



Friday 19th March 2021

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

They say that 'laughter is the best medicine'. Not that any of us are ill, but during this lockdown it has definitely been hard at times. Laughter makes us happy. We are now back at school and one of our parents tweeted in the week about how they walked past the school and that the sound of happy children was lovely to hear. I couldn't agree more. Children are with their friends and teachers, learning and having fun again.

Today is Comic Relief day and we have raised just over £350 for this excellent charity. Thank you for your generosity. Adding to the laughter has been the joke competition. We have had nearly 200 of them – some of them produced groans, not laughter, but all of them were appreciated. Each class chose a winning joke and this has been displayed on the class door.

The winners in each class were as follows:

RS – Sienna
RT – Sophie
1P – Bodie
1Pr – Skylar
2B – Jessica
2G – Claudia-Mae
3A – Charlie W
3B – Alex
4D – Maddie
4K – Ava-Mai
5R – Ollie
5S – Beau
6PA – Callum

Using the 'Larchwood Laughometer' (the ladies in the office) the top 3 jokes in reverse order were, in third place, Sophie in RT with this:

Q – How do you make an octopus laugh?
A – Ten tickles.

In second was Ava-Mai in 4K with this:

Q – Why did the ice cube stay in the freezer?
A – Because he wanted to ice-olate.

The overall winner is Ollie from 5R with this joke:

Q- Why did the M & M go to school?
A – Because he wanted to be a Smartie



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There was also a staff competition and I must say they are not as funny as the children. However, the winner was Mrs Josling with this:

Q – What did the left eye say to the right eye?

A – Between you and me, something smells.

Well done to all the winners, each of whom have won a joke book to continue their comedy careers!

I will be putting all of the winning jokes on twitter at some point today (they may already be there by the time you read this.

If you don't already follow us on twitter, please do so. There is usually something posted each day by the school and parents share what their children are up to. For example, Mr Collins-Duncan has been sending me some pictures of PE lessons this week which I have been posting and Callum in 3A was on there this week for raising over £500 for NHS charities by running 500 laps of his garden. Well done Callum.

Having just done the joke competition there are a couple more going on. The LPPA are running their 'Design an Easter Egg' competition again this year. Entries including the 50p to be in by Wednesday next week please.

Next week there will be another competition with the launch of the annual sunflower competition. Mr Doug has been busy putting soil and seeds into recyclable pots and they will be going home next week. Something to look forward to.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Morning Arrival

There are more and more parents arriving for school well before 8:30am. There is a 15-minute window in which to arrive between 8:30am and 8:45am. Please don't come early as it makes social distancing difficult.

If your child comes by scooter, please make sure they are not scooting up and down the pavement and wait with you instead if they arrive a minute or two early. I've heard reports of children even scooting in the road. I have spoken to the older children about this. Social distancing is important as is the safety of pupils and parents.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Daniel in RT – for demonstrating the value responsibility



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Teddy	Thomas	Alexis	Lewis	Brooke	Emmy	Isaac
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Tennyson	Ruby	Stanley	Ava	Jack	Maizie	



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Reading at Home

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 15th March to Friday 19th March (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	2 (6%)	26 (88%)	94%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	24 (80%)	90%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	3 (10%)	25 (83%)	93%
1PR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	6 (20%)	19 (67%)	87%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	7 (26%)	20 (70%)	96%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	97%
3A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	23 (80%)	94%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	23 (76%)	83%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	97%
4K	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	27 (91%)	94%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	5 (18%)	21 (72%)	90%
5S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	97%
6PA	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	3 (10%)	24 (78%)	88%
Total							92%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 15th March 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	100%	99.3%	100%	97.3%	98.5%	98%	96.7%	
								98.4%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	100%	97.9%	99.3%	97.9%	97.3%	97.4%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RS, 1P & 3B	RT & 4K	2B



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 4th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.4%	98.6%	98.8	96.7%	93.2%	98.3%	96.3%	
								97%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	97.5%	96.7%	94.9%	96.8%	95.9%	96.1%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT	RS	2G



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