie Matthews
Beech – Angel Leedale
Oak – Alex Keen

