



The Messenger

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*'Nurturing
Hearts and
Minds'*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Things seem to be becoming a little more difficult in these challenging times currently. Cheshire East being placed into Tier 2 this week brings many concerns and worries for our family and school communities. There are strains placed on everyone as a result and I thank you for continually supporting our efforts. These times are nothing I have ever experienced in my time teaching and as a Headteacher. So much of my time and effort now is 'covid' related in order to ensure our school remains as safe as it can be in order to limit the overall impact of the learning experience on the children. Everything we ask of them, they do with smiles and retaining such positive attitudes. They continue to work hard and they have brought much needed joy to me and the team in recent weeks, they have been brilliant.

I'm sure the coming weeks will bring further challenge, but we will face them together.

Have good weekend. Keep safe.

E J Byrne.

Parent Consultations: These have been arranged for Monday 9th and Thursday 12th November. Times will be available to sign up from Monday. Please note the actual meeting will be set up via 'Microsoft Teams'. Once you have made a request for an appointment, we will send you a 'Teams invite' the week before with further detail. Look out for notifications next Monday to choose your time.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at school in the playground this week. 11:30. Bring your own chairs!



Autumn Challenges: Apart from the current Covid restrictions we are entering the 'usual' flu, cold and bug season. Compounded by decreasing temperatures and ventilation in the school, it can feel quite cold. Please make sure your child brings a coat to school, as we will aim to be outdoors a little more in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Star of the Week and Kindness Award winners

Certificates shared for last week (9.10.20) and this week were awarded to:

	Star of the Week		Kindness Award	
Pre School	Santino Boughey	Sebby Hare	Seth Davies	George Tyler
Reception	Joseph Sarson-Jones	Sophie-Mae Allt	Mia-Grace Thorley	Izaak Cartlidge
Year 1	Teddy Newbon	Greta Gaskell	Elsie Dovey	Ruby Lusher
Year 2	Hirushi Patabendige	Tyga-Lily Frost	Arabella Sweeting	Phoebe Hewitt
Year 3	Lottie Davies	Ocean Nekoei	Elena Macdonald	Amelia Peyton
Year 4	Sam Ferneyhough	Kit Salgarth	Aoibhe Hearnshaw	Isla Horsham
Year 5	Helena Wierzbicka	Ellis Sandall	James Woby	Isaac Gilford
Year 6	Daniel Melody	Tom Broad	Amelie Ledger	Francesca Davies

Well done everyone, you've been brilliant!



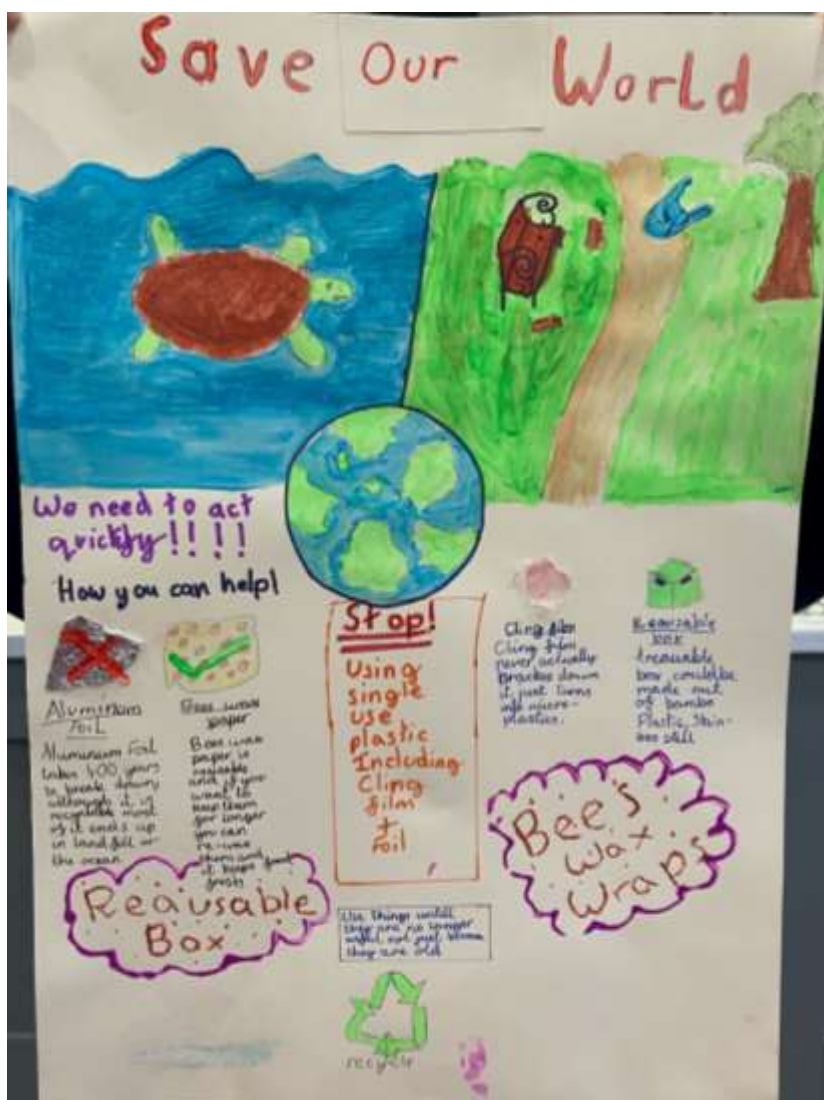
ASM will be providing a half-term 'Festival of Sport' for those interested. Check out their website for more detail.

<https://asmsports.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

Keeping Everyone Safe/Parking/Congestion: We are doing our utmost (as everyone is) to try and make things safe and as smooth as possible at entering the site at entrance and exit times. This week saw an increase in parking requirements because we have had to close the school car park to staff cars. This I know puts a greater strain on space near to the school so please park safely and considerately. Many parents I understand are using the free Station Road car park which is a great way to get those extra few steps in!

Prior to lockdown, in school we began to discuss the issue of 'Engine Idling' with the school council. This was quite a concern for the children. Let's play our part and turn off our engines.

The RAC writes: Why is idling bad? Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.



Poster: Elizabeth Brooks Y5. Elizabeth is clearly very passionate about the recycling and waste issue. She produced this wonderful poster with a letter to me, raising my awareness of just how much plastic we see in school and in lunches. This poster will be shared in all classes and in the school dining area to help play our part. Well done Elizabeth!