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Message from the Head of School:

Dear Families,

I am looking forward to a full week next week, happy Friday to you all 😊. This week has been SATs week for our Year 6's and I would like to say well done to them all for being in every day. This week has been the best attendance for Year 6 since I started in January. I would also like to say how impressed I have been with their attitude towards their SATs this week particularly towards the Reading Test, which in my opinion was a real stinker for them. The test itself has made national headlines this week with teachers and teaching union's alike sharing how hard they felt it was; it really saddens me that children are treated this way 😞. I am really proud of Year 6 and throughout the week I have stressed to them that they need to try their best for themselves and not for anyone else 😊





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In other news:

It was fantastic to see Buildwas in the paper this week, I still cannot believe that out of all the schools in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin we came 4th in the Cash for Schools competition and I would like to take a moment to thank those who collected the tokens. The £1000 is much needed for us as we are looking for grants to upgrade our outdoor area for Willow class which is in need of a serious update. Sadly, this money won't go far so we will continue to be on the lookout for other grants/cash pots as we want Willow class to have access to first class learning equipment.

Buildwas Rocks:

This week in **Willow** class we started a new literacy theme using the book 'Gigantosaurus'. The mummy dinosaurs had left their eggs in our classroom for us to look after. We then enjoyed drawing what we thought the Gigantosaurus might look like. In maths, Reception have been looking at adding more, we have used tens frames to help us. We have also followed the First, Then, and Now story boards to help us work out how many characters were in the boat. In preschool the children have been investigating different 2D shapes and comparing the different properties of these shapes. During our Art session we used salt dough and clay to manipulate and make our own aliens just like the ones in the story 'Aliens wear underpants'. We had a geography linked lesson this week where we looked at how the world is made up of land and sea and what these were called. We then investigated which animals would live where depending on if they like the cold or the hot weather. Our sign of the week was 'Bee' which had two parts to it!

This week in **Beech** Class, we have been very busy! We started off the week researching different endangered animals ready to start our new book 'The last Wolf'. We have all been very focused and creating some fantastic pieces of writing this week. Some of us have even been learning new skills – such as apostrophes for contractions. We also started this week by planning our final and original sculptures for art. We looked at significant landmarks in Telford for inspiration. In history, we have continued our topic on 'The Victorians'. This week we learnt about how life for Victorian children changed. We were horrified to find out that children had to work in terrifying places for so long, but we were very relieved and pleased when we found out they were finally allowed to go to school! Science has been one of our favourite subjects this week. On Thursday, we looked at how trees (like flowering plants) also grow from seeds. We talked about how fruit from trees has seeds in them so new trees can grow. We then used our fantastic observation skills again to cut open exotic fruit and observe the seeds. We used oil pastels to draw what we observed and then labelled the seeds.

We have started using recall books at the end of each school day in **Oak** class. The children answer a question about each subject that they have learnt that day and show that they are embedding their learning into their long-term memory. So, if you ask a child in Oak class what they have learnt at school that day, they no longer have any excuse to tell you that they don't remember! We did our second independent write on "The Three little pigs" topic in English on Tuesday. The children had looked at their success criteria from the last assessed write, noted what they needed to do to improve their work and did go ahead to show great improvements, with many remembering to use



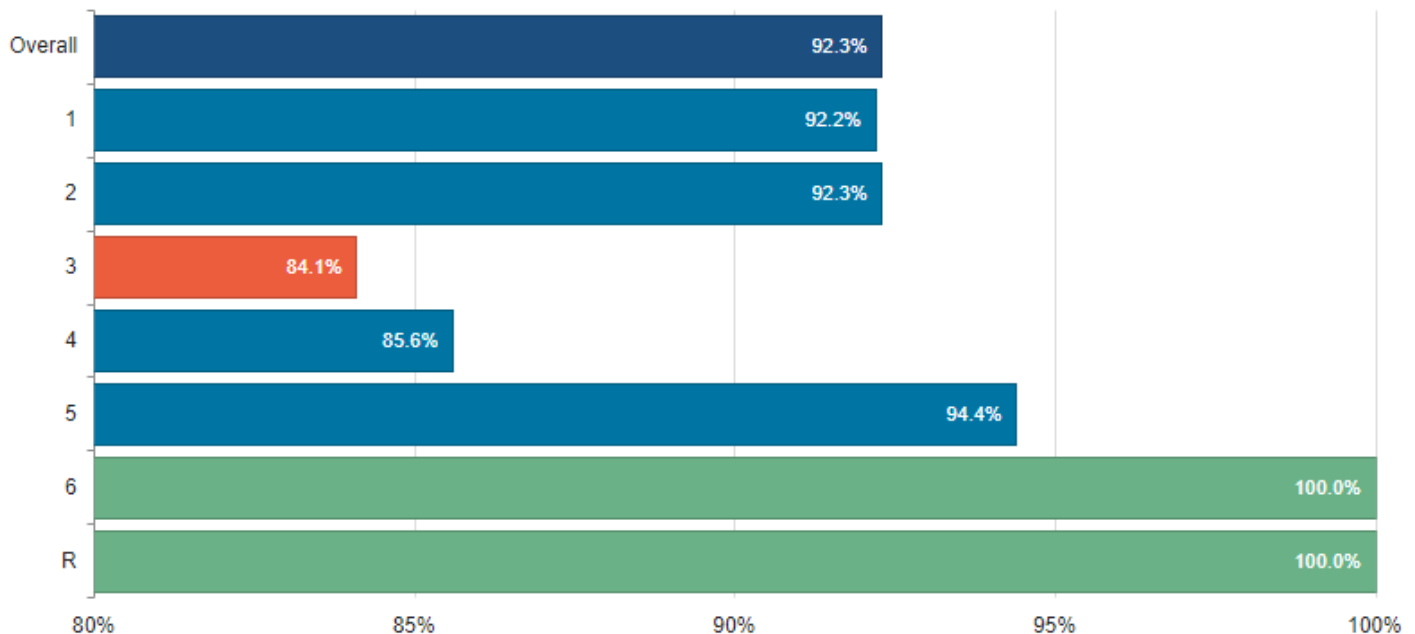


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paragraphs, fronted adverbials and expanded noun statements. In our tennis PE lessons we have been learning to do a two handed back hand return and following the rules to play a fair game. Things are getting very exciting in our class novel, Journey to the River Sea, with Finn about to embark on his journey in a boat up the Amazon river. We have made predictions about what will happen next and are looking forwards to seeing whether these are correct or not.

What a week in **Holly** Class! As SATs week draws to a close, Mrs Hayes would like to say how proud she is of every member of Holly class. The children are a fantastic team! During the week, we have enjoyed exploring our Art unit further, learning how to draw a realistic portrait. We have also continued to make our own class solar system model!

This week our class attendance is:



Please remember to check this week's class diary sheets as there are some changes to PE days.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend 😊

Take care,

Mr Millington

