



# Tilstock<sup>†</sup>

Part of the Marches Academy Trust 

## Talking Heads

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have endured a rainy, cold week here in school, but we have enjoyed plenty of learning inside. Our Learning Leaders were busy this week reporting their views on the learning going on in their classrooms. It's really important for our children to feel that their opinions and views on the curriculum are listened to and valued. This week we focused on Maths and Writing and they have initiated some great ideas for some curriculum enhancements in the term to come.

This term, we will be holding our summer Poetry by Heart event. This term, across the school, each class will learn a new poem, off by heart. Children naturally pick up rhymes and rhythms, they want to join in, they enjoy the experience – and a rich experience of hearing and learning poems is a fantastic way of learning how language works. Poetry is a perfect way to learn all those technical terms such as similes and metaphors. It naturally focuses on sentence-level skills and enabling our children to recognise how a poet chooses words for effect – it opens up their eyes to language as something more! Our Poetry by Heart event will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, during a whole school assembly on Microsoft teams, we will get to hear our children across the school reciting their poems!

Today children and staff took part in Number Day to raise the profile of maths, whilst supporting the NSPCC. The range of maths activities and learning across the school, from Nursery through to Year 6, was fantastic to see. We will update you with some photos as soon as they are all in.

Take care and have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Rowena Kaminski*  
**Head of School**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Shropshire Wildlife Trust

This week, Badger class welcomed Ellie from Shropshire Wildlife Trust to find out all about their views on Outdoor learning in our quest to become a Nature Friendly School. Ellie will be working closely with staff and children to develop our outdoor learning provision, across the curriculum, so that it is regularly accessible for all children.



### COVID-19 Procedures

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

- **Please use the correct entrance and drop off time for your child's class.**
- Please use the village hall carpark where possible.
- Parents **must not** enter the school office – they must telephone the office with queries or any information which they need to pass on.
- **Children in school to wear the correct, full school uniform- this includes the correct school PE kit.**

### PD DAY:

The normal PD in the Spring term was postponed, due to lockdown, and has been moved to the **12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. Please note that **school will be closed to pupils on that day.**

### Lateral Flow Tests:

Anyone can now use this service to order free packs of rapid lateral flow tests to be sent to your home. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can give the virus to others.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

### Bikeability for Badger Class 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

This term, children in Badger Class will be invited to take part in Bikeability. Bikeability is based on the UK-wide National Standard for cycle training. Bikeability gives children the skills and confidence to cycle more often and more safely on today's roads. Letters have been sent to parents if you wish to take part, please ensure your permission slips are sent back into Mr Paterson as soon as possible.



## WORSHIP



This half-term, in worship, we will be starting to focus on the value of **Perseverance**. Our worship next week will focus on **'Meeting a personal challenge'** (Philippians 4.13). If your child would like to write a prayer for worship this week, please share with your class teacher.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

**Bikeability for Years 5 & 6:** 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Half-term:** 31<sup>st</sup> May- 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**PD Day:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Liam, Andre, James, Isabelle, and Noah who will all celebrate their birthdays this week!



### Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners.

Bumblebees: James and Jamie

Squirrels: Liam and Eden

Otters: Ava and Iolo

Badgers: Declan and Bobby

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## NEWS

