

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week it has been. I have been visited by so many children who have come to see me for Headteacher Awards with so many examples of excellent work. The pupils have blown us all away over the last two weeks with their fantastic artwork. For those parents who were able to attend our gallery exhibition, we hope you enjoyed the viewing the pupils' work as much as we enjoyed working with them.

This week we were visited by the very famous author of the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats and Spy Pups series, Andrew Cope (no relation). He was very entertaining and so inspirational. He had the children in stitches with his amusing stories and anecdotes and they were clearly enthralled. He then challenged them all to write stories based on either; a gorilla who did something silly or unusual, a story which incorporated the names of all the chocolate bars and for Year Six, a story that had to contain dialogue about disgusting toenails ugh! The children were all keen to write their masterpieces and wrote some fantastic stories.

Andrew Cope was extremely impressed with all the children and remarked how well the reception children can write and that our boys were equally as motivated to write as the girls.

Look out for the picture in the Market Drayton Advertiser. Teddy also got the meet Andrew and muscled in on the photograph.

We hope you have a fabulous half term break and we will see you all on Tuesday 25th February.

Mrs Zillah Cope

Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Pupil Spotlight

Congratulations to Year 4 student Maisie on winning even more trophies at the recent IDFA Dance Competition in Manchester last week!



New Website

Our new website is now complete and available to view online. It contains information on events, student achievement and key information.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the Year 5 boys, who took part in the KS2 Sportsability Athletics last week at Ellesmere College. They finished winners of the competition and now go through to the Winter School Games Finals in March.



Our KS2 Hockey team took part in the Level 2 Competition yesterday afternoon at Ellesmere College. They finished 3rd losing in the semi-finals.

Thank you again to Onions Davies for sponsoring our KS2 Hockey kit!

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](#).

Community

County Lines is a term used when drugs gangs from larger cities extend their operation to smaller towns by exploiting vulnerable young people. It is estimated that 46,000 children across the UK are being exploited.

For more information, or if you are concerned about a child visit:

www.nationalcrimeagency.co.uk



We are excited to be taking part in the 'Great Big School Clean' next month. Our Eco Warriors are keen to keep our local community clean and litter free! Please keep looking on our Facebook page or eco twitter for more information on this event.

Reminder you can follow all of the daily activities in the Eco Allotment & Social Farm by following our official eco twitter account: @LonglandsEco.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 25th February – PDSA Workshops
- 27th February – Year 5 & 6 Cricket Competition
- 3rd March – School Games Final 2020
- 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
- 18th March 2020 – Alison's Bee Class

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



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this last week's award winners:

Fir – Zachery Draycott
Willow – Sophie Parker
Maple – Olly Hollis
Rowan – Dean Harries
Elm – Miley Sznober
Beech – Elissa Higgins
Oak – Savannah Dewey



NEWS

Make Your Own Junkbot

Fordhall Farm are holding a number of activities for children over February half term. In particular, they are running a 'Make your own junkbot' event which we thought may be of interest to some of our pupils. The workshop is aimed at children aged 5+ and is taking place on Tuesday 18th February, 10:00am – 3:00pm.

