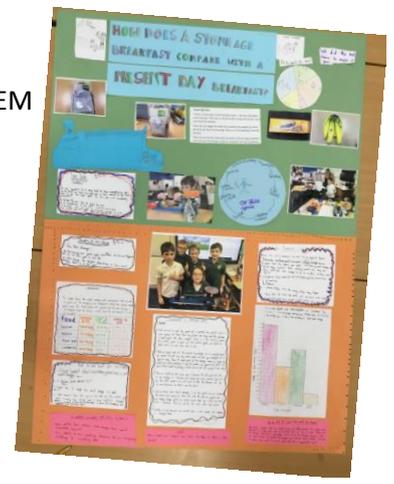


29th March 2019

Kestrel class science winning investigation ...thank you to our STEM ambassadors from Astra Zeneca & Medimmune



MELDRETH MESSAGES

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Headteacher award:

Jessica P, Hannah F, Toby C, Henry H, Oscar N, Charlie H, Zoe F, Quinn J, Tom W, Lewis W, Annabel W, Alfie C, Max Z, Alfie E, and Finn H

Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport, our trophy winners are...

Jacob I, Sophia B-E, Emily T, Phoebe B-E, Finley H, Otto W, Declan P, Amelie S, Joe Y, William M, Phoebe B-E, Ollie C-W, Alex H

Writers of the Week

Jessica P, Florence E, Callum H, Ollie C-W, James C

House Points

This half term's competition is on. The totals this week are...

Oak	Ash
188	238
Elm	Beech
274	261

It was lovely to hear stories of so many hard working pupils during our recent parent consultation evenings, and great to see you all in school. Tremendous thanks to all parents who filled in our parent survey this term; we very much appreciate the time that you spent completing it and value all your views and feedback. We are very pleased with the high level of confidence you feel in all aspects of the school.

Thank you also to those of you who included additional comments or suggestions which will support our future development and for your support and partnership in our shared aim of giving your child a safe, happy and effective education. Click [here](#) to see the full results in the vision and values section of our website.

I hope too that during the Easter break you will be able to spend time as a family, sharing new experiences. We look forward to hearing about your adventures and experiences when we return to school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Can I take this opportunity to wish our valued Teaching Assistant **Mrs Hiscock**, who is leaving us at the end of half term, all the best with the next part of her exciting adventure in education.

Important Announcements

Next week in school all children will be taking part in discussions about the changes that happen as we grow. We feel that it is important that children grow up to be confident about themselves and about changes they may experience, not only as their bodies change but as their emotions and relationships change. A selection of the resources we share with the children can be seen on our [website](#).

Don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour this weekend ready for and earlier start on Mother's Day; although we lose an hour of precious sleep we can look forward to the lighter evenings of British Summer Time. **Mums, we hope that you all enjoy a very happy family weekend.**

Diary Dates

April

Weds 3rd Y3/4 Production
Thursday 4th Y3/4 Production
Fri 5th Last day of term
Mon 23rd Summer Term begins

May

Fri 3rd MVC Swimming Gala
Mon 6th – School closed
Weds 8th Grafham Visit
Tues 14th Mini Tennis **Y3 & 4**
Tues 21st **Puffin class** eye screen
Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th School closed
Mon 27th to Fri 31st Half Term

Information is also available on our school website calendar.

Term dates are available here



Bike to School Week

Thanks to our Junior Travel Ambassadors, we had an enormous number of pupils cycling and scooting to school for Bike to School Week. This is a great way to kickstart active travel to school and to encourage a healthy school run for all our pupils. Don't forget that the last date for Bike to School Week competition entries is Monday! Well done, **Tom W, Oscar N, Tilly W, Alfie E, Effie B and Myles P!**

Regional Football Finalists

On Saturday 16th March, our formidable football squad headed down to Sporting Thamesmead in London for the South East Regional finals of the English Schools Football Association Small Schools championship. **Meldreth represented Cambridgeshire as county champions**, where every squad member was presented with a medal and the school awarded a trophy. While the team played some sublime football – easily the most attractive game playing of the competition – we were unable to convert any of our nil-nil draws into victories, over four matches. With only one defeat we ended with a highly respectable goal difference and finished fourth in the competition. Undaunted by 60 mile per hour winds, the team played valiantly and with determination distinguishing themselves, their school and their county with their sterling efforts. Champions one and all: **Daniel P, Alexander, Alex GW, Levi, Eddie, Oscar, Lukas, Daniel B, Toby DS, James S.** Thanks also to our assistant coach **Darren B** for his support.

Astra Zeneca National Energy Challenge

Kestrel class have been working hard this half term competing in the AstraZeneca and MedImmune Energy Challenge with the help of STEM ambassadors. The children have been designing and running experiments using a mechanical balance to measure the weight of various common foods that contain the same amount of energy. **Miss Whitton our science leader**, helped to judge the amazing resulting presentations and posters. Winners will go through to local heats with other schools. The adults in school have learnt from you this week...**Well done Kestrel class!**

Summer Uniform

A huge thank you to parents and pupils for the standard of school uniform this term. If you are thinking of upsizing to your next school uniform before the summer holidays or dressing in cooler summer uniform please bear in mind our guidance:

- white or dark green polo shirt, or white blouse
- grey or black trousers, skirts or shorts (no jeans or leggings please)
- green and white check or striped summer dress
- flat, dark shoes with a good grip and proper support (no flip-flops or crocs please)
- Jewellery and nail polish are not permitted in school. The exception to this rule are small earring studs or a watch in KS2.