

# TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



## Ocean Community Newsletter Easter 2019



Welcome to the Easter Newsletter for Ocean Community. We're now two-thirds of the way through the academic year and looking forward to brighter days and warmer weather! I hope you enjoy finding out some of the things our community been up to.

*Mrs Bunning*

### Reading at Home Update

The focus on Reading at Home is really paying off and every class in Ocean is desperately trying to knock Dolphin class off the top spot (and failing)! Dolphin have managed to be the top class in the whole Trust every week since we introduced the league table – a fantastic achievement.

All classes that achieved a class average of 75% or more in term 3 were rewarded with extra playtime in term 4. They were:

**Dolphin – 98.4% Octopus – 89.1%**

**Penguin – 80.6% Seal – 79.4%**

**Seahorse – 78.7%**

Well done!

### Hall of Fame:

Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in terms 1 and 2:

**Rainbow Fish:** Harry W, Vivien, Rowan, Oliver, Riley

**Whale:** Jacob S, Clara, Louie S, Lottie, Dolcie

**Seal:** Aiden, Dexter, Jenson, Erin, Edie

**Penguin:** Ami, Hayden, Noah, Charlie, Miley

**Octopus:** Alfie, Mia, Dylan, Ben, Lottie

**Seahorse:** Poppy, Zac, Josh, Victoria, Julie

**Dolphin:** Scarlett, Jessica, William, Maisie, Luca

**PE Champions:** Bolu, Victoria, Mason, Alisia

### Trip to Waterstones

Every term, we hold two prize draws for a trip to Waterstones at Bluewater – one for 100% attendance and one for meeting reading targets.

Term 3 and 4 winners were:

Reading – Harvey in Dolphin Class

Attendance – Alex in Dolphin Class

Well done boys – well deserved!



Harvey: It was really hard to choose!

Alex: I got to see lots of new books.

### Sporting news



#### **Competitions Level 1:**

**Yr 1-6 Chest Push Virtual Competition**

**Yr 1-6 Soft Javelin Virtual Competition**

#### **Competitions Level 2:**

**Yr 5&6 Dodgeball Competition (New Faces);**

**Swimming Gala;**

**Handball Competition; Football Knock Out Cup**

**Yr 3-6 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition**

### Breaking news ....

**Minterne 7s Football Tournament:** Top 8 for one team  
Tournament winners for Team A

### Science Week

Lots of fun was had by all with a variety of experiments, investigations and general messiness. These included bubble art, spreading germs when sneezing, making helicopters and paper planes.

A fantastic time was had by all!



### World Book Day

Ocean Community had a brilliant day visiting other classes and hearing different stories from each teacher.

There were some fantastic costumes, although the 'Wallys' were my favourites!





## Terms 3 and 4 WOW days



We learnt about Buckingham Palace and that it has 42 windows - Amelia Whale Class



I enjoyed creating the headaddresses because it was interesting to learn what decorations were used depending on the status of the person. I enjoyed making my own – Ty Dolphin Class



I liked our visitor on our WOW day because he was fun and I learnt lots. My favourite part of the day was when Miss Stannett and Mrs Brown were throwing beanbags at us and we had to protect ourselves with shields – Harry Penguin Class



I loved learning about the battles and the wars – Kyle Octopus Class



I learnt that they had a dragon at the front to scare their enemies—Poppy Seahorse Class



I liked smashing the ice to rescue the su-

### Staff shout-outs



Lots of luck to Miss Stannett who is getting married at Easter! We hope the weather is good for you.

Well done to Mrs Claridge, Mr Powell, Mr Wybraniec and Mr Claridge who having been putting the rest of us to shame with their half-marathons recently! Miss Brooks also did her first 10k run in February – well



Leading Rock Hero among the staff: *Bonnie Van Halen*. Congratulations Mrs Elmer!



### TT Rockstars

Ahead of statutory testing starting next year, we are raising the profile of Times Tables with the introduction of TT Rockstars. It's a really fun way to practise and has gripped pupils and staff alike.

Among the Top Ten Rock Heroes are *William Woods and Sierra de la Rocha* (aka David and Harleigh in Octopus Class). Keep playing everyone!



We loved learning about Tudor dancing. They were very funny dances because they did lots of finger pointing – Lucy Seal Class

- Coming up** in the next two terms:
- Wow days to start all our new topics Swattenden
  - trip for year 5 – prepare to get muddy!
  - Parents evenings
  - Daily Mile
  - PALS programme
  - Year 6 SATs
  - PGL and Chessington for year 6
  - Sports days
  - Induction afternoons – new schools and new classes



The end of the 2018-19 academic year!

### Attendance Update:

Almost every class in Ocean has achieved an average attendance of over 96% (our Trust target) so far this year. Can the whole community manage it by the end of the year?

Rainbow Fish: 96.3%    Whale: 95.4%  
Seal: 97.3%

Penguin: 96.6%    Octopus: 97.7%  
Seahorse: 96.7%    Dolphin: 97.8%