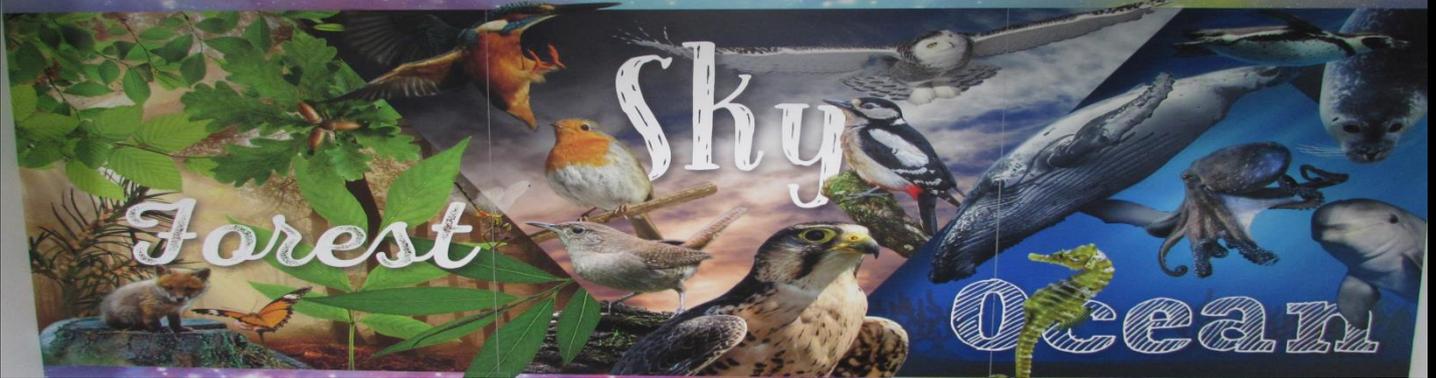


TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



Sky Community Newsletter Christmas 2018

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the new academic year. It's almost unbelievable that we have completed 2 terms already! I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what's been going on at Iwade School and in Sky Community in particular.

Miss Wright

Attendance Update

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year lots of classes have risen to the challenge:

Butterflies: 97.5% Wren: 97.1% Robin: 96.9%

Woodpecker: 97.2% Owl: 94.9%

Well done to our attendance prize draw winner for Term 1, Belle in Owl class!

Whole School Events

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of parents with the incredible number of donations for our Harvest Festival – thank you!

Once again, the school joined in with the community for Remembrance Day, this time by taking wreathes made by each class to the church. The church looked amazing and it was a very moving sight.

We finished Term 2 with two very exciting events – Christmas dinner and a visit from Father Christmas. Great fun was had by all and the Christmas outfits looked fantastic!

Hall of Fame

Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in Terms 1 and 2!

Butterfly: Alfie, Emmie, Emily, Maisie, Jude, Georgia, Blake, Grace, Dexter, Ronald, John

Wren: Nathan, Tom, Mia, Ivy, Aidan, Aria, Aston, Lennon, Dexter, Adam, Jude, Ester, Phoenix, Isla

Robin: Thomas, Levi, Roman, Summer, Archie, Caitlin, Max, Maneesh, Belle, Ellie-Mae, Tamzin, Tia, Harlee, Max

Woodpecker: Emily, Joshua, Bella, Mia, Imogen, Tiana, Jacob B, Maria, Lily, Ryley, Sali, Charlie, Harley, Riley W

Owl: Joshua, Harlow, Belle, Amber, Felix, Archie, Jaydn W, Mikayla, Freya, Jayden S, Honey, Fraiser, JJ x 2

PE: Teni (Robin), Toni (Wren), Amber (Owl), Charlie (Woodpecker), Jaydn W (Owl), Arthur (Wren), Ryley H (Woodpecker), Isabelle (Robin), Cohen (Owl)

Sports Achievements

Congratulations to all those children that took part in the National Fitness Day Event, Change 4 Life Festival, Cross-Country, Sportshall Athletics Standing Long Jump Virtual Competition, Speed Bounce Virtual Competition and Infant Agility Festival. All children have also had the opportunity to take part in a weekly Active Mile, alongside the Freddie Fit programme.

A big THANK YOU to our P.E team for the continued support and success we have in sporting events and also to parents who make getting to these tournaments possible.

We Love Reading!

Since we returned in September, we have had a huge focus on reading at home. Sky community has made an incredible effort with this. These are the highest weekly 'reading at home' percentages for each class over Terms 1 & 2.

Butterfly Class: 66.7%, Wren Class: 84.6%, Robin Class: 70%, Woodpecker class: 76.7%, Owl: 65.5%.

We are looking forward to seeing these percentages rise over the coming terms – remember to keep reading at home at least 3 times a week!

Trip to Waterstones

At the end of Term 1, we held our first prize draw for a trip to Bluewater to spend a £10 voucher. To qualify, children needed to have met their Accelerated Reader points target and averaged 85% or above accuracy throughout. Jacob from Woodpecker Class was the winner for Sky Community. He said, "I've never seen so many Horrid Henry books in one place! It was so difficult to choose."

This term our winner is Lexie White, also from Woodpecker class. She is excited to go and choose her book early next term!



Term 1 and 2 WOW days



Butterfly class' "Diwali" topic

The children in Butterfly class said that they absolutely loved their WOW day this term, particularly the dancing! They also made peppermint creams and clay diva lamps.

Wren class' "All Around Us" topic

In Term 1 the children went on a WOW walk around Iwade village, trying to spot human and physical features. The children were most excited about the park and church! This term they have used globes, atlases and Google Earth to find different countries around the world.



Robin class' "Madagascar" topic

Robin class began their topic by pretending to visit Madagascar on an aeroplane – they enjoyed learning about how life there is different to here in Iwade. They have also created African masks. Thomas said "I liked making the masks and learning about why they are worn".



Woodpecker class' "Stone Age to Iron Age" and "River Deep, Mountain High" topics

The children enjoyed a Stone Age workshop in Term 1 and learnt how to hunt and mine for copper and tin. This term's WOW day involved making a 3D model of a mountain, including hills, streams and rivers. Harry said: "I had a fantastic day! I loved everything. I loved working as a team and I think our model was the best".



Owl class' "Rainforests" and "Truly Scrumptious" topics

In Term 1, Owl class learnt about the different layers of a rainforest and, as a team, created a model of each layer inside cardboard boxes. On their WOW day this term they created their own fruit smoothies to 'pitch and sell' in their own restaurant. Some of the children hadn't made smoothies before and were excited to learn a new skill!



Farewell Wishes

Sky community would like to say a big **GOODBYE** and **GOOD LUCK** to Mrs Ware and Mrs Hudson as they embark on their next adventures! They will both be greatly missed by all and have left behind an amazing legacy for TIMU staff and pupils to be proud of.

As some of you may already be aware, I have accepted a post at a new school closer to home. I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye; I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children in Sky community and working closely alongside them. I will be handing the reins over to Miss Middleton as Community Leader from January!

Mrs Seymour and Mrs Dawkins received their certificates as they both passed their Level 2 TA course. Well done!

Staff shout-outs

We welcome Mrs Persaud as new teacher for Owl class from Term 3!

Congratulations to Mrs Landron for passing her driving test, which now makes her journey to school much easier!

Coming up in the next two terms:

- Wow days to start all our new topics
 - Safer Internet Day
 - Red Nose Day
- Merry Christmas to everyone from all in Sky!**