

NEWSLETTER 2 - AUTUMN TERM 2014



REWARDS

We have been talking to the children about the various rewards they are able to earn during the school year, and the sanctions (of which there are fewer) and I thought it would be useful to remind the parents about them.

- Bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards are given when children have earned 10, 20, 30 or 40 stars. They receive a star when they have had four stickers / smiley faces in their books. They receive a certificate and a badge, which is exchanged when they move to the next award. i.e. bronze for silver, silver for gold etc. At the end of the academic year they keep their final badge and we start again in September.
- Rainbow certificates are awarded each week in line with our SEAL assemblies (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) which focus very much on how children interact with each other and adults, their helpfulness, their general attitude in school. They receive a certificate for that week and at the end of term have a special Rainbow certificate if they have been awarded three Rainbow awards during the term.
- Each class will have a 'Pupil of the Week' award when they have a trophy or class toy to keep for the week and have their name written on the roll of honour in the classroom.
- Every child is in one of our three houses – Duncliffe, Melbury and Hamilton. House points are often linked to good behaviour, politeness, helpfulness etc and each week the winning house gets 5 minutes extra playtime on a Thursday. During the year we have various events where the children participate in their houses – quizzes, sports events etc
- Attendance certificates are given for 100% attendance during the term, and a special certificate with a voucher is given for any child who has 100% attendance for the whole year.
- Last year I introduced four other awards that are given each half term – for Achievement, Courtesy, Sustained Effort and Citizenship.
- Last year I started posting postcards to pupils who are sent to my office with examples of excellent work – these are very special.

SANCTIONS

There are far fewer sanctions because we try to 'catch the children being good' and want to focus on the positive. The children know that there are warnings given in class followed by an orange card (miss five minutes of playtime) or a red card (miss all of playtime). They may also have time out, on the carpet in class, or standing by the wall at playtime or lunchtime. For serious misbehaviour, children are sent to my office.

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club starts up again this Friday (12th) at lunch-time and then every Friday (weather permitting). The club is run voluntarily by myself, (ex-parent Lorna) and parent Kristy. Anyone who wants to get their hands dirty can drop in; we do supply wellies and gloves but if you have your own feel free to bring them along. A word for those of you who entered our Pumpkin competition last term - keep on feeding and watering until the judging time. Happy Gardening!

Lorna Julius

SIMPLY FOOTBALL

This starts next Wednesday 17th September 3.30 – 4.30 p.m for children in years 1 – 6. Please return forms by **Friday 12th September**, for further details ask Mrs Pike in the school office.

