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## Headteacher's Update

I hope that many of you would have watched my recent strategic update video posted earlier this week. It is so important that you, the main stakeholders of our school, have regular updates about our school improvement journey. If you would like to watch this video, a link can be found later in this newsletter. I will update you again in January 2023 when I have more updates to share with you.



Today, we relaunched Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots to our pupils and what a success it was! Thank you to all of the parents, pupils and staff, who made such an effort with their stylish outfits, crazy hairstyles and impressive face paints! Thank you to Ms Bisset, our Maths lead for organising this event - we look forward to seeing pupil engagement increase online on the Numbots and TTRS websites! If you need any technical assistance accessing these apps, please see your child's class teacher.

Parents/Carers, I have tasked your child's class teachers to get in contact with you if your child does not have a PE kit. This can be a plain white t-shirt and dark joggers or shorts. We do not expect you in such challenging times to purchase branded PE kits but we do expect all children to be equipped with a PE kit please. If you need financial support with uniform, please come to the office and speak to a member of our child and family team.

## Important News

We have exciting plans for the future of our school! Please watch the video regarding the strategic update from our Headteacher [here](#).

This is also posted on our new virtual message board, where we welcome your thoughts! Please click [here](#) to view the message board. We value all your feedback.

Our key dates for the following fortnight are listed below. There are more upcoming events later on in the term, so please check out our Term 1 key dates below.

We are in the process of creating our 'Term 2 Key Dates', which will be sent out shortly.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th September 2022 (2.30pm)  
EYFS Stay and Play Phonics Fun



Please view our Key Dates for Term 1 [here](#) for more upcoming events.



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## AWARDS

### Learning Heroes

Awarded by our Raising Standards Lead, Mrs Cain.



#### Ambitious Ade

Artur Ramos Y2 - Well done to Artur for tackling challenges in maths by using explanation in his answers.

Eden Brooks Y2 - We admire Eden's ambition shown by asking lots of interesting questions to further his knowledge about the Great Fire of London.

#### Collaborative Katherine

Leland Barrett Y5 - Awesome collaboration in whole-class and guided groups discussions. He has also been encouraging his peers to answer the question.

Mia Hersey Y4 - Well done Mia for always going above and beyond to help others with their work if they are stuck, without being asked.

#### Independent Ida

Ayesha Abubakar Y3 - Brilliant job at working independently with your learning, and for having your work published on the class spotlight wall!

Riley Lusmore - Y6 Well done for always using our 3 B's (board, book, buddy) before asking for help. This shows great independence and responsibility for learning.

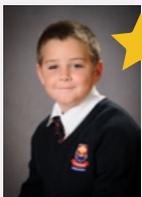
#### Resilient Richard

Alessia Stetti R - Brilliant resilience in phonics lessons and for using your prior knowledge during independent learning to continue to practice your sounds.

Taman Abdullah Y3 - Great presentation Taman! If it isn't quite right the first time, he ensures he edits his work to make it amazing!

#### Governor's Award

Tobias Russell - Year 3 Congratulations to Tobias for achieving the Governor's Award this fortnight, for showing excellent attention to detail in his work and exemplary manners around school!



#### Dojo Champions

Well done for earning the most Class Dojos!

- Y1- Maisie Godfrey and Marta Esprito-Santo.
- Y2- Artur Ramos and Amelia Cook.
- Y3- Millie Leach and Lunaria Shield.
- Y4 - Callan Clement and Lola Wade-Dracup.
- Y5- Adam Jamil and Alex Rosas.
- Y6- Ashton Cherrett and Frankie Buckeridge.

#### Reading Rockstars

For demonstrating that they love reading as much as we do!

- R- Micky Hagan.
- Y1- Alessia Steti and Henry Lear.
- Y2- Maddie Roberts-Doney and Ellie Sharp.
- Y3- Ernest Ayres and Helena Dixon.
- Y4 - Bebe Britton and Finley Nash.
- Y5- Sebbie Lewis-Richings and Joao Ramos.
- Y6- Harry Bale and Alex Vincent.



### Stars of the Week

Awarded by our Headteacher, Ms Parkhouse.

R- Rosie Leach

R- Oliver Reed

Y2 - Blake McDicken

Y2 - Ruby Wilmott

Y3- Ayesha Abubakar

Y4- Lola Wade-Dracup

Y4- Esmee Murrell

Y5- Joao Ramos

Y5- Mya Cox

Y6- Kizzie Lewis-Richings

Y6- Caleb Blewett

Y1 - Sephe Harling-Hoyle

Y1 - Harper Coles - Manfield



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## CLASS UPDATES

### RECEPTION

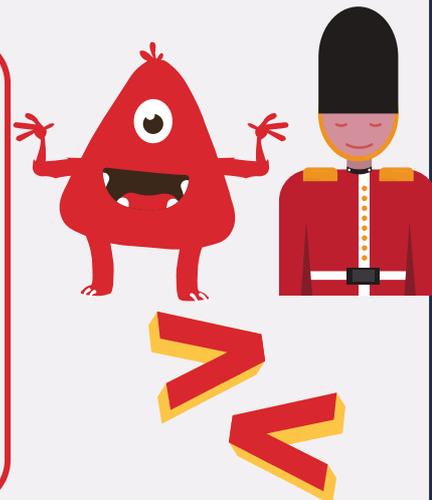
Reception have been focusing on 'All about me'. They have thoroughly enjoyed the colour monster story and how that can help us with our emotions. They even made their own colour monsters for display! Reception have also started with their maths lessons this week, learning all about numbers and counting! They are working so hard and have really become confident in their new environment.

### YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about objects from the past and comparing them to objects in the present. They have been really observant noticing differences in materials, shape and how objects were used. In English they have been focusing on applying their phonics to spell new words as well as remembering finger spaces. Year 1 have been excellent Mathematicians and have been comparing two groups of objects and two numbers using the language and symbols of greater than, less than and equals to.

### YEAR 2

Year 2 have been continuing their learning journey into the Great Fire of London. They have been exploring expanded noun phrases to write a setting description. They have also been participating in 'hot seating', where they have role played the character of Samuel Pepys.



### YEAR 3

Year 3 have had another incredibly successful fortnight. They have been continuing their work for their cityscapes project and have been looking at the many similarities and differences between London and Berlin. This learning has also been really helpful with their English work as they are reading 'Emil and the Detectives' which is set in Berlin! In maths they have been exploring place value and using mathematical symbols to show greater than, less than and equal to.

### YEAR 4

Year 4 have been continuing their learning about Totem Trails. They have been exploring Native American Indian Tribes and all about how they lived. During English, they have been focusing on the story of Edward Tulane. From this, they have created fantastic letters. Year 4 have also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the daily mile which we will be continuing to do everyday!

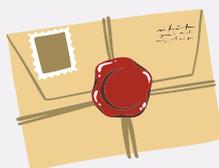
### YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an enjoyable fortnight learning more about amazing Egyptians! They have successfully created Egyptian silhouette art, learnt more facts about King Tutankhamun, and have sequenced key events in history on a timeline. In maths they have been exploring place value further and have built on their knowledge of rounding, negative numbers and Roman numerals.

### YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a great fortnight. They loved their interactive workshop about Climate Change where they had to think about how they could make Yate a more environmentally friendly town to live in. Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Titanic and the events leading up to it sinking. The non-chronological reports they have written on this subject have astounded both Mrs O'Connell and Ms Smyth!

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### Staff Shout Out -

#### Swift Sports P.E. Coaches

A huge thank you to the coaches at Swift Sports for running our after school clubs. Our pupils are LOVING the clubs and some clubs have reached full capacity!



**THANK YOU!**

### Staff Fun Fact

This fortnight's fun fact is about our SENCO and Year 6 Teacher Miss Smyth. Miss Smyth has a dog called Nelly who weighs 49kg - that is more than most of the children at school!



