

Friday 4 December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Foodbank Advent Appeal

We would like to thank all of the parents and children who have generously contributed to our Foodbank Advent Appeal so far. We have received some wonderful donations already and we still have 8 more weekdays to go!

The Foodbank Advent Appeal is designed to help people less fortunate than others this Christmas period, so every little helps.

We are pleased to announce that the charities/organisations we will be supporting with the Foodbank Advent Appeal are:

Hope4Havering— A local homeless shelter

Havering Women's Aid—They provide support and shelter for women and children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

Please do support us with this appeal by bringing in any food donations, it is important that we are giving back to our community and supporting those in need in any way we can.

Family Support

We are pleased to confirm that our new Facebook Family Support page is now up and running! Many of you are already interacting with the useful posts and resources. If you haven't already, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/Concordia-Family-Support-103071244956615> and start following, as we are keen to ensure that families are accessing all the support available during these difficult times.

Parent Meetings

We usually have Parents' Evening in December so teachers have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at school. This year, we will not be able to have this take place at school due to the pandemic, but we are still keen to have conversations with parents. To this end, we will be sending out letters next week to all parents stating a date and time when your child's class teacher will call you for a 10 minute meeting. These meetings will be scheduled for the week beginning Monday 14 December.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar
Headteacher

KEY DATES 2019/20

Autumn Term 2020

Friday 11 December

Xmas Jumper Day

**Week beginning Monday
14 December**

Parent meetings with teachers (via phone)

Wednesday 16 December

Xmas lunch for children and staff

Friday 18 December

Students' last day of term holidays—school closes at 12pm

Monday 4 January

Staff training day—school closed

Tuesday 5 January

Children return to school

**Dates may be added or amended as necessary*

ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	97.9%
Bluebell	98%
Daisy	95.7%
Daffodil	98.3%
Sunflower	99%
Poppy	94%
Carnation	93.9%
Orchid	94.4%

Congratulations to Sunflower Class who are our attendance award winners this week with 99% attendance! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of Autumn Term will receive a special prize.

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school. Good attendance at school is one of the key indicators of educational success for a child throughout their school life, so make it a priority to get your child to school every day.

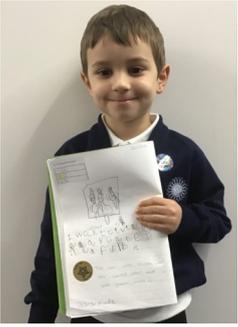
Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY PLEASE!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Lilian and Adrian each received a Headteacher Award for their independent writing this week. Lilian used her 'Fred Fingers' to write a shopping list for her trip to the moon. Similarly, Adrian used his phonic knowledge to label the food items in his healthy packed lunch. He explained the importance of eating our '5-a-day'. Congratulations to you both!



Stefan received a Headteacher Award for his excellent independent writing in Daisy Class. Stefan used his Fred Fingers to write a sentence about the activities he likes to do at home. Bear also received an award because he has really improved in his phonics recently, and surprised us all by using his Fred Fingers to spell the word 'picnic' in Literacy. Well done, both!



In Buttercup Class,



the Headteacher Award goes to Asharib. Asharib has been doing lots of extra work at home. He has been learning new words and working hard on his letter formation. Congratulations Asharib!

Kasey won an award for showing great improvement in both Maths and Literacy. He has been working hard both at home and in school. Also in Daffodil Class, Ismail is doing very well in his Phonics lessons and has been including fantastic WOW words in his writing. Finally, Kayden also won an award because he wrote great descriptive sentences and has begun to use paragraphs in his writing. Well done, boys!



We have four Headteachers Award winners in Sunflower Class this week. Sofia K has been working super hard to share her ideas with the class. This week she thought of some fantastic WOW words and then worked hard to pinch on the sounds when writing her sentences. Abbie also received an award for superb writing. Abbie wrote a brilliant story about all the things she didn't do at the weekend and worked very hard to pinch her sounds by herself when writing her sentences. Mpilo has earned an award for using perfect Fred Talk when reading new words. Mpilo has not been at Concordia Academy for long but she has made excellent progress in Phonics and has blown us away with how much progress she has made already. Atilla also received a Headteacher Award this week for super concentration when reading with Ms Fallows. Atilla stayed focused and ensured he read the whole story very carefully. Great work everyone!



In Poppy Class, Anyla has been awarded a Headteacher Award for her exceptional work in Literacy. When describing what happened to a duck chick in a pond, she came up with her own WOW words to make the text interesting. Logan has been trying really hard in Maths this week. He has engaged in lessons, and explained his reasoning when sharing his answers. He also laid out his work neatly! Inaaya received an award for her fantastic work in Phonics. She used joined up writing when writing about the story of the jar of oil. Fantastic work!

In Y3, Malachi won an award this week for excellent effort during all lessons. Malachi is making a super effort to work more independently and share his ideas in small groups. Keep it up!



Antoine received a Headteacher Award this week for showing a real improvement in his attitude to learning. Antoine is now confident to contribute to classroom discussion and is pushing himself to try new challenges in Maths! Not only that, but Antoine has also made super progress with his handwriting recently! I am really proud of you Antoine, keep it up!



What a super effort by all of our award winners!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Saif! Saif has really settled well into school life this week and has arrived with a huge smile on his face every morning. As well as this, he has been practising his letter formation and working hard to write his name independently. Keep up the marvellous work, Saif!



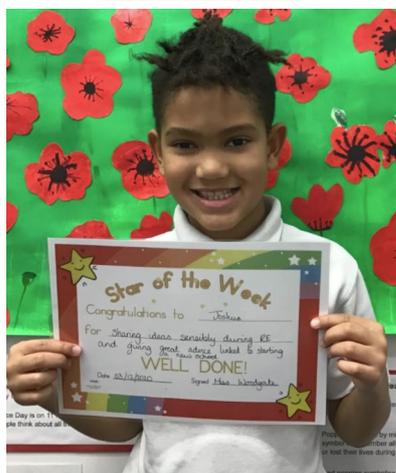
Star of the Week in Buttercup Class is Zunairah! Zunairah has been trying extremely hard to form her numbers correctly. Ms Mills and the other teachers are very proud of Zunairah's efforts!



Star of the Week in Daisy Class is Duru! Duru has shown a fantastic attitude to her number work, and has been trying very hard to learn how to find 'one more than' a number. Duru also independently calculated that $16 + 2 = 18$. When asked, Duru said she had 'counted on' in her head. Well done, Duru!



This week's Star of the Week is Mandoor. We are so pleased to welcome Mandoor to Daffodil Class. Mandoor has settled well and is already making friends. He is always seen to be trying his best and following his peers to understand new routines. Welcome to Concordia, Mandoor!



Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Atila. Atila has been working extremely hard this week, especially in Guided Reading and Literacy lessons. Atila has been very focused on his activities in Guided Reading and wrote a super sentence about the character in his story. He also produced an excellent story in Literacy this week and used his sounds very carefully to write some great WOW words. We are all very proud of how hard Atila is working to stay focused. Well done, Atila!



In Y2, Christopher has made a big effort to set a good example for Poppy Class this week, by listening and joining in with all lessons. As a result, he has produced some really good work. Well done!

Joshua is the deserved winner of Star of the Week in Carnation Class. He has been sharing ideas sensibly during RE, and also giving great advice to a new classmate about starting at a new school. Well done, Joshua!

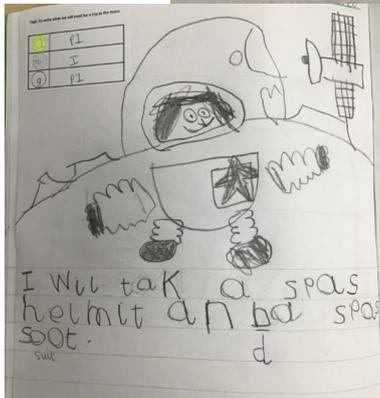
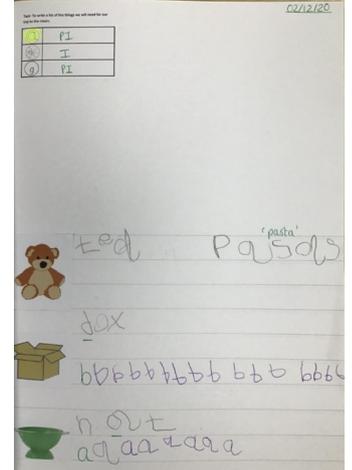
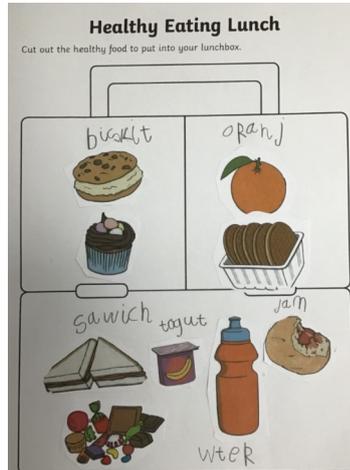
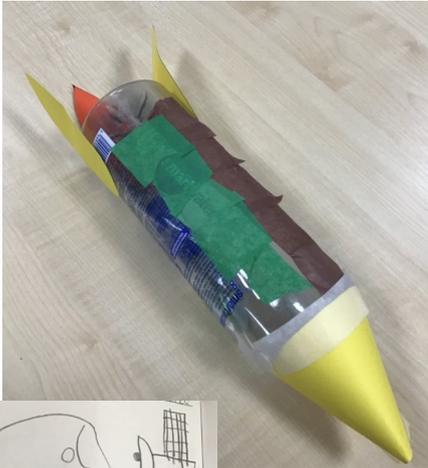
Karthikeyan is the Star of the Week in Orchid Class this week for his hard work and determination to improve. Karthikeyan has shown dedication to his Maths and therefore, is tackling new challenges independently! Karthikeyan is a role-model student, who is consistently on task! Amazing work Karthikeyan, keep up the hard work!



CURRICULUM CORNER

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been on an adventure with Baby Bear - the character from our book of the week, 'Whatever Next!'. In the creative area, we built some space rockets using a variety of junk modelling materials. Before lift-off, we discussed which items we would take with us on our trip to the moon and used our Fred Fingers to write about our ideas. Finally, just like Baby Bear, we created our own healthy packed lunches, ready for the long journey ahead. What a busy week we have had! Please take a look at some examples of our wonderful work.



Y3 Maths Work

Each morning, when the children arrive they settle straight down to completing Morning Maths. Have a look below at some of the wonderful maths work produced in Y3 this week. The first one is by Alex and shows how he is using a doubling pattern to arrive at the answer of 184 each time. The second piece of work is by Ouluwatoofe who has used a similar method (with fractions) to arrive at the answer of 124 each time. Very impressive!

