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English Ambassadors

Our fantastic English Ambassadors have been busy this half-term!

The writing ambassadors have been visiting handwriting lessons throughout the school. They've been on the lookout for superb effort and excellent letter formation - spotting our very own "Handwriting Stars" in action! They also took centre stage as they lead the whole-school assembly to mark *National Storytelling Week*. They did an amazing job hosting the event and sharing stories they have written for pleasure.

The reading Ambassadors have been spreading the joy of reading far and wide. They announced the winners of their reading challenge and awarded them some exciting books. They also carried out a reading walk: exploring reading corners in different classrooms and offering helpful suggestions to make them even more inviting.

A huge thank you to all our English ambassadors for their leadership, creativity and passion — you're making our school a richer place for writing and reading!

Word of the Month

We must encourage our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in February:

- Year 1 - haul
- Year 2 - epic
- Year 3 - jubilant
- Year 4 - refuge
- Year 5 - exquisite
- Year 6 - uninhabited

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 2 for having an attendance of more than 97%! 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
95.7%	93.1%	97.1%	95%	94%	95%	94.2%	94.8%

Pupil Questionnaires

The children have recently completed a questionnaire. The questionnaire asks the children to give their thoughts about school. This week, I have looked at the feedback from the children in our Upper Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Every child in Key Stage 1 said that they learn lots in school, think other children behave well and that they feel safe in school. The children in our Upper Foundation Stage were extremely positive about their learning experiences and clearly enjoy coming to school.

Instagram

Please remember to continue to check our Instagram account for the latest information about the academy. Last week, our teachers shared examples of work that the children have recently done in class.

Have a lovely half-term and we will see you all on Monday 23rd February. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher