

Friday 14 January 2022

## Dear Parents & Carers,

This week, children across the school have been learning all about Space. Lots of great learning has taken place!

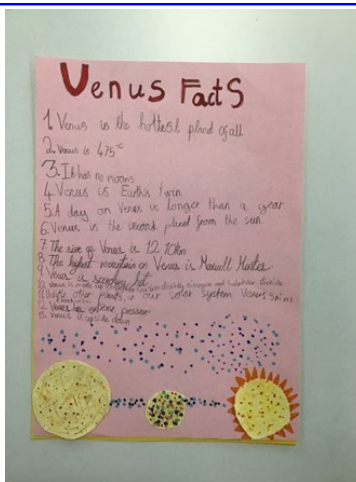
Children have completed research and experiments about rockets, black holes, craters, planets and asteroids. In every class, children have been asking inquisitive, interesting questions when acquiring new knowledge and when completing experiments using their scientific skills.

As a special treat, we had a visitor come in with a mobile observatory to teach us all about the planets and Space. It has been a fantastic week!



Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher



## Spring Term First Half 2022 Key Dates

**Wednesday 26 January**  
Daffodil Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**School nurse drop-in**  
Wednesday 26 January at 8.50am

**Tuesday 1 February**  
Sunflower Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**Wednesday 2 February**  
Lilac Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**Wednesday 2 February**  
Magnolia Class at Science Museum

**Friday 4 February**  
Number Day

**Tuesday 8 February**  
Safer Internet Day

**Friday 11 February**  
Last day of term

## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	85.5%
Bluebell	96.3%
Daisy	92.6%
Daffodil	98.9%
Lilac	96.5%
Sunflower	94.6%
Poppy	100%
Lily	98.5%
Carnation	96.2%
Orchid	93.4%
Magnolia	93.4%

Congratulations to Daffodil Class & Poppy Class who are our KS1 and KS2 attendance award winners this week with 98.9% and 100% attendance! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of each 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.



ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY



## SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK

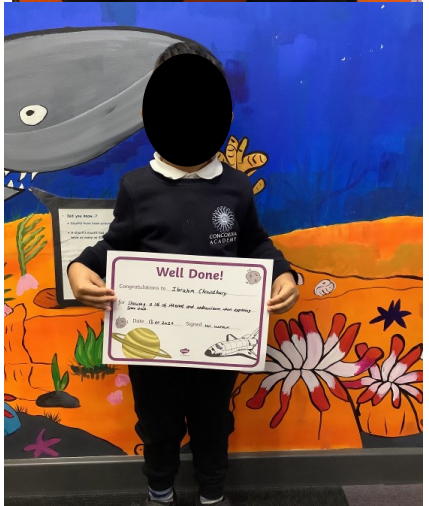
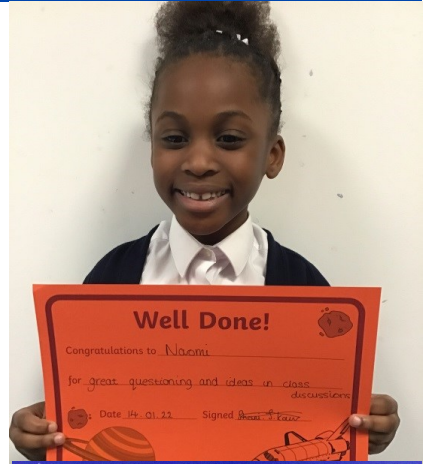
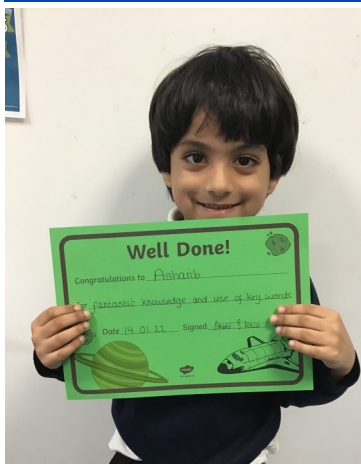
Scientists of the Week in Daisy Class are Nefeli and Logan! Congratulations to both for showing fantastic engagement in Space Week activities. Nefeli enthusiastically told us all about the International Space Station. Logan helped his friends identify what astronauts do and where they work. Well done both!

Scientists of the Week in Buttercup Class are Finn and Alaia! Finn and Alaia have shown great enthusiasm towards Science this week and were able to independently recall information about the Sun. In addition, during our science experiment they were both keen to take part and share their ideas to help make a balloon rocket fly.

Scientists of the Week in Bluebell Class are Ibrahim and Reya. Both have shown great interest and knowledge when discussing the topic of Space. In addition, Ibrahim can name all of the planets in the Solar System. Keep up the amazing work, Ibrahim! Reya can talk about the planets and the Milky Way galaxy, and recognise them in pictures. Well done, Reya!

Scientists of the Week in Daffodil Class go to Asharib and Naomi! During class discussions, Asharib has been contributing with extended answers and is using key vocabulary to do so. Asharib has been using his learning outside of class to help develop his understanding. His excitement for science has been a delight to see. Well done! Naomi's curiosity has been a great discussion starter this week, she always thinks out of the box and is not afraid to ask why. Naomi was particularly passionate about the role of women in science and believed that with hard work we can all achieve. Thank you, Naomi, for being such a strong role model to others.

The Scientists of the Week in Sunflower Class are Younes and Faith. This week we have been learning about the different planets in our solar system, about women in space and about how scientists are now testing vertical landings for rockets and both of these children have, not only been asking interesting questions about space but also sharing lots of brilliant facts and pieces of information with their peers. Well done to Younes and Faith.



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Scientists of the Week in Lilac Class go to Yasmeen and Farid. Yasmeen showed great enthusiasm when learning about Helen Sharman, the first British Astronaut. She thought of lots of excellent scientific questions to ask! Well done, Yasmeen! Farid won for thinking carefully about how to make a plastic bottle rocket. He was also very sensible during the experiment and ensured that he was following instructions carefully whilst observing what happened to the rocket! Good job!



Scientists of the Week in Lily Class are Kayden and April! Kayden shared his impressive knowledge about the solar system with his peers. He explained that the Sun is a star and is made of gas. Excellent work, Kayden! April worked productively alongside her peers to complete a Space experiment. She led her team, listened attentively to others, and explained her ideas coherently. Super Science!



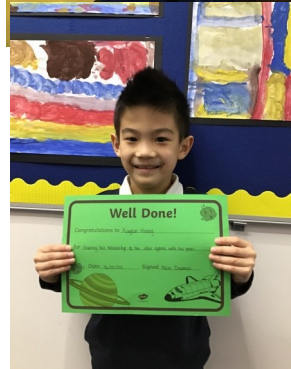
Scientists of the Week in Poppy Class go to Varshyth and Isra! Varshyth impressed the whole class with his knowledge on the Solar System and the different planets. His passion for Science is clear! Isra is also awarded the prize for her thinking skills during the 'eggonaut' experiment. Poppy Class had to design an aircraft that would ensure our egg astronaut would survive the landing back to Earth. Isra showed great logic in how to design for safety. Well done, Isra!



Scientists of the Week in Carnation Class go to Freddie and Hayat! Freddie has been a superstar this week whilst learning about Space. He has asked many inquisitive scientific questions. Well done! Hayat has shown fantastic research skills during Space Week. She has been able to find interesting facts on black holes and space telescopes. Great job!



Scientists of the Week in Orchid Class go to Alba and Alex! Alba has shown an extremely inquisitive mind throughout Space Week, asking plenty of questions and as a result, has been able to conduct excellent research into black holes. She has been able to create a very informative mind map on what black holes are, when they were discovered and how we have recently been able to photograph them! Alex has thoroughly enjoyed Space Week this week and has been able to create an excellent fact file on Planet Earth. He has also been keen to share additional knowledge and research, bringing in a postcard showing the planets.



Scientists of the Week for Magnolia Class go to Charlotte and Zaid! Charlotte wins because she presented a very informative presentation with her partner about black holes. She was able to research interesting facts and spoke confidently in front of the class. Well done, Charlotte! Zaid was given the award because he shared a plethora of engaging and interesting facts about Space this week. He has worked well with his team to find out information about astronauts and missions to Space. Excellent work, Zaid!



## HEADTEACHER AWARD



The Headteacher Award in Buttercup Class goes to Khadeejah! Khadeejah has worked extremely hard this week with her writing and she is beginning to write some sounds independently. In addition, Khadeejah has really impressed us with her communication skills as she is now trying to talk in full sentences. Keep it up, Khadeejah!

The Headteacher Award in Daisy Class goes to Amelia! Amelia has been showing fantastic confidence when finding "one less" than a number. Amelia confidently supported her friends whilst completing a group task. Well done, Amelia!

The Headteacher Award in Bluebell Class goes to Breigh. Big well done to Breigh for completing home learning and using fantastic Fred Talk when working on her spellings during Literacy activities. Keep up the great work Breigh!

The Headteacher Award in Sunflower Class goes to Teddy. Teddy has making a super effort with his number bonds this week, he has been able to find lots of different ways to make number bonds for our number of the day. He has been coming into class each day ready to learn and getting straight to work on his morning maths. Well done Teddy.

The Headteacher Award in Daffodil Class goes to Amman. Amman has worked hard in Maths this week. She has been persistent and is trying her best to do better each day. Well done Amman, keep it up!

The Headteacher Award in Lilac Class goes to Arjun. Arjun has been doing lots of research about Neil Armstrong over the holidays and he confidently shared this information with his classmates. Well done, Arjun!

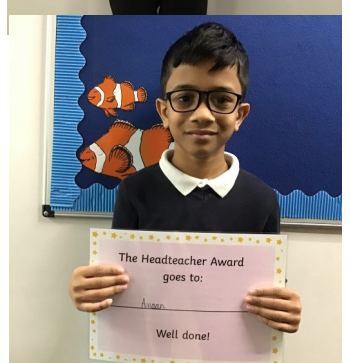
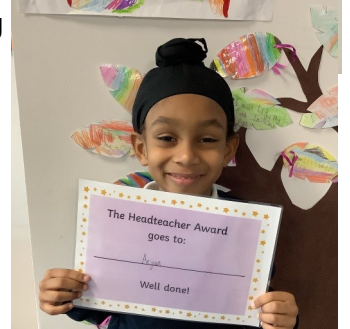
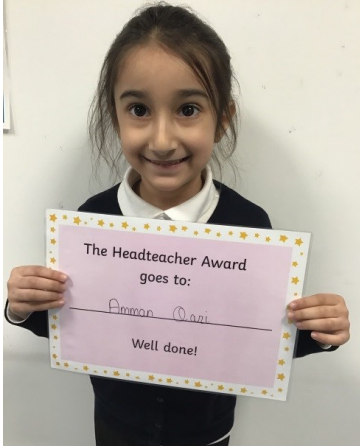
The Headteacher Award in Poppy Class goes to Amaan. Amaan received the Headteacher Award for his fantastic work in Maths. He has written an impressive amount of calculations every morning during Morning Maths! You're a star, Amaan!

The Headteacher Award in Lily Class goes to Maxwell!! Maxwell has read at home everyday day this week. We are very proud of you, Maxwell. Keep up the super reading!

The Headteacher Award in Carnation Class goes Amina. Amina has had an excellent week. She has shown fantastic teamwork, asked interesting questions and completed an amazing Space project. Well done!

The Headteacher Award in Orchid Class this week has been awarded to Ty for his fantastic start to his Newspaper Report and outstanding handwriting within Literacy and Language! Keep up the hard work, Ty!

The Headteacher Award for Magnolia Class is presented to Daniele! She has been working well in every lesson and she always tries her best. Daniele has started to contribute more to whole class discussions too. Well done, Daniele!



## PROJECT WINNERS



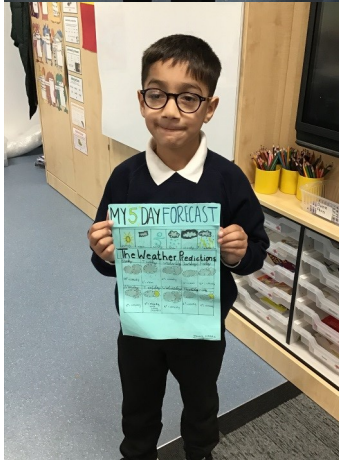
The Project Winner in Sunflower Class this term is Nala. Nala has made a fabulous model of the solar system and was able to share lots of interesting facts about the planets in our solar system. Great job

The Project Winner in Daffodil Class this term is A'Shadiayah. She created a beautiful, labelled model of the Solar System. Whilst going through her project with her peers, she was able to explain which planet was Earth and that the Moon is a big rock that orbits our planet. Well done, A'Shadiayah!



The Project Winner in Lilac Class is Arad. Arad created a 3D model of our Solar System using a variety of different materials. He was able to tell us about the different planets in our Solar System and why he used different sized balls to represent the different planets! Good job Arad, super knowledge!

The Project Winner in Lily Class is Ismail! Ismail created his own five-day weather forecast and was able to present his project confidently to his peers. He used scientific vocabulary accurately too. Congratulations, Ismail!

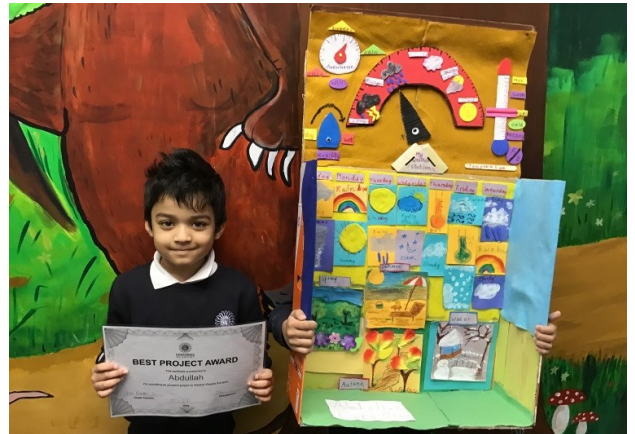
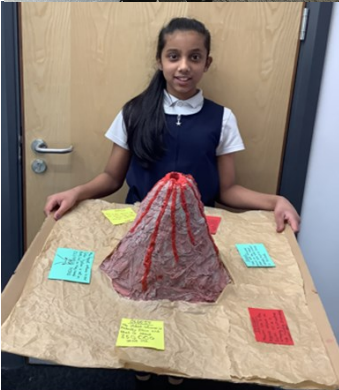


The Project Winner in Poppy Class is Abdullah! Abdullah made a weather station and when he presented it to the class he used fantastic vocabulary such as 'temperature', 'freezing' and 'sunshine'. Well done Abdullah - you're on your way to becoming a 'Weather Expert'!

The Project Winner in Carnation Class is Inaaya. Inaaya has completed fantastic projects all about Europe, including a painting of the Eiffel Tower, the flags of Europe, a labelled map of Europe and a fact file all about Paris. Impressive!

The Project Winner in Orchid Class this half term is Rayhan! Rayhan was very creative in designing an extremely informative fact file on Rainforests which included colourful photos of animals that you would find within the Rainforest environment. Excellent work, Rayhan!

The Project Winner in Magnolia class goes to Vyuha! Vyuha has made an amazing science project over the half term! She created a volcano with interesting facts about where a volcano can be found, the meaning of key words and even a description of the world's oldest volcano! Well done, Vyuha!



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## CURRICULUM CORNER—RECEPTION

In Reception this week, we have been reading the book 'Five Minutes Peace'. Throughout the week, the children have been making and designing elephant masks and stick puppets and the children have been using different resources to act out their own stories.



We have also been looking at all the different ways that our parents/carers help us, and the children have been writing their own thank you letters.

