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Congratulations!

Recently, we found out that Tia-Jae Waldron, in year 4, has won a national competition. The competition was organised by David Walliams as part of World Book Day. This is a fantastic achievement for Tia-Jae. She is one of only ten winners from thousands that entered nationwide. To win the competition, Tia-Jae had to write about her favourite character from a book written by David Walliams. She chose to write about Honey the Hogger from World's Worst Children 3. Tia-Jae said, "I picked this character as I find her really funny, especially the part where the bathroom accidentally flooded and Honey got flushed down the toilet." As well as winning a set of signed David Walliams' books for herself, she has also won a set for the school. Tia's classmates will get the chance to read these books during the school day.

Termly Assessments

This week, many of our children have completed formal tests in reading, maths, grammar and spelling. The children worked hard on these assessments and should be proud of what they achieved. Next week, the children will bring their assessments home. If you haven't received your child's assessment by the end of the week, please contact the office to speak to their class teacher.

Special Visitor

The teachers are continuing to give our children the chance to learn about different jobs. Recently, the children in year 5 had an online meeting with a conservation officer from Chester Zoo. They found out more about the different jobs that people have in a zoo. They also discovered what you would need to do in school and in further education to become a zookeeper. After the meeting, Kiven said, "The zookeepers prepare the food but there is a different department that buys the food. Each animal has its own diet." Lucy added, "You have to be good at science and go to university to be able to work with the animals. Then, you can learn how they behave. You can do an internship to get experience but this means you work for free."

Phonics Screening

Well done to all the children in Year 1, and some children in Year 2, who completed their phonics tests this week. The children have made fantastic progress with their reading this year. The children showed that they can now read unfamiliar words. The results will be attached to the end-of-year report that we send out in July.

Reading

Recently, parents of our younger children received an information sheet outlining what their child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The sheet also explained how you can support your child at home with their early reading. Please keep going over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, you can find it under the "Letters to Parents" section of the school website.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 5 for having the highest attendance. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
96.21%	93.08%	92.96%	92.8%	88.15%	97.78%	97.41%	94.1%

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

