



Value of the Month 'The Rule of Law'



William Austin Wizards

South America	Bateel	Umar
Asia	Saad	Eshaal
Europe	Abrish	Amerah
Africa	Tahia	Andrei
North America	Mikaeel	Hasna
Hokusai	Iza	Amman
Baker	Myrah	Zoya
Hadid	Praise	Daniyal
Hepworth	Yunus	Inaaya
Van Gogh	Ishaq	Saleha
Mars	Haroon	Arsalan
Venus	Mustafa	Ibrahim N
Neptune	Abbas	Barakah
Jupiter	Saffiya	Inaaya
Saturn	Armaan	Zainab
Goodall	Naeem	Samreen
Curie	Daawud	Rizza
Hawking	Alisha	Amaan
Jemison	Ayaan	Mariyah
Johnson	Isa	Wanya

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:

Mars 95%



Dear Families

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter.

Sports Days

It was lovely to see parents at our Sports Days this week. The children really enjoyed taking part in the different events and I am pleased to say that Lea won both the upper and lower school sports. Looking back at my records the last time that the same house won both upper and lower sports days was 2019 when Icknield did the double! Congratulations to all members of Lea. Your house name will be engraved onto the trophies. Thank you to Mr Osborne and Mr Britten for organising and setting up both days.

Transition Day

Yesterday was transition day across the town and our Y6 pupils visited their new high schools. The rest of our school spent the morning with their new teachers. Children will have been given their welcome brochure filled with information about next year. Please take a moment to read this so you know what is going on. If you have any questions, then please come into the office and we will be able to help you.

Enrichment

Next week Y6 pupils are looking forward to their Wicksteed trip and 78 Y5 pupils are taking part in the camping event. Y6 were visited by a FIFA referee this week who spoke to the pupils about his work and experiences. Y5 classes have been on their local walk to Bradgers Hill and Y4 have also been on their neighbourhood walk. Both these activities were part of their Geography topics.

Reports

I have been delighted to read and comment on each child's report. Your child has worked hard all year and it is really pleasing to see their progress. Reports will be sent home with your child on Monday 10th July and if you would like to meet the class teacher to discuss this, then you can do on Tuesday 11th July between 3:40 and 5:00.

After all the rain this week, I hope the weather is brighter and warmer this weekend.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Adams

Cool Website

School is beginning to wind down towards the summer break. So, if you're looking for something fun to do over the holidays, that isn't playing the same games over and over, then you should visit safekidgames.com and try something new. Here you can learn to play one of dozens of fun board games, challenge yourself with a puzzle or strategy game, and step up the pace with a driving or action game. You are bound to find something you'll love.

Author of the Month—Dav Pilkey

Author and illustrator Dav Pilkey started writing the Captain Underpants stories while he was still at school. Since then, Dav has written and illustrated a number of bestselling and award-winning children's books, including the Caldecott Honour book *The Paperboy*. His Captain Underpants series and Dog Man graphic novels have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been translated into many languages.

10.7.2023- School Linking Project- Jupiter class
12.7.2023- Wicksteed Park trip- Goodall, Curie and Hawking classes
13.7.2023- Wicksteed Park trip- Johnson and Jemison classes
14.7.2023- Camping- Year 5 children
17.7.2023- History afternoon- Whole school
20.7.2023- Barbeque- Year 6

Upcoming Events

Please keep your Dinner Money up to date

£2.50 per day £12.50 per week.

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

We hope all our families had a wonderful EID and thank you to all our parents who returned their children to school the following day.

Brighton Seaside Trip on Friday 28th July (£13 per person)

We still have a few seats left for this trip. If you are interested please complete the online form on this link <https://forms.gle/uMHmkLmNkDbuwwbM6>

Payment must be made using School Money App. We aim to leave Austin Rd at 7:30am and hope to return back by 6:00pm.

Community Cooking—Friday mornings 9:00am — 11:30am

Huge thanks to Homebase who provided us with bags of compost and to Silsoe Horticultural Centre for providing us with herb and vegetable plants to grow our own produce needed for community cooking.

Holidays

As we are fast approaching the end of term we would like to ask any holiday you wish to take needs to be out of school time. Parents can receive a penalty notice from the local authority for taking their child out of school during term time and could also lose their place at the school. All holiday will require a meeting with Mrs Adams before being booked.

St Ethelbert's Entrance

As some of you may know I stand outside the school gates each morning. Recently I have had several parents share their concerns with me about the way drivers are speeding on their approach to the entrance, and not respecting the highway code. May I please ask all drivers to be **patient** with each other do not block the school entrance and most importantly of all **be mindful children are crossing the road.**

Leave earlier, watch your speed, prevent an accident from happening.



Take a look at this week's

Wow Work!

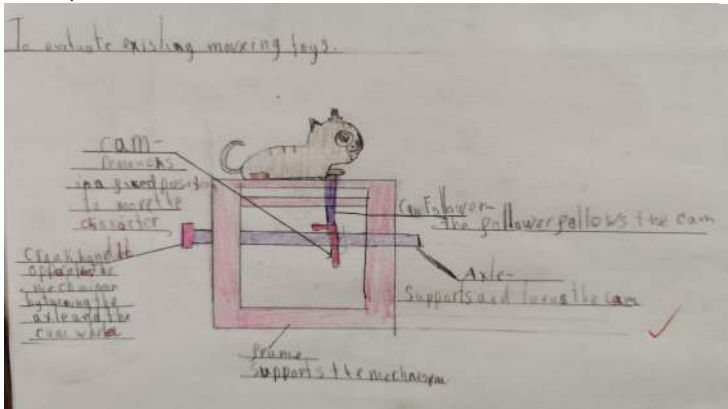
Asia—Nusaybah



Hepworth—Safiya

Solomon Islands	
How many islands?	932
Population	500,000
Main language	Melanesian
Main religion	Christianity
Currency	dollar
Sea level rise every year in millimetres (mm)	9mm
Number of islands disappeared into the Pacific Ocean	5

Neptune—Erika



Jemison—Aminah

Easter Island

Oceania

Moa heads

English—Mrs L Grey

It has been a wonderful enriching year, full of experiences for the children to enjoy. In September we had a visit from a theatre group and in December the children watched the pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. There was a buzz around school on World Book Day when all the school doors were decorated into some of the children's favourite books. A visit and talk from author Guy Bass proved very popular, as did the school book Fayre. Children are now familiar with the Accelerated Reading Scheme and are successfully working their way up through the levels. Please encourage them to participate in the Summer myON Reading Challenge.

Year 3

We have been very busy in Year 3. Last week the children had an amazing Sports for All day, trying out new and exciting sports. This week we have again been very active on our Sports Day and it was lovely to see the children showing determination in their activities. On Monday, the children performed their end of year concert for the Year 2 children. It was an amazing performance and the Year 2 teachers said they couldn't believe how much the children have grown in confidence this year. To end the year, our last English unit is writing about all the children's memories of Year 3.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

Year 4

Year 4 have begun their new unit centred on the 'Ironman' book by Ted Hughes, by creating some beautiful artwork which is currently on display around the school. This Friday, we shall be going on a local area walk in support of our geography unit. On this walk, we will be exploring the different ways that buildings are being used. Sports day was a huge success, thanks to so many parents who came to support their children on this day. They did themselves very proud and competed really well in all the events. Children have had the opportunity to spend a morning with their new Year 5 class teachers and get familiar with the new setting. They have really enjoyed this. Thanks again for your continued support.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team

Year 5

We've had a busy time in Year 5, we took a wonderful walk about to Bradgers Hill, climbed a hill, enjoyed the view and continued our work on land use and mapping in our geography lessons. We'll soon start our last unit of work in English, narrative poems and end our maths with volume. We've enjoyed our Sports Day, it was amazing to see so many parents come to support us and thoroughly enjoyed Sports for All day last week. We're all looking forward to camping in school in a fortnight to round off an exciting year!

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Sports for All Day where they took part in some new and exciting sports. Caving and fencing were particularly popular and lots of brave children scaled the climbing wall. We also had a great time getting active on Sports Day and watching some very close races. Children had the opportunity yesterday to visit their new schools and see what a day at high school will be like. In English, children are writing some detective stories based upon some strange events that have happened in their classrooms. We are very much looking forward to our end of year trip to Wicksteed Park next week.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.

SPORTS DAY 2023





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Fire & Rescue Service

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 Southfields Road
Kempston, Bedford
MK42 7NR
 bedsfirealert.co.uk
   @bedsfire

For the attention of Parents and Guardians

Water safety

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. Over the last few years, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Bedfordshire Police and the Local Authorities have been contacted by residents across Bedfordshire raising concerns for young people swimming and jumping into outdoor water sites including:

Priory Marina – Bedford
Wixams Lakes – Wixams
Kempston Mill - Kempston
Blue Lagoon – Arlesey
River Ivel - Shefford
Stewartby lake – Forest of Marston Vale

Over 400 people accidentally drown in the UK and Ireland every year, and many more have non-fatal experiences with some of these being life changing.

We want to alert parents and young people of the potential dangers and risk to life, especially as we are now enjoying the hot weather and sunshine.

Even the strongest of swimmers can get into trouble in water outdoors and we have particular concern for young people who could be putting themselves at risk without knowing the dangers.

Outdoor water can contain many hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles, pollution, under water currents and it can be very hard to judge depth meaning that deep water can suddenly catch someone out but jumping into shallow water could result in serious injury.

Young People may not understand the effects of cold-water shock which can occur when jumping into a river or lake on a hot day. The average water temperatures in the UK are just 12C and anything below 15c is classed as cold water.

Please help to educate young people by showing them and discussing the video below:

[Cold Water Shock Video](https://youtu.be/27Kexl-BSzM) <https://youtu.be/27Kexl-BSzM>



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We have further advice on water safety on our website;

[Safety advice | Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service \(bedsfire.gov.uk\)](#)

There are also activities that parents can do at home with their young people to educate on water safety and other areas of safety;

[Home | StayWise](#)

[Water Safety Advice | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK \)](#)

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/learning-from-home/water-safety>

Despite the obvious safety risks, Fire service have no authority to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of safety or anti-social behavior, we would ask you to report this through to the Police non emergency number on 101

If someone is in trouble in water and needs help in an emergency, please call 999 and ask for FIRE SERVICE

I hope you find this information useful

Stay safe!!!

Kind Regards

Stacey Moore
Community Safety Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

