



BCJS Weekly Update Friday 10th November 2023

Important News:



Don't forget your odd socks on MONDAY with your normal school uniform/ PE kit!



Value of the Month Adventure



Congratulations to Isabelle M in Maple class for the winning poster for the value of the month competition.

Attendance – A huge congratulations to **Rowan class** who had the highest attendance for last week (30th – 3rd)!



Year 5 Fire Safety Talk - On Monday, Year 5 had a fire safety talk. During our lesson, we learnt about what could cause a fire in our houses and garden, for example BBQs, candles, lighters and hot electrical items such as toasters. We also learnt about making a fire escape plan like we have at school and Kerry told us that we should practise this at home so everyone in our family knows what to do. We should also check our fire alarms weekly and were given a 'Smoke Alarm Challenge' to help us remember to test them. We all learnt a lot and we really enjoyed it. Written by Maple School Council Reps

Black History Month Competition Winners – Well done to all that took part in our Black History Month Heroines Competition. All entries were fantastic and showed amazing research.

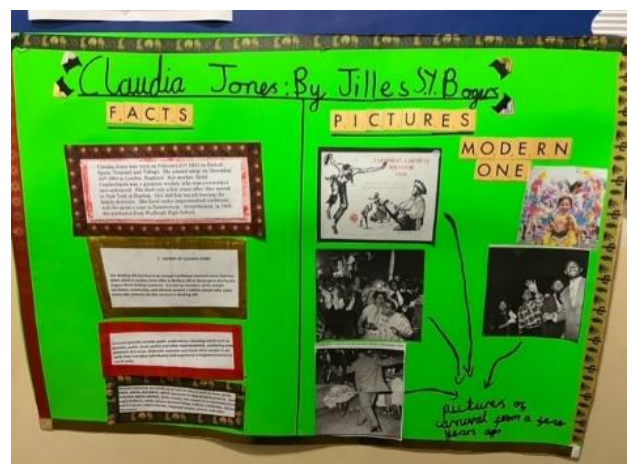
The winners are:

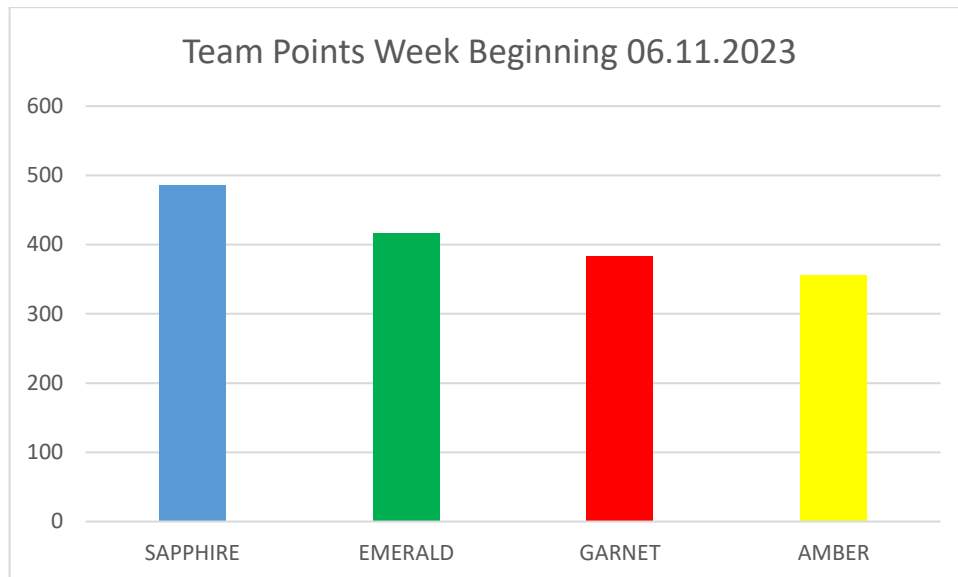
Year 3: Hugo from Oak Class

Year 4: Neriah from Cedar class

Year 5: Jilles from Birch class

Year 6: Ethan from Chestnut class





Homework – Tasks are set every Thursday and due back the following Monday.

- Maths** Activity in our new Maths homework booklets.
- English** See instructions for the task in the purple homework book.
- Reading** Read at home for 20 minutes, 5 times this week.

A green slip may be handed to your child as a reminder to complete their homework. If reading homework is not completed, your child will be asked to read during the school day. This could be during assembly, break or lunchtime.

Reminders:

School Fund and Wish List - BCJS set up the School Fund a few years ago to help fund resources for the pupils that we could not otherwise afford. The additional funding we receive critical over the last three years as school budgets have been steadily falling in real terms. Last year we also set up a Wish List, whereby parents could buy a specific item which the school required. Previously you could support the school by donating/purchasing through ParentMail. However, as we move over to School Ping this facility has not yet been finalised. This should be completed by next week when we will inform you of the new process.



Merits – Merits are awarded every Monday to two children from each class for great choices at school. If your child is awarded a merit, they receive a certificate in our whole school assembly.

Attendance - Just a reminder that if you take your children out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Safeguarding - Our designated safeguarding lead is **Mr Scott**. Also on the safeguarding team is **Mrs Shooter, Mrs Danbury, Miss Bowry and Miss Woodman** Children can contact **Childline: 0800 1111**

Wellbeing – Please refer to the wellbeing tab on our school website for any supportive resources for you and your family.

Important Dates:

Anti-Bullying Week	13th -17th November
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Odd Sock Day (no cost - normal uniform/PE kit)	Monday 13 th November
Children in Need (mufti – spotacular - £1)	Friday 17 th November
Book Looks <i>Book Looks for Years 5 and 6 will be taking place in the Spring Term</i>	Oak Class – Monday 20 th Elm Class – Tuesday 21 st Ash Class – Thursday 23 rd Fir Class – Friday 24 th Cedar Class – Monday 27 th Willow Class – Tuesday 28 th All appointments will be 9.05-9.50am (more details to follow)
Planetarium visit for Year 5 (in school)	Wednesday 22 nd November
Book Fair	20 th -24 th November
Parent Forum	Thursday 23 rd November 6-7pm (agenda to come)
School Nurse visit Year 6 (height and weight assessment)	Tuesday 28 th November
Year 3 visit to Christ Church (Narnia Experience)	Friday 1 st December

You can now find term dates and dates for your diary, under the 'Parents' tab on our website:
www.bcjs.org.uk

The best way to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or queries is by email –
office@bcjs.org.uk . We will endeavour to reply to you as soon as we can.

School website: www.bcjs.org.uk

Follow us on X (formerly Twitter): [@BansteadJunior](https://twitter.com/BansteadJunior)

Please help us by not naming anyone in comments you make. If you have not given permission for your child to appear on social media, please discuss this with them so that they understand they will not appear on our Twitter feed.