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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 1 and Year 3 productions

The children in both year groups are very excited to share their performances with you next week. If you haven't already, then please ensure you have completed the form on Weduc requesting tickets for your preferred performance. The forms close 8:00am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and tickets will then be allocated on a first come basis. If there are any additional tickets available, we will let you know.



## Junior school swimming lessons 2024

We are hoping to start swimming lessons after the Easter holidays, week commencing 22nd April 2024, for years 3 - 5. Year 6 will start their swimming week commencing 3rd June 2024. We will confirm actual swimming days for each year group soon. A form is now live on Weduc for you to complete, please complete this as soon as possible so we can start grouping the children by ability for their lessons. Swimming caps can be purchased through Weduc.

## Librarian quiz winners

During Reading Week, Mrs Settle and the Librarians organised a house book quiz. All the junior took part in this and worked as a team within their respective house. Hawks were the winners of the quiz and this was announced in celebration assembly on Monday.

## Junior Music Festival—Rainforest Rumble

Our choir children are performing in the Junior Music Festival on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Hexagon. If you want to come along and support, tickets can be purchased using the following link.

<https://whatsonreading.com/search?for=rainforest&venue>

We also have 2 tickets at available at the junior office—please come and see us.



## School Start Times

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving at school after registration has started. We would just like to remind you that registration is at 08:30am.

## No Smoking/Vaping Policy

As you know, all schools in West Berkshire have a no smoking policy. Please may we remind you that **smoking and vaping are not permitted on our school site.**

*Florence Rostron*

Headteacher



## Sports Events



### #LETGIRLSPLAY BIGGEST EVER FOOTBALL SESSION

On Friday 8th March the Biggest Ever Football Session was back. The Football Association's aim is for girls to have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to influence this and get girls playing. All girls in the juniors had a chance to sign up and participate. Our wonderful football coaches, Miss Stephenson-Lewis and Mr and Mrs Smith arranged this event for our girls. Thank you!

### Girls Parkhouse Football Tournament

On Monday our girls squad headed to Parkhouse for a tournament with Miss Stephenson-Lewis and Mr Smith. The girls came third in their league and played well as a team, even with three of them fasting! Thank you to Mr Purvey for transporting them.



### Newbury Show Ground Cross Country – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

We had 37 children head off to Newbury on Tuesday to take part in a cross-country event. There were more than 1600 children in attendance and our top runners came 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> out of 400 in their respective races. This was an awesome team effort by all involved. Well done. Thank you to Miss Stephenson-Lewis, Miss Munro, Mrs Ince and Mrs Bellanti and all the family members for going along and supporting the children in this event. We would also like to thank Laura Clifton who donated 48 printed tops to the school for us to use for cross country.





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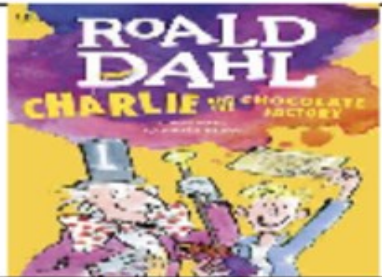
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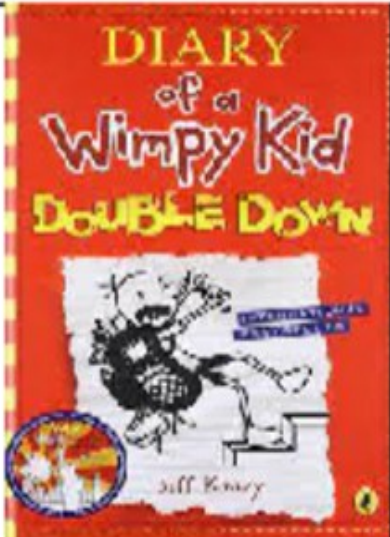
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## Book Reviews

A reminder that we love to hear about what you are reading at home! Please complete the template (available on Weduc) or write your own review and bring it to your teacher. Thank you

Title of the Book:	CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	
Author / Illustrator:	Roald Dahl	
I would recommend to:	Year 4, 5 and 6	
Review written by:	Sumayyah (6DE)	
Star Rating:	★★★★★	
Three Words to describe:	Funny, Magic and Mysterious	
I liked this book because:	<p>I love this book! Roald Dahl is my favorite author. My favorite part is when the Oompa Loompas sang because it was funny.</p> <p>5 children are picked to go to Wonka's Factory. People all over the world are looking for the 5 golden tickets. Who will be the 5 lucky children?</p> <p>The main characters in this book are: Charlie Bucket, Willy Wonka, Augustus Gloop, Mike Teevee, Veruca Salt, Violet Beauregarde and the Oompa Loompas. My favorite character is Charlie Bucket because he is the only one who does not get stuck in one of his many magical rooms.</p>	
Who would you recommend this book to?	I would definitely recommend this book to a friend because it is full of suspense and it is funny.	

Title of the Book:	Diary Of The Wimpy Kid Double Down	
Author / Illustrator:	Jeff Kinney	
Review written by:	Sam Stone	
Star Rating:	★★★★★	
Three Words to describe:	funny to read	



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**Menstrual Health and  
Period Education Advocates**

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **All Yours Period Boxes**

As the days draw out and Spring is on the horizon, we are pleased to be able to continue our support of the school community with period products for both young people and parents to use at home.

You can visit our website to request the period products you need. We have a range of disposable products as well as reusable period pads and menstrual cups to choose from. If you would like to request products for multiple people in your household, just use the comments box to tell us how many people and the kind of products you would like.

If you would like period products to support you during the Easter holidays, please let us know what you need as soon as you can so we can get those to you in plenty of time.

All requests are free and confidential.

You can request your All Yours box here: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

All our boxes are prepared by volunteers and most boxes are delivered by volunteers. Where we are not able to hand deliver a box, we use 2<sup>nd</sup> class Royal Mail to send our boxes. We ask that you allow at least 21 days for delivery, but we do aim to drop off boxes far quicker than this.

## **March – Endometriosis Awareness Month**

We are currently running a series of educational posts to raise awareness of the common symptoms of Endometriosis on our social media channels. You can find out more by visiting us on @allyoursmonthly on both Facebook and Instagram.

You can find out more about period products or about All Yours in general by visiting <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/>. If you would like to message us directly, our email is [allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk](mailto:allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk)

With best wishes,

*All Yours*



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**FOOTBALL**

**HALF TERM EASTER CAMPS!**

**NEWBURY:**  
WEEK 1: 2ND– 4TH APRIL  
WEEK 2: 9TH–11TH APRIL

**READING:**  
WEEK 1: 2ND– 5TH APRIL  
WEEK 2: 8TH–11TH APRIL

**RUNNING FROM 9AM–3PM**  
**PRICES START FROM £15 PER DAY**  
**AGES 5–12 YEARS OLD**

**NEWBURY**  
Wincombe School,  
Newbury, RG14 1LN

**READING**  
Calcot Junior School,  
Reading, RG31 4XC

**BOOK HERE**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**  
**CODE: EB10 – 10% OFF**  
Hurry! Offer ends 17th March  
email [holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com](mailto:holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com) for enquiries

The Early bird discount has been extended until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**let them play!**

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**9AM–3PM**  
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**MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

**LAMBOURN: W2 (ONLY) 8TH–11TH APRIL**  
**READING: WEEK 1: 2ND– 5TH APRIL WEEK 2: 8TH– 11TH APRIL**  
**NEWBURY: WEEK 1: 2ND– 5TH APRIL WEEK 2: 8TH–12TH APRIL**  
**EXTENDED DAY 8:30AM–5PM\* NEWBURY CAMP ONLY**

For Holiday Camp Enquiries- email [holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com](mailto:holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com)



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RAY OF HOPE



## DISCOUNTED FAMILY PASSES

### BEALE PARK, PANGBOURNE



# BEALE

## WILDLIFE PARK

### VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE

SPOTLIGHT UK ARE OFFERING DISCOUNTED FAMILY  
DAY PASSES TO BEALE PARK BETWEEN APRIL &  
NOVEMBER

£3 PER PERSON ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED  
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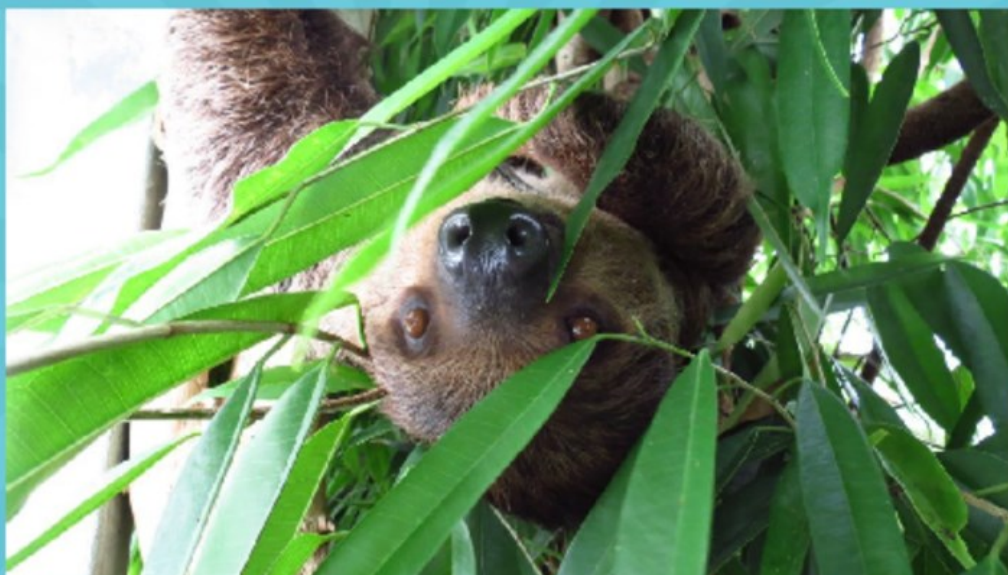
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### The Living Rainforest, Thatcham



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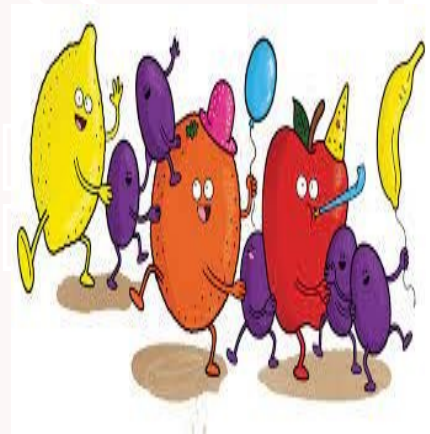
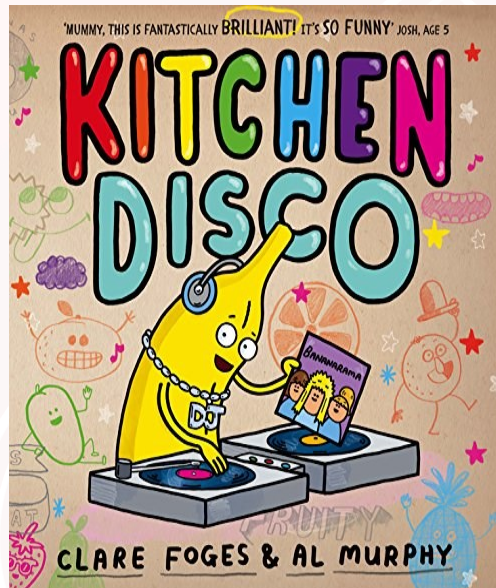
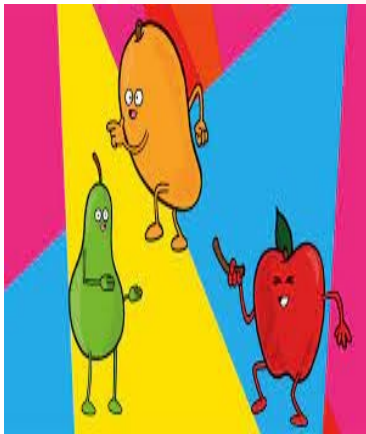
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## Infant School Update

### Nursery

This week's focus story has been 'Kitchen Disco' by Clare Foges. There have been some activities the children enjoyed that focussed on fruits, such as making a citrus soup. We have enjoyed smelling and then squeezing the citrus fruits.



We also mixed flour with water and like magic, Mrs Wilson made it into dough, it felt soft and silky. Some of the children made pizzas with the dough, others made cakes and then put candles on them. It was interesting to stretch the dough and see how far it could be pulled before it broke.



The beads that we put in the water tray grew, some were bigger than others. The colours were very pretty. The children caught them in a sieve, then put them in the blue chute, watched them roll down the chute and tried to catch them in the sieve again. This has been a fun, popular, calming activity.

Thank you to Mrs Bennett for sharing her party ball so we could make our reading corner a fun reading space.



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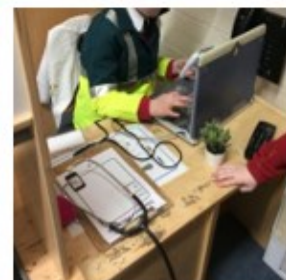
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## Reception

This week we have continued our learning about People Who Help us and shared the story 'All through the night'. We talked about people that work through the night including cleaners, security guards, delivery drivers, news reporters, bakers, midwives, paramedics and many more! The children have loved the role play areas and pretending to be a dentist with the play dough and putting out fires in the garden! In Maths, we have learned about numbers 9 and 10 and we have been singing some rhymes about 1 more and 1 less. The children have done really well with using the vocabulary parts and whole.

Thank you – The Reception team



## Reminders

- No Forest School on Tuesday or Thursday next week due to Y1 performances. Please send your child into school dressed in their normal school uniform.
- Donation request please – if anyone has 10 plastic or wooden skittles they would like to donate to our Reception children that would greatly be appreciated to help us with our Maths learning and composition of numbers to 10!
- Please keep a lookout for information in the next couple of weeks as we would like to take the children on a school trip to Rushall Farm – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



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## Year 1

Year 1 have been working extremely hard on their play this week and we cannot wait to show you all next week. Please continue to practise your lines, songs and dances at home ready for our fantastic show!

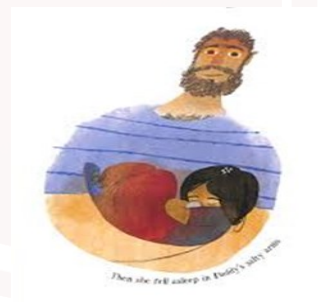
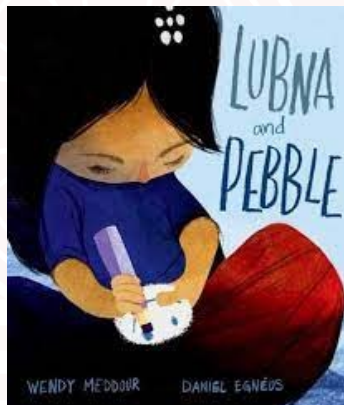
Costume lists have already been sent out, please ensure all costumes come into school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in a named bag.

Thank you for all your support

## Year 1

## Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been completing our Hot Writes about Christopher's Caterpillars; retelling the story using coordinating conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and our -ed suffix to write in the past tense. We also started our new book, "Lubna's Pebble" and we have predicted what we think will happen next in our story. Everyone worked so hard in all our assessments this week and we are really proud of all the Year 2 pupils.



In Geography, we were learning about why tourism is important in Kenya, and in Science we continued looking at life cycles and learned all about metamorphosis.



Our History, was a real highlight this week as we were learning about the different jobs children had in the Victorian times. We talked about some of the jobs we help with at home like tidying and cleaning our bedrooms, helping to lay the table and clearing the plates. We decided that on balance we were all pretty lucky not to have to go up a chimney, or down the mines, and that we should all be very grateful that education is now compulsory!



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## Junior School Update

### Year 3

The Year 3 children have had a wonderfully busy time rehearsing for their production of 'The Jellicle Ball'. The children have been asked to bring in their clothing by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March in a named bag. Please let us know if you are finding it difficult to obtain the required clothing, and we will do what we can to support and help. Everyone has been so motivated, engaged and enthusiastic, and we have thoroughly enjoyed the dancing and singing. The children are excited about performing to parents on Thursday evening at 5:30pm and at 2pm on Friday afternoon. We look forward to showing you the results of our hard work.

### Reminders

*Please complete the forms for face painting and performance tickets—the forms close Monday 18th at 8am.*





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## Year 4

We started the week by looking at the results of our egg experiment. The children were surprised by the effects the different liquids had on the eggs. They were able to understand and explain why this may have happened and also what we need to do to take care of our teeth. We then looked back at our predictions and discussed whether they were correct and if there were any improvements we could have made to our experiment.

The children have been incredibly resilient this week during our assessments. We are really proud of them for working so hard and giving everything their best try!

This week, some of the children from Year 4 took part in a cross-country event at Newbury Showground. It was safe to say that the run was challenging, considering the rain and mud! The children were all great representatives and despite being covered in mud by the end, their spirits were definitely not dampened.



## Year 5

Year 5 have, yet again, had a busy and productive week. It has been assessment week and the students have tried their absolute best; we are very proud of them. Their Hot Write writing pieces were very interesting and a great read. They based their writing on a film about a futuristic era. The children used their knowledge of various literary devices to complete excellent descriptions and narratives.

The children have enjoyed learning about processed and unprocessed foods in DT- debating on the advantages and disadvantages of processed foods. It was a very interesting discussion!

In Art, with Mrs Bellanti, the children studied African art and produced some wonderful pieces, using oil pastels.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.





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## Year 6

Year 6 have had another superb week. Year 6 have proven that D.T. is one of their many strengths! The children spent Monday afternoon preparing their bread recipes and mixtures, which were then baked on Tuesday. D.T. projects are always a process. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout this unit, which culminated in delicious creations!



Tuesday afternoon was spent tasting and evaluating their creations; both the staff and the governors were very impressed with the children's work! We must say a huge thank you to Miss Hughes, who spent her weekend and evenings organising groups, buying the ingredients and co-ordinating this fantastic project.

If parents would like to try the children's baking at home, please find links below to further the baking practices they began at school:

<https://frugalflexitarian.com/breadsong-review/>

<https://www.cutoutandkeep.net/projects/magic-no-knead-overnight-bread>

Not only did all of the children thoroughly enjoy this, following recipes is also excellent for their reading skills and understanding how to follow instructions. This life skill can be applied in an array of contexts.

In Maths this week, the children have been diligently applying themselves to grasp the concepts of statistics and data analysis. Analysing data sets, identifying patterns and drawing information from data is a crucial life skill, and we would like to praise the children for showing such resilience when they have found this challenging. In Literacy, we were amazed by the children's descriptive and figurative language within their pieces on tempestuous storms, and have produced a terrific piece of extended writing this week.

Please remind the children to complete their homework over the weekend. Overall, we have had great engagement and can already see the benefit of this in their lessons. Homework really supports children's learning and helps to prepare them for their secondary education. We would like to ask that, if the children are struggling to complete their homework for any reason, that your child/children make their teacher aware. They are always more than happy to support with this.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children and remind them of how proud we are of all of them. With the completion of their D.T. project and constantly working hard in Literacy and Maths, the children have also had school assessments this week, which they have completed with resilience and an excellent attitude. Well done Year 6!



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Certificates and Attendance for week ending 8th March 2024

Nursery: **Remy** for his super art work and **Finley** for his listening and joining in at story and group times.

Reception:

RAM - All of **RAM** for embracing change and having a fun week during Reading Week.

RJM - All of **RJM** were nominated today for embracing change and having an amazing Reading Week.

Year 1:

1VW - **Reeva** for always being a role model to her peers and **Aaliyah** for showing great expression and pace when reading.

1SA - **Layla** for wonderful effort in phonics and trying hard to use her phonics in Literacy and **Lucas** for sharing his lovely ideas in science.

1RT - **Fifah** for always being a role model and showing she is ready to learn and **Micha** for trying hard and staying engaged in phonics!

Year 2:

2LH - **Ethan** for being a role model to the other children in class and **Mason** for improved handwriting - well done!

2FD - **Lilah-Mae** for making food choices in all of her learning and **Kacper** for showing great enthusiasm in his reading and even starting to write his own chapter book.

Year 3:

3AB - **Ethan** for excellent enthusiasm during 'Reading Week' and **Saraya** for wonderful participation during 'Reading Week'.

3ST - **Jacob** for your wonderful enthusiasm during 'Reading Week' and **Honorio** for enthusiastic participation during all 'Reading Week' activities.

3NC - **Louie** for excellent effort and engagement during 'Reading Week' and **Hira** for super enthusiasm and participation during 'Reading Week'.

Year 4:

4AM - **Raimond** for trying really hard in all lessons and **Lucy** for excellent enthusiasm during Reading Week!

4CL - **Dolly** for her enthusiasm in our Reading Week workshops and **Jessica** for her excellent story telling in Year 2

4MB - **Morgan** for fantastic resilience to his learning - especially Maths and **Ben L** for wonderful enthusiasm during Reading Week.

Year 5:

5DP—All of **SDP** for excellent enthusiasm and effort during Reading week, making it fun and interesting for everyone!

5SL - **Faye** for great enthusiasm in reading week and **Mia** for remaining positive and trying her best.

Year 6

6DE - **Sumayyah** and **Abaan** for their superb poetry readings in Reading Week.

6MH - **Joseph** for fully embracing Reading Week and showing excellent team work and **Ava** for consistently demonstrating the 3 Rs.

6RS - **Leo** for enthusiasm during Reading Week and amazing poetry reading! **Cerys** for getting involved in Reading Week and a super comic strip!

French Certificates

**Dolly** (Y4) - pour une excellente contribution

**Rosco** (Y5) - pour tu fais toujours de ton mieux

Manners Badges

Year 3— **Elia**

Year 4— **Heidi**

Infant School Attendance 99% Attendance Certificate awarded to 1SA - well done Year to date Attendance – 93.2%

Junior School Attendance 97.3% Attendance Certificate awarded to 5SL - well done Year to date Attendance – 92.7%