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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Golden Book Highlights





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Headteacher's Letter

Home Learning This Week 11,143 posts on Seesaw 8,705 pieces of work commented on

DIARY DATES

13 - 21 Feb: HALF TERM
Thu 1 Apr: Last day of term
2 - 18 Apr: Easter Holiday
Tue 11 May: Y5 Vikings Day
29 May - 6 Jun: HALF TERM
Mon 7 Jun: INSET Day
Tue 22 Jun: Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

Wed 21 Jul: Last day of term

Good morning and welcome to the end of week 5 of this first half of the spring term.

I was pleased to see the sun rising this morning rather than the rain which seems to have been rather persistent this week. Fingers crossed it might be a little drier next week as we attempt our Captain Sir Tom Moore challenge in school and at home. You should have received an email about this challenge which we would like to do as a school community (also see page 6). For our home learners the information will be posted onto Seesaw on Monday morning for children to start logging their laps. Those children on site will do theirs during school time. Every child who completes this challenge will receive a certificate. My thanks to the PTA and staff who are running this initiative jointly to get everyone out and about in the fresh air.

I know this week many parents have joined teachers on video call to provide feedback on how home learning is going. This is extremely helpful to us and is appreciated. I do hope you enjoyed the short video we put together last weekend to help keep everyone motivated. I'm sure many of you can see now why, as teachers, we cling on to the hope of half term! Last year during the pandemic we worked through the school holidays and bank holidays. However the government decided that was not sustainable for the long term, so have confirmed that all schools will close for the February half term.

In the coming weeks, we will be running a few curriculum initiatives to support learning, so please keep an eye out on Seesaw (on-site children will take part in school). We don't want to bombard you all at once with challenges and initiatives so please don't worry; they will be gradual and hopefully will seamlessly merge back into school life when we can all be together.

Please may I ask parents to be very mindful when children are attending our live zoom sessions. Please do not take photographs or record the sessions. We have a legal duty of care to protect staff and children from abuse. This issue has been raised with headteachers in Surrey as a major concern to schools. I am keen to continue with the live zoom sessions with cameras on where children can see their teacher and others in their class as I think this is socially very important, but we all need to do our part to keep everyone safe. Thank you for supporting this.

We have acquired a small stock of additional chrome book laptops and are now able to offer these to families where children are sharing devices. Please get in contact with Mrs. Little <u>s.little@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk</u> if you would like to apply for one. We are exceptionally grateful to the PTA for paying for the school stock of laptops last term. The home learning would have proved impossible for so many when we only received 9 from the government.

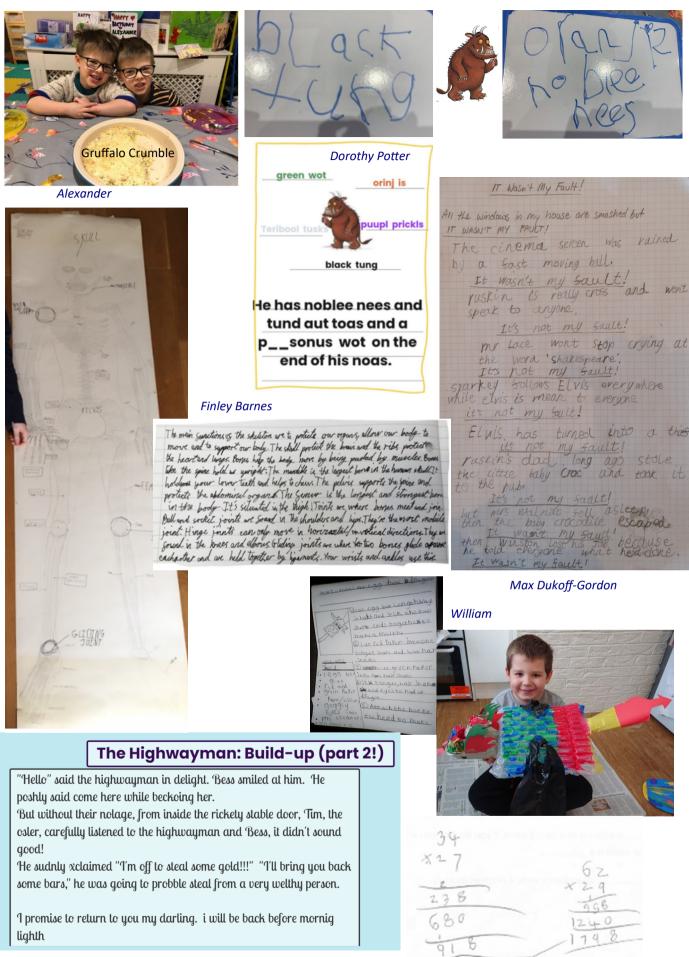
I will leave you with a wonderful message from one of our key stage 1 children who had recorded themselves on Seesaw after watching the teachers' thank you message: "I really, really say thank you for the teachers. They make my heart feel like they're made of rainbows." You make our hearts feel like they're filled with rainbows too!

Have a restful weekend everyone, last week of the half term next week!

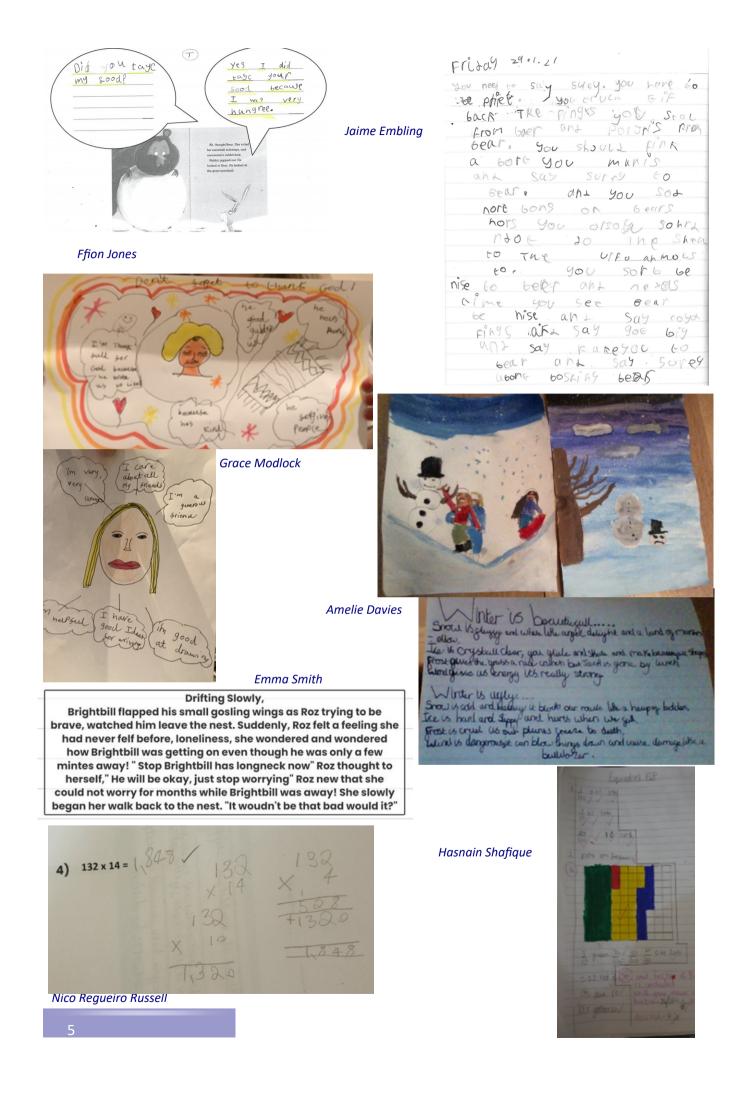
Kathryn Krynicki Headteacher

GOLDEN BOOK congratulations to our golden book winners this week

N SQUIRRELS Annabel Harris for excellent effort in her home learning. The children were set the challenge of making a collage. Annabel made a beautiful rainbow - it really cheered us up. Well done!	3 ELM Grace Modlock for working so hard to complete all of her activities in detail. Her work is always neatly presented. This week she has produced some thoughtful writing in RE, where she considered her best qualities and created a poster to remind others to thank God.
R BEECH Alexander Williams for working very hard all week whilst we have been learning about the Gruffalo. He has been making such excellent progress with his writing and is doing so well using his phonics to write words to label the Gruffalo's features.	3 MAPLE Max Dukoff-Gordon for creating a brilliant poem called 'It wasn't my fault!' based on the events that have gone wrong in our story of Krindlekrax. Max has understood the story very well and has worked hard to use some adjectives in his sentences too!
R HAZEL Dorothy Potter for working very hard this week doing lots of work based on the Gruffalo story. She was able to describe the Gruffalo brilliantly by using the sounds she knows. She then created her own creature and challenged herself to describe it. Well done Dorothy, you should be very proud of yourself!	4 ALDER Amelie Davies for working SO hard on Seesaw - it was difficult to know what to pick as there are so many amazing pieces of work! You created a beautiful 'Winter Poem' in English and added a gorgeous painting. You also used fantastic contrasting colours to paint a tree frog in Art. I am extremely proud of you Amelie - well done!
1 CHESTNUT Mariam Ali for working so hard this week and for her amazing efforts in making her egg box dragon. Well done Mariam!	4 LARCH Emma Smith for working really hard in all of your lessons this week and you have impressed me with your enthusiasm and motivation. I think your piece of writing is excellent - it has great fronted adverbials, good speech and it conveys the character's feelings brilliantly. Well done Emma!
1 OAK William Wheatley for a fabulous egg box dragon and instructions for how to make it.	5 CHERRY Nico Regueiro Russell. We are so impressed with the way you have tried really hard with home learning. You have persevered with your Maths this week and have now grasped long multiplication. Keep up the good work.
1 PINE Mimi Gammon for a fantastic egg box dragon.	5 WILLOW Louis Skilton has impressed us with the effort he has put into his writing this week. He has listened carefully to the lessons and has tried so hard to use the punctuation we have been learning this week, as well as complex sentences and precise language. Maths has been tricky this week and Louis has also worked hard to master long multiplication. Well done Louis!
2 CEDAR Ffion Jones for working so hard on her writing. She used her phonics and a word mat to help with her spelling and used capital letters, a full stop and question mark correctly.	6 HOLLY Finley Barnes. You have been working very hard each week on every lesson Finley, so well done! This week, your creative Science particularly impressed - a fantastic life-size diagram of the bones in the human body, complete with labels and the joint types. It's amazing and must have taken ages! Fabulous work Finley, well done!
2 HAWTHORN Jaime Embling for her fantastic attitude to writing. Jaime did her writing independently and wrote so much!	6 LAUREL Lilee Patrick for working really hard in all of her lessons since we began home learning. You have impressed me with your continued enthusiasm and motivation - you're even creating your own Science lessons. Well done Lilee!
3	6 SYCAMORE Hasnain Shafique for producing some fantastic work on Seesaw. He has been working really hard and it was lovely to see him at our Zoom meeting on Tuesday. I was extremely impressed with his maths on equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.



Louis Skilton





On Monday 8th February we are celebrating the life and achievements of Captain Sir Tom Moore by launching a challenge for all children at Pyrford Primary School to join in with during their home and school learning next week.

The challenge is to do 100 laps of an area of your choice by Friday 12th February. The 100 laps could be done all at once or accumulatively, individually or as part of a team.

Once you have completed the challenge please tell us about it by completing the form linked on SeeSaw. Everyone who enters will receive a certificate. Please also send us any photos from your challenge to **s.murray@pyrford.surrey.sch** by 6pm on Thursday 7th February so we can collate them into a video montage which we will share on SeeSaw and our Facebook page.

We hope you enjoy coming together with us as a school, getting active and working together to commemorate a very special man.

