

# MELDRETH MESSAGES



## *Headteacher's Award*

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Head teacher's award:

**Chloe P, William M and Finlay H**

## *Olympic Values Trophy*

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

**Sophie I, George D and Tilly W**

## *Writers of the Week*

This week's star writers are... **Chloe P** for her wonderful story map and **Natalie G** for her eyewitness recount of the events at the riverside witnessing the Gingerbread Man's river crossing.

## *House Points*

Three day of hard work has earnt our teams a total of 2154 house points so far.  
Well done Ash House...

421

614

603

516

## *Goodbye*

A fond farewell to **Phillip and Esther B** and family and best wishes for their house move. We wish you all the best for your time in your new home and school.

In the spirit of our **Learning together for life!** motto this week in school we are launching our learning together **photomathon competition**. Our aim is to encourage children to make connections between the things they learn in and out of school celebrating learning across their and your whole lives. If you or your family would like to enter, take a photo of your family learning new skills or knowledge and send it in to school to be add to our learning together for life display. Photographs could include museum visits, learning to ride a bike, learning an instrument or for a beaver badge. All children who enter will be given an opportunity to win a prize. Winners for each year group will be drawn at random from all entries by our school councillors. Please feel free to email your entries via Starz to my account (This may be a whole new learning exercise for you too!) Photos must be handed into the school by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**.

Staff too have been continuing their learning journey in school working together with other schools to secure our new assessment system. You may be aware that there have been huge changes to school assessment this year. Children will face new, more rigorous tests at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 and this will also affect the way that your child's attainment is reported to you. Children are also assessed at the end of Early Years (Robin class) and Year 1.

This week the government have also just announced further new multiplication tables tests to be introduced at the end of year 6. With all of these changes to digest, we will be running an assessment information evening for you later this term. In the meantime we would like interested parent/carers to take part in a working party with school leaders so that we can plan this event so that you will come away with a secure understanding of what your child should be achieving by the end of each Key Stage. If you are interested please let us know via the school office.

## Diary Dates

### January

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Young Voices Choir  
O2 performance

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - EDFFA Football Finals  
Kings school Ely

### February

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Kingfisher cake sale

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - E-safety week begins

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> (school closed)**  
**(Lookout club open)**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19th Half term**

### March

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> -Y3 Bikeability

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> -Y5 Humanities Day  
MVC

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Sports Relief Fun-run  
and Robin class cake sale

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - End of Spring Term**

## School Places

If you have a child due to start school in September (born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012), **the first application round is now closed.** To apply as part of the second round please contact Admissions at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions> or telephone on 01223 699200/ 699662. Please check with friends that applications have been made. Thank you.

## Snow Closure—It's that time of Year again!

There is a definite change in the weather this week, as children come into school sensibly bundled up, **especially for Nature Detectives sessions in the woods**, well done parents!

Children in all classes are encouraged to play and learn using our outdoor environments. It is therefore **essential that they come to school with appropriate clothing for the different weathers** during the year currently: warm and waterproof coats, hats, scarves, gloves wellington boots and school shoes to change into when wet. Thank you for your support, in ensuring the children stay warm and dry during and after outdoor learning.

It's that time again, so here is a reminder of our snow closure procedure.

If we are unable to open school due to bad weather or other exceptional circumstance then we will take the following actions.

- We will **place a notice on the school website** by 7.30am.
- We will **email all families**—you should receive an email before 8 a.m. to let you know each day that we are closed. (Keep us updated with your contact details. If you have the Eschools app on your smart phone a message will come to your phone – ensure that your notification settings are turned on.
- We will also **inform BBC Radio Cambridgeshire** and details will appear on the County Council website school closure list.
- It is unlikely that we will answer any phone calls into school please do not use this usual contact method.

## Parent Consultation Evenings

We are hosting our parents' consultation meetings on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. This is an opportunity for you to have a progress update from your child's teacher, and for the teacher to provide an overview of your child at school.

Look out for our email informing you that our online booking system is open. **Hope to see you there!**

## Spring Blossoms

You may have noticed the bulbs that have started to push through around the base of the tree in front of the school office. This area is now off limits to allow the bulbs time to flower, frost permitting! Thanks again to the parents involved in planting the 200 bulbs, and for your co-operation.



*Chaffinch class fabulous responses to Kurt Jackson's Seascapes.*