

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

This week's House
Winners



Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It has been good to see our pupils return following the half term break and to see how they have jumped straight back into their learning. The second half of the Autumn term is always full and there are many events going on over the next few weeks; I would encourage you to look at the list of dates at the end of this newsletter for the class Christmas assembly dates. We have an open afternoon coming up in a couple of weeks - more on that over the page - and we will be sending out a letter next week with details of our Grandparents' Breakfast which is happening on Thursday 30th November. We also have pupils who will be representing Maple Tree at the Remembrance Parade, the Sandy Christmas Light switch on, the Christmas Tree festival and the Mayor's Carol Service...busy times!

Alongside all of this, we continue to focus on core priorities which cover all aspects of the Education Inspection Framework and as such our key objectives for this year are:

- All leaders ensure the curriculum is well sequenced and taught in a highly effective manner that leads to good outcomes for all pupils.
- To prioritise the further development of our approach to assessment in non-core subjects so that it supports children to know more and remember more.

These are delivered and monitored through staff training, assessment and data analysis, self-evaluation, engagement with the school improvement team and teaching and learning reviews which happen throughout the course of the year and are evidence-based to ensure that our findings feed back into our actions. Underpinning all of this is our school vision and the focus on Learning, Achievement, Equality, Friendship (LEAF).

It is, by all accounts, a busy half term and we look forward to sharing more with you as we move through the next few weeks.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Health and Safety

If you are visiting the school by car at any time during the school day, please make sure that you close the vehicle gates behind you. If you see the gates open during this time, please help us by closing them.

A reminder also please that Mulberries parents should not be using the car park at lunchtimes unless by arrangement with the school office. Please ensure that you are not walking or scooting across the car park.

Thank you for helping to keep our site safe for all.



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Book Fair

**Wednesday 29th October– Tuesday
5th December**

On Wednesday 29th November, our Book Fair arrives and will be located in the school library.

Your children will be invited down to browse the books that day and then the book fair will be open to parents and carers afterschool everyday from then until Tuesday 5th December—just head round towards the Reception class doors to find the external door to the library.

We will also be selling books during Grand-parents' breakfast.

You will be able to pay via cash or on your phone via a QR code.

We look forward to seeing you there!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023



Anti-Bullying Week 2023

As part of our annual anti-bullying week we would like to invite parents and carers to join us for an open afternoon on **Friday 17th November**. We will be open from 2:15pm for you to come and take a look at what we have been learning—please come through the main office to sign in. You will be able to take your child home when you leave. Please note that the event will end at 3:15pm to ensure that we can complete pick up as usual.

On Monday 13th November, we will be kicking off anti-bullying week with odd socks day. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

We have lots more planned and I can't wait to tell you more about it.

Poetry competition

Children were asked to write a poem about how you can find refuge (a place, a person, a feeling) and we had some amazing entries this year. I chose a winner from the following categories.

The winners are:

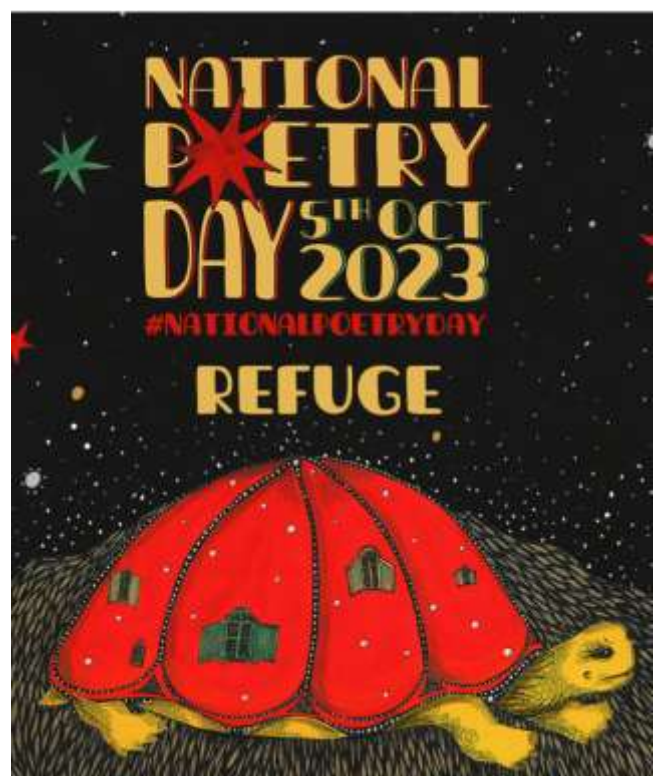
Year 1-2: Chloe D

Year 3-4: Evie W

Year 5-6: Joka A

Please see the end of the newsletter for their poems!

Well done to all the entries to the competition—these are currently being compiled into a school anthology to be displayed in the school foyer.



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for...

...being a super role model for others



Fir:
★ Malachi

Yew:
★ Emily

Aspen:
Kimberly ★

Rowan:
Olive

Poplar:
Callum S

Juniper:
Noah ★

Sycamore:
Lottie S ★

Elder:
Brayleigh-Maie ★

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

Save the Date!

Anti-Bullying Open Afternoon
Friday 17th November 2.15pm

Grandparents Breakfast
Thursday 30th November

Class Christmas Assemblies
Reception Tuesday 12th Dec

KS1 Wednesday 13th Dec

LKS2 Friday 15th Dec

UKS2 Thursday 14th Dec

All start at 9.15am and will last approx. 30minutes

Pre-School Tuesday 12th Dec
2.30pm/Friday 15th Dec 11am

DATES FOR THE DIARY

13th-17th November Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 16th November Online Safety Parent Workshop
6:30-7:30pm

Friday 17th November 2:15-3:15 Anti-Bullying Open Afternoon

29th November - 6th December Book Fair

Thursday 30th November Grandparent's Breakfast

Thursday 7th December Parent Forum

Tuesday 12th December Reception Christmas assembly
9.15am

Tuesday 12th December 2.30 -3.30pm Mulberries drop-ins

Wednesday 13th December KS1 Christmas assembly 9.15am

Thursday 14th December UKS2 Christmas assembly 9.15am

Friday 15th December LKS2 Christmas assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 13th December Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th December 11am - 12pm Mulberries drop-ins

Tuesday 19th December Term Ends

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 30th October 2023

The best attendance award is presented to:
Poplar class!

Mulberries 95%	Fir (YR) 92%
Yew (Y1) 97%	Aspen (Y2) 95%
Rowan (Y3) 96%	Poplar (Y4) 98% ★
Juniper (Y5) 95%	Elder (Y6) 94%
Sycamore (Y6) 93%	Our target is 97%

I'm just not enough By Joka, Year 5

I have to be enough to feel enough.

But I'm not enough.

I have to fight obstacles to get stuff.

But I'm not enough.

I have nothing when times are tough.

Because I'm not enough.

Even when times are rough.

I'm still not enough.

I don't have enough.

There are I am not enough.

They say I have to look up to be enough.

But everyone knows I can't be enough.

I had to move on to be enough.

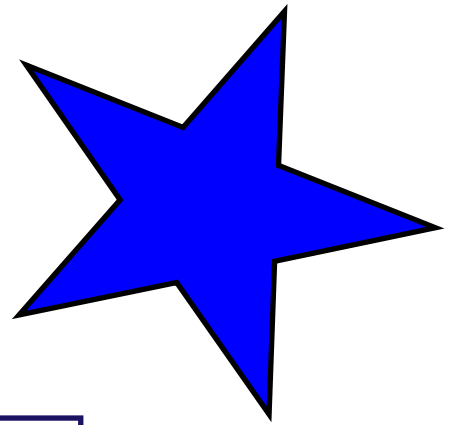
Because I was not enough.

I thought I was not enough.

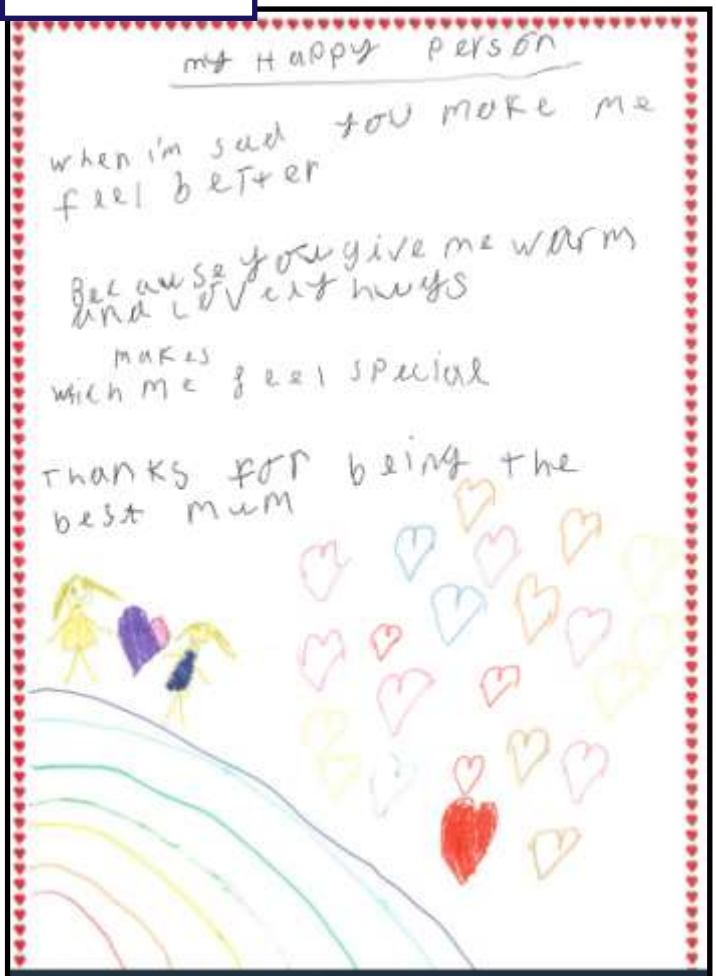
Until I found a place where I was enough.

At that moment.

I found a place where I was enough.



Chloe, Year 2



my Best Boy

Evie, Year 4

my loving boy
This is my puppy
He is cute and fluffy
Kissy licky, loving
He'll never stop wagging

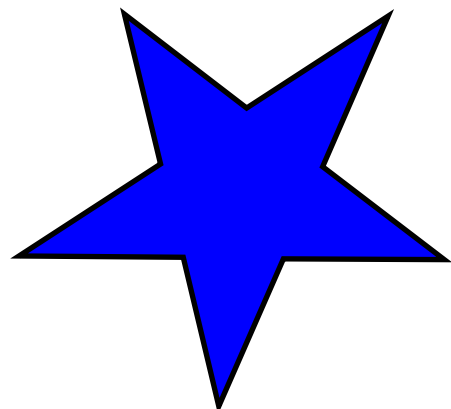
my happy place
my safe place

my protector
watching and looking out for me
Barking at the unknown
His paws are like a trotting horse
He follows me and never leaves my side

my happy place
my safe place

my best friend
never pulls, always gentle
Always cheering but never being
I can tell him my secrets he always listens
He's always on my side, never judging me

my happy place
my safe place



Online Safety Parent Evening

Thursday 16th November 2023
6:30-7:30pm

**Join us for an evening learning about how to
keep children safe online**

*run by a Cyber Protect & Prevent officer within the
Cybercrime Hub in Bedfordshire Police.*

You will learn:

- how your online behaviour can impact your child,
- about the dangers of parents sharing sensitive information about their child online,
- how to keep your child safe when using popular apps and websites such as: youtube, roblox and tiktok
- and much more!

This will be run as an interactive session to get you thinking about the hidden dangers of online use. Other topics surrounding Cybercrime such as online gaming, social media interaction, sharing of indecent images and hacking are also incorporated throughout the session.

Please note, children are not able to attend this event due to the sensitive nature of some of the videos shared.

