



# Tilstock<sup>†</sup>

Part of the Marches Academy Trust

## Talking Heads

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another enjoyable, but busy week at Tilstock and it has been wonderful to see lots of happy children, in all classes across the school, engaged in their learning and reconnecting with friends. The messages of support from yourselves, over the past couple of weeks, have been a joy to receive. I am extremely proud of all our pupils and staff for how well they have reconnected with their learning, showing such positivity and resilience in these unprecedented times.

Please take a look on the curriculum tab of our website, where we have included detailed information for all of your child's learning. Also, after the success of our Christmas Spelling Bee in the Autumn term, we are now looking forward to our whole school Easter Spelling Bee, which takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is a great opportunity to raise the profile of spelling across the school and for children to be celebrated in their achievements. All children will have a letter which will detail their word lists and how this will be conducted. We can't wait!

And finally, today we ended the week by supporting Comic Relief! This was a good opportunity for the children to learn how they can make a positive difference beyond the classroom. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up (staff and pupils alike) working together to raise awareness for a worthwhile charity.

Take care and have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski  
Head of School



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Our Spelling Bee



To raise the profile of spelling and provide children with a purposeful and engaging way to learn, we will be holding a spelling competition every term. We feel that this will be a motivating and fun way to celebrate the achievements of all the children in relation to their learning in English. All pupils will take part by learning their year group word list within class and at home, and then compete in a whole class spelling test (written) during the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March. The children with the highest score for each year group will proceed to the next round: the semi-finals. In this round, the children will compete against children in their key stage, in order to determine the top 'key stage group' winner, who will then proceed to the finals. The Ultimate Final will take place during a virtual whole school Easter Spelling Bee on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We will use Microsoft teams so that each class will be able to watch the spelling finals together!

### Reading the Game

After Easter, years 3 & 4 will be taking part in the 'Reading the Game' programme with Shrewsbury Town in the Community. The programme captures the motivational power of football and sport to inspire young people to read more and improve their English skills. It delivers the statutory requirements of the new national curriculum. Subject to availability the class will receive a player visit and a visit from Lenny the Lion-Shrewsbury Town's official mascot. Each pupil will be given a Lenny logbook, an opportunity to win free tickets to a Shrewsbury Town match and a completion certificate. More details to follow!

### COVID-19 Procedures

To keep our staff and pupils safe there are Covid measures which parents please **MUST** comply with:

- Please adhere to the Covid safety guidance, staying 2 metres apart from any other parents when dropping off or collecting your child from school.
- Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school, as this prevents safe crossing for our parents and children and also blocks staff entering and exiting the school site safely. Please use the village hall carpark where possible.
- Please use the correct entrance and drop off time for your child's class.
- Parents **must not** enter the school office – they must telephone the office with queries or any information which they need to pass on.
- There will be a box placed outside the school office where parents can drop-off/collect any items which need to be passed on.

### Easter Raffle!

A big thank you to Wanda for creating our fantastic Easter hamper, filled with Easter treats. This is being raffled off to raise money for classroom resources. Raffle tickets can be bought from the school office- please phone or email the school office. The raffle will close on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and a winner will be drawn on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## WORSHIP

This half-term, we are focusing on the value of **forgiveness**.



Next week, in worship, we will be learning about the **Easter story** and in particular The risen Jesus meets Mary (John 20.1-2, 11-18) and The risen Jesus meets Thomas (John 20.24-29). If children have any prayers, linked to this theme, that they would like to share during worship, they would be very welcome to do so.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.  
Events at a glance:

2nd April-16<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays  
Bikeability KS2: 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
[Click here](#) to view our [term dates](#).



## AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**.  
Bumblebees: Ivy and Alex  
Squirrels: Aiden and Amelia  
Otters: Gethin and Daniella  
Badgers: Francis and Abbie

### Happy Birthday to:

Ryan, Francis, Julian, Samuel and Mrs Thomas  
who all celebrate their birthdays this week!



## NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

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