



Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

It is always lovely to spend time in the classrooms around Tunstead, and this week there has been lots of great learning on show. Yesterday, we had some of our school governors visit for the morning to see how our children get on in school. They were really pleased with what they heard and saw from the children, in the way they responded within the lessons and how they could recall their prior knowledge too. One governor commented that ‘I had a great day, talking to some lovely children. Saw teachers who are clearly passionate about their jobs and a group of TAs who know their children well.’ We are proud of the team we are building at Tunstead and we hope to continue improving the outcomes for our children academically and as well-rounded young people.

Throughout the week, it has also been a pleasure to have time to drop into some lessons across the school. I have seen some great group work from Oak class, who are really growing in confidence and enjoyed designing their own planets as part of their space topic. Sycamore are working really hard on their reading, and it was great to work with some of our Year 2s in their reading comprehension session and see how nicely their retrieval skills are beginning to develop. Conifer are working really hard on their multiplication strategies, where rapid times table knowledge is really helpful. And then Birch class stole the show this week when I was called down to hear about how they are getting on with their arithmetic work. They have been working so hard as a class on this, both as individuals and as groups supporting each other, and the progress they are making is amazing.

All of our class teachers are always available at the end of the day, or via email, should you want to know any more information about how you can support your child’s learning at home.

Keep up the good work everyone!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

- 5th - Deadline for parent governor applications
- 13th - Shrove Tuesday, pancakes for school pudding
- 14th - Valentines Day, heart shaped biscuits for school pudding
- 15th - Friends Valentines Disco
- 19th - 23rd Half term

March

- 5th - Yr 6 STEAM trip
- 9th - Friends Jumble Sale 10:00am—12:00pm
- 19th - Tag rugby tournament
- 26th - Friends Easter Fayre
- 27th - Last day of term

April

- 15th - Back to school
- 17th - Birch class start swimming

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
Class Attendance	87.91%	93.7%	98.07%	98.99%
	This week we have explored our solar system and the features of the planets. What is your favourite planet and why?	Sycamore have loved investigating simple electrical circuits in Science over the past few weeks.	Conifer have been working on division this week and have just started their hot write creating an innovated fairy tale.	Birch class is making outstanding progress in their weekly arithmetic papers - we are very proud of them!

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

Ethan for his resilience and determination to improve in all areas, but particularly in his arithmetic work.



Class Gold Book Award Winners

Oak - **Teddy P** for his excellent number formation practise this week.

Sycamore - **Tallulah** for developing a maturity in her approach to work. She has been focussed, driven and demonstrating high expectations of the standard of her work.

Conifer - **Carlyne** for resilience in maths and an increase in confidence.

Birch - **Oliwia** for exhibiting exceptional behaviours for learning!

House Points

1st - 447 Honeysuckle

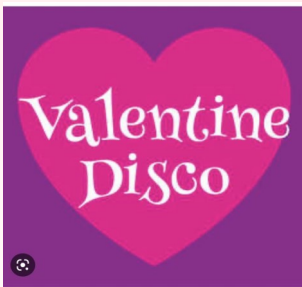
2nd - 354 Poppy

3rd - 350 Bluebell

4th - 266 Buttercup



Tunstead Friends



We are looking forward to the first disco of 2024. The Valentine disco is on Thursday 15th February. Oak and Sycamore classes will be 3.15-4.15 pm. **Oak parents will need to attend.** Sycamore class to send clothes in on the morning and staff will help children to change, no parents will need to attend school at pick up. Conifer and Birch class disco will be 4.30 -5.30pm posters and Bopp link will be sent out next week.

We have confirmed the date for our first jumble sale. Saturday 9th March 10am until 12 noon. We will be collecting donations to sell after half term so let your friends and family know if they are having a clear out.



Forest School



The topic this week was sticks. How could we turn a stick into a play thing?

The children used their imagination to make bows and arrows, wands and stick people. We used wool and ribbon creatively to make stick decorations too

