

15th July 2023

Dear families

Firstly, on behalf of the staff, thank you all for your kind words of encouragement and messages of support this week – we really appreciated the positive feedback from you. We are really proud of our school and our community, and it is wonderful to celebrate the quality offer that the school is providing.

As I am sure you are aware, it has been a very busy week, and I have put together an overview of what has been happening around the school.

Stronger Together

PTFA Collaboration

On Monday, the PTFA joined us to map out the year ahead. We are so fortunate to have an amazing PTFA, who give up their own time and efforts, to facilitate wonderful events and opportunities for the children as well as support the school with the delivery of the curriculum. There are some wonderful events taking place over the course of the year.

We look forward to seeing parents from The Willows between 2-3pm on Monday 18th September at St Matthias Church. This is an informal event for you to come and meet other parents from your class as well as from across the school with the PTFA. We will be able to answer any ad hoc questions and develop networks with other parents as your children progress through their time here at Ilsham.

St Matthias After School Club

I also just wanted to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the After School Club offering provided by the team at St Matthias Pre-school. The provision is ran and co-ordinated by St Matthias Church but as you know we work very closely, and the staff come down to Ilsham to collect the children at 3:00pm and walk them up to after school club together. Please do contact the team at St Matthias if you wish to access their after school club provision, which many of our children enjoy.

Sense of Belonging

This week, our peer mediators have restarted their roles to support play at lunchtimes. The Peer Mediators have been facilitating games and are also there as a pastoral support for other children. We have also introduced wellbeing check-ins for our children, ran by our Mental Health Ambassadors and quiet lunch club has been popular for many of our children who prefer not to be on the playground. It is really important to us that we are facilitating the needs of all of our pupils, so that all children are able to flourish.



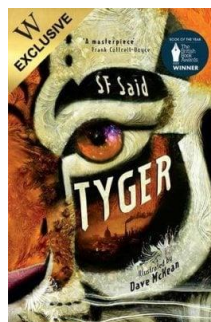
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FLOURISHING FUTURES

Removing Barriers

To continue to develop our reading for pleasure culture and love of reading, on Wednesday, there was a virtual author event held by Waterstones for children in Year Five and Year Six. The book is called *Tyger* and the session gave children valuable insight into how a real-life author finds inspiration for their books and how they created the story. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and further their passion and love of reading.



Realising the Possible

The Monkey Puzzles joined a writing workshop at Torre Abbey based on the works of Agatha Christie. The children were taught about different techniques and devices which they could use to write for a particular audience and purpose within narrative writing. It was a wonderful opportunity to join with other schools for this event and to have this first-hand experience of engaging with experts in writing.



Tesco Community Grant

Please don't forget to place blue tokens from Tesco in the Ilsham Community Garden box. Voting ends at the end of September and the winning cause will receive £1500. We have big plans for the use of our garden for the children and wider community. Thank you for your support!



Vote for Gaia

One of our children has been shortlisted in the House of Marbles Design a Marble Competition and she would love your support. You can vote for her design on Facebook using the relevant emoji via this [link](#), and scrolling down:



Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance %
The Willows	100
The Rowans	99
The Beeches	98.4
The Maples	98.8
The Hollies	95
The Oaks	98.5
The Monkey Puzzles	99
Whole School	98.4

Diary Dates



12th October – Harvest Service, St Matthias, 1.30pm

13th October – Individual Photos

18th – 20th October – Year 6 Residential

7th November – Flu Immunisations

School Awards

Class	 Star of the Week	 Presentation Award
Willows	Zoe – for her great contribution to class discussions and for always being a helpful member of the Willows.	Annabella – for beautiful letter formation in our RWInc lessons.
Rowans	Norrie – for his brilliant maths learning. Great partner talk and using his tens frame to represent numbers. He has also been super speedy with his stop sign!	Elsie- for trying really hard with her letter formation and self-correcting if they accidentally face the wrong way.
Beeches	Matilda – for your brilliant maths learning this week, always trying to show another way and prove your learning. Well done!	Matthew – for always showing superb manners in our classroom and around our school. Thank you for being a brilliant role model.
Maples	Jude – for his enthusiasm in all lessons and incredible progress he has made in his times tables in only a few days!	Megan – for working incredibly hard to make her handwriting bigger and ensuring she has one number per square in her Maths book!
Hollies	Scarlett – for being courageous and pushing past her comfort zone to trying new things.	Millie – for her beautiful, consistent letter formation across all subjects.
Oaks	Harry – for his brilliant levels of focus and motivation to learn during each and every lesson.	William W for taking great care when presenting his work during English.
Monkey Puzzles	Emmie- for always coming to school with a smile, approaching learning with a positive attitude and being supportive of everyone in her school family.	Jacob – for presenting work in all curriculum areas to a high standard.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr Grinsill and The Ilsham Team