



Friday 26th May

# Tunstead Primary Newspaper

## Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

### SCHOOL MESSAGE

It's been a busy final few days of the half term, with lots of trips and events going on around school, which is always one of the highlights of this time of year. It is also the time of year where we start to look towards September, and I would like to share a staffing update with you.

Today we have welcomed Miss Kirby into school, who is joining our team permanently following her recent move to the area from London. Miss Kirby will be taking over from Mr Birkinshaw in Birch class after half term, and has spent parts of today getting to know the children and our school. Mr Birkinshaw will now be returning full time to his role as Deputy Head across both schools, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Birkinshaw and Mrs Durrant for taking on additional roles to help provide a prolonged period of stability for Birch class.

On a slightly sadder note, the reason that Miss Kirby is joining our team permanently is that we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs van Kampen. She has been an excellent asset to our schools, and we wish her every success in her new English leadership role at Catton Grove Primary School. Miss Kirby will be continuing with Birch Class in September, providing some important consistency for our current Year 5 pupils.

Another person who I wished success to last week was Jack in Conifer class, who has organised a charity collection for making food parcels for the homeless in our area. I would just say a massive thank you to the school community for helping out in different ways, and a particular thank you to DYN0 for providing a significant donation to help reach the target required. And once again thank you to Jack and his family for their efforts and we wish them well in delivering the meals next week.

Thanks must also go to all the parents who joined Conifer class on Tuesday afternoon to share their portal stories. It was great to see so many of you in school and to have the children enjoying sharing their hard work.

Our Cricket team was in action on Wednesday, taking part in the local school cluster cricket tournament. The team represented the school brilliantly and were a credit to the school for their efforts, even when results didn't always go our way.

This week has also seen our Year Six pupils enjoy a couple of trips and experiences. On Monday, they went to visit Crucial Crew, an event put on for Year 6s across the area that brings together lots of different services (such as the fire brigade, police, healthcare etc) to help share importance life and safety messages. Then on Thursday, they went to Greshams school for an afternoon of engineering challenges – and we had the winning team! Congratulations to Freddie, Max, Summerlily and Mia on their success – what a great way to end the term!

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

May

29th - 2nd June half-term

June

6th & 8th - Parents Evening

11th - Tunstead Village fete 11-3

14th - Birch London trip

15th - Oak National Child Measurement Programme, vision & hearing screening

- Feast on the Field (new takeaway lunch option every Thursday)

- New parents information evening

16th - year 6 dental survey

22nd - new reception class stay and play morning

26th - Sports Enrichment Week

Mon - Oak Pensthorpe

Tue - Sports Day

### CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE &amp; AOB</b>	<b>85.32%</b>	<b>98.56%</b>	<b>96.15%</b>	<b>95.48%</b>
	Please could parents collect and bring in any 2 litre drinks bottles, for Oak class to use for some growing experiments and wormeries.	Thank you to Sophie Crosby for bringing two very cute guinea pigs into class for a pet visit this week!	Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Tuesday, we had a lovely afternoon.  Happy half term!	We welcomed Miss Kirby into class today, who enjoyed getting to meet everyone ahead of taking over after half term

## Celebrating Success

### Headteacher's

#### Award

**Freddie, Max,  
Summerlily & Mia**  
for finishing first in  
the Greshams  
Engineering  
Challenge

### Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Evie** for developing her independence and resilience

Sycamore - **Freddie** for his determination to produce great work over the whole of this term.

Conifer - **Jenson** for a super portal story, and also all of Conifer Class for showing resilience in telling the time

Birch - **Darcy H** for her increased independence and stamina in writing

### School Council

This week we have been discussing the possibility of changing our house names within classes. We will have our next cake sale after half term.

#### House Points

1st - Otter 3500

2nd - Swallowtail 3344

3rd - Bittern 3019

4th - Harrier 2736

## Tunstead Friends

The Friends will have a stall at the Tunstead village fete Sunday 11th June 11am—3pm. If anyone would like to help email the Friends.

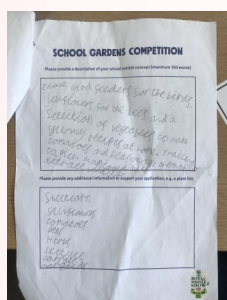
Our own fayre on Saturday 8th July, is going to be packed with fun for all the family. We already have Punch and Judy and a bouncy castle booked. We will be having a BBQ, refreshments and Pimm's. There will be games in the arena and Mrs Payne will be running a forest school session.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run stalls on the day. We would also like donations for the raffle, tombola and bric-abrac. Donations can be brought into school after half term or given to one of the Friends. Enjoy the sunshine over half term.

## Feeling Proud

Congratulations to **Isla** whose garden design has been chosen to represent our school at the Royal Norfolk Show. We will be preparing her wheelbarrow design to become reality a couple of

weeks  
after half  
term.



## Forest School

We have been learning about habitats in Forest School this week. Discussing why mini beasts choose to live in the different areas of the woodland.

Both classes and Forest School Club have also enjoyed cooking on the fire. Most children thought the fruity damper bread was yummy.

We would appreciate any donations for our teddy/toy tombola on the 11th June. Please hand to Honor or Vicky