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Poetry Competition

We are incredibly proud to announce that Chase Flavell, one of our talented writing ambassadors, was runner-up in a recent Wakefield Libraries poetry competition. Children across the district were asked to write a poem themed around myths and legends. The poems were judged on originality, plot, language and characterisation. Wakefield Libraries loved Chase's entry and kindly gifted him a £50 book token which he received in last week's achievements assembly! His success will no doubt inspire lots of other young writers across school to find their voice through writing and enjoy writing for pleasure.

SATs Information Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting last week. I hope the meeting will help you to prepare your child for the period leading up to the tests in May. At the meeting, we handed out some revision guides to support your child's learning at home. The guides show the types of questions that the children might get asked in their end-of-year tests. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the teacher will give your child these guides to take home.

Library

It is great to see so many children using the library every fortnight. When the children visit the library, they tell their classmates about the book they have been reading. They also suggest why someone else should read it. Last term, the children got better at recommending books and we will continue to work with them on this skill. Some children gave fantastic recommendations. The reading ambassadors have also bought some new books for our library this term. They listened to suggestions from children in their class to help them do this. The children have already started to read and enjoy the books that the reading ambassadors have bought. More children will get the opportunity to buy some books for our school this term.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Congratulations to year 1 for having an attendance of 100%! 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
95.3%	100%	95.2%	97.1%	97.2%	92.1%	88.8%	95.2%

World Religions Day

Well done to the children who shared their knowledge in a special assembly to celebrate World Religion Day. It is important as a school that we encourage children to be respectful and tolerant of different faiths and cultures. This good practice has been recognised by different visitors to the school over the last twelve months.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher



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