



Friday 3rd February

Tunstead Primary Newspaper

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents,

It is always nice to be able to start a newsletter with some good news, and I am pleased to share that Mrs Purdey (who taught Birch class for most of the autumn term) and her husband welcomed the safe arrival of their first child Theodore on Tuesday. I hope you join with me in sending our congratulations and best wishes to them at this special time.

We also welcomed another of our newer members of the Tunstead Community to school on Thursday, when Mrs van Kampen and her baby Kate popped in to say hello to Birch class, who were very pleased to see the pair for a short while. This week also saw us say goodbye (for a short while) to Mrs Armstrong, who will be away from school for around 6 weeks as she undergoes shoulder surgery next week. We all wish her well and look forward to seeing her back soon. While she is away, Oak Class will be taught by Mr Williams, an experienced EYFS teacher who has been with the class earlier in the year and been in to visit last week and today.

Next week, our final one before the February half term, Birch class will be visiting Broadland High to watch their production of The Little Shop of Horrors. This will no doubt be a memorable and hopefully inspiring experience for them and also forms part of the first steps of getting our oldest pupils ready for their transitions to secondary school.

Rebecca Quinn

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- February
- 8th - Birch Class Little Shop of Horrors production at BHOA
 - 9th - Birch Class bake sale
 - Valentine's Disco
 - 13th - 17th half-term
- March
- 2nd - Special World Book Day Lunch
 - 3rd - Oak Class Thrigby trip
 - 24th - School reports home
 - 27th - Cluster Rugby
- April
- 3rd - 17th Easter Holiday
 - 28th - Conifer Bikeability
- May
- 8th - Bank Holiday
 - 18th - Class photos
 - 22nd - Year 6 Crucial Crew

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	96.58%	87.08%	93.22%	88.13%
A.O.B.	Please could Oak send back in any spare clothing they have borrowed	Feel free to send in any bits to add to your penguin home by Wednesday	If you'd like to enter the Norfolk show school's garden competition, please collect an entry form from Mrs Pleasants	Little Shop of Horrors trip is on Wednesday. Don't forget your packed lunches or to order one by Monday morning

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Headteacher's Award

**Archie B-J,
Darcie L,
Georgie and
Milly** for their
dedication to
their librarian
role
Well done!

Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Albie** for awesome ideas and contributions to class discussions!

Sycamore - **Etta** for her application of phonics in her writing, and **Ted** for his application of very expressive prosody in his reading!

Conifer - **Jenson** for demonstrating a positive attitude towards all of his learning!

Birch - **Kira** for her clear calculation methods for tricky fraction problems!

House Points

1st - Otter 1852

2nd - Swallowtail 1813

3rd - Bittern 1583

4th - Harrier 1477

School Council

We are holding our first bake sale after school on Thursday to raise funds for Cancer research and for the school to buy litter pickers. Please can Birch Class do some baking during the week or buy some cakes for the sale. Cakes will be on sale at 50 or 20p.

TUNSTEAD FRIENDS

With less than a week to go to the Valentine disco tickets are still available until the morning of Wednesday 8th February. Oak Class and Sycamore 3:15 to 4:15pm. Oak class parents will need to attend with their children. Children will get changed in their classrooms before the disco starts. Conifer and Birch will be held 4:30 to 5:30pm. Purchase tickets via BOPP using the paylink on the email or scanning the QR Code on this newsletter or a poster. If you would prefer to pay by cash, that's fine. Cash payments must be handed to Honor in a sealed envelope with the name and class name of child(ren). Correct money must be in the envelope as we cannot issue change. Please write your email address on the envelope so we can confirm receipt and give any necessary information. Ticket price includes a snack and unlimited squash. If your child would like to request a song to be played please email tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk with their name and class details and our DJ will do her best.



ASSEMBLY

In Monday's assembly, Mr Birkinshaw spoke to the school about behaviour, highlighting the good and positive behaviours we want to see all children showing in the classroom, corridors, dining hall and outside in the playground. The children were all able to give lots of examples of what they can do to be kind and to set a good example to others, and we hope to continue seeing this throughout our school community.

FOREST SCHOOL

Both Oak and Sycamore class have enjoyed recreating the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs. Splitting into three groups we made houses from straw, sticks and bricks, the children took it in turns to hide in the houses, waiting for the big bad wolf to visit, AKA Jack and Mark. It was difficult to blow down the well made stick house, the straw house was far easier helped by the strong wind. Great team work and perseverance.