

## Newsletter Week 19

Spring 2020

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great break. It has already been a busy week in school with Year 6 kicking off their new topic on Ancient Greece with a WOW Day which involved everything from performance to cooking pitta bread and Year 3 getting into rehearsals for an upcoming performance in February. We also have details of the winners of last terms spelling competition as well as a brand new competition for this term .

Don't forget... have you checked if your child is eligible for free school meals and therefore pupil premium grant yet?

We are offering all children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding a **£50 token** to be used for spending in school in the 2019-20 academic year. To check if your child is eligible and to apply for free school meals online click [here](#). Further details on how the token can be spent in this week's newsletter.

Nikki Brown

It's all Greek to me...

Year 6 had a wonderful time on Wednesday at their very own Festival of Dionysus to launch our topic on Ancient Greece. In the morning, citizens and slaves from every city-state met at the 'agora' before baking pitta bread, constructing theatre masks, playing strategy games and investigating the ideas of Archimedes. The afternoon was spent with actors, dancers, soldiers and slaves each preparing their contribution before we processed to the hall where the slaves served a grand feast and a goat was awarded to the best tragedy!



## Spelling Competition

Congratulations to Gold class, Ruby class, Sapphire class and Lilac class for winning last half term's spelling competition! Each of the winning classes has received a book or a game to help develop their love of language. There were some seriously impressive individual performances (some children found hundreds of words) and great whole class collaboration as well as a lot of excitement and discussion about spelling and vocabulary across the school!

This half term's Spelling Competition has two parts:  
Which class can find the **most words** using these letters?  
Which class can find the **longest word** using these letters?





Bring your words in to add to the class list before **Wednesday 12th February!**

***Are you eligible for Pupil Premium funding?  
If so, you could be eligible for a £50 token for use in school.***

Pupil Premium is additional funding provided to schools by the Department for Education for children eligible for free school meals, either currently or at any point in the last six years, and for those who are either currently in or who have been in Local Authority care (even if only for 1 day).

Research has shown that one of the possible barriers to full participation and engagement for some children can be the costs of additional school activities. We would like to ensure that all members of our school community are able to participate as fully as possible, and so are aiming to remove some of the potential financial barriers to school involvement. We are offering all children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding a £50 token to be used for spending in school in the 2019-20 academic year. The token has no monetary value outside of school and there certain criteria for the use of the funds. See below for a list of possible uses of the token, and what is excluded.

### ***What can the £50 school token be used for?***

 <b>£50 Token can be used for:</b>	 <b>£50 Token cannot be used for:</b>
Class trips off-site organised by the school	School meal payments
In-school events where a financial contribution is asked for	Clubs not organised by the school e.g. Kumon, gymnastics
Spectrum Dawn Diners breakfast club (by prior arrangement with Spectrum)	Private music tuition (unless by specific agreement)
Premier Sport or other after school clubs arranged by the school where places are available	Private school reference requests
Morley Memorial book bags	Any other spending external to the school
Morley Memorial PE kit bags	
KS2 swimming transport costs	

## Pupil Wellbeing Drop In

Naomi Message, our pupil wellbeing lead, will be available for a confidential chat on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30-3.30pm in the community room. Naomi can offer parents guidance, information or support on a range of well-being issues. Appointments can be pre-booked or just drop in and see if she's free. See the flyer attached to this week's newsletter for further details.



*This week we are celebrating the achievements of*

Crimson— Sophie  
Scarlet— Otto  
Ruby— Sapphire  
Burgundy— George B and Leo  
Turquoise— Naila  
Topaz— Noah  
Jade— Leon  
Sapphire— Amaya  
Amethyst— Filip  
Indigo— Christina  
Violet— Joseph  
Lilac— Naomi

## CLASS OF THE WEEK—

This class have returned from their break with enthusiasm to get straight back into their learning. I have been really impressed with their mature and calm approach which has made it a wonderful environment for us all to learn in. The children have really stepped up their presentation through taking pride in their handwriting. They have tackled their new unit of multiplication in Maths with confidence and are eager to work at a quick pace. They have shown brilliant curiosity for our gruesome new topic in which we have started to learn about symptoms of the Plague...

Well done for a superb start to the year Burgundy Class!

**Dates for the diary**  
See the school website for new [term dates](#) for 2020/2021

[here](#)



Dates for your diary.....