



Headteacher's update....

I am pleased to introduce you to our Academic Mentor, Mr Ball. He is an experienced teacher, who is a salaried member of staff and is working alongside us at Tyndale to provide subject-specific work, revision lessons and additional support for our pupils. We have secured this provision through the National Tutoring Programme, who recognise that tutoring is one of the most effective ways to accelerate pupil progress.



Evidence suggests that small group and 1:1 tuition can boost progress by 3 - 5 months. By recruiting our Academic Mentor, Mr Ball, we will be supporting all pupils who are not currently working at age-related expectations to catch up. If you see Mr Ball around school, please say hello and introduce yourself!

This half term has been tremendously impacted by staff shortages caused by Covid. May I thank you as parents for your understanding and of course, our fantastic pupils and staff who have persevered and maintained a positive attitude despite these difficult circumstances.

This is the last newsletter of this half term so I'd like to wish you all a well-rested, safe and enjoyable February half term!

Important news...

Monday 14 February is an INSET day so the school is closed for all pupils. Friday 18 February is the last day of Term 3 and the school day will end at the usual time. Term 4 will begin Monday 28 February. We have some exciting special menus for Term 4, starting with Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and a special menu to celebrate World Book Day. We will announce further information regarding our World Book Day theme before the half term break. We have a KS1 Maths Fun and UKS2 Maths and Reading after school clubs starting Term 4 on Wednesdays. Please contact class teachers or the office to find out how pupils can sign up. Please see the dates for your diary below on information regarding upcoming events. Our website is updated regularly, so please check our school website for the latest information at Tyndale!

STAR PUPIL – Junior Jeffries



This fortnight, Junior Jeffries has been recognised as Star Pupil for going above and beyond and receiving Gold on the Honour Board for the first time! Junior has been extremely helpful by setting up and putting away chrome books each day for the classes that require them. Junior has also demonstrated excellent manners to all staff and has put a smile on lots of people's faces this fortnight!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14 February	Friday 18 February
INSET day – School closed to pupils.	Last day of Term 3.
Monday 28 February	Tuesday 1 March
Term 4 starts.	Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes lunch menu
	Thursday 3 March - World Book Day



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Governor Award
Year R – Plum Wright
For excellent work in phonics.



Tyndale Values Awards

Aspiration Winner

Evie Fry – Year 5

For setting herself goals and putting a huge effort into achieving them.

Success Winner

Ruby Wilmott - Year 1

For quietly but diligently getting on with her work during lessons, not being afraid of asking questions when unsure about something, and showing the resilience to keep trying when she has struggled with her work.

Pride Winner

Orpheus Shield – Year 3

For great engagement with home learning and for showing passion in reading by uploading a video of reading out loud to an adult.

Nurture Winner

Ricky Lee – Year 2

For helping others with their learning and keeping the classroom safe and tidy.

Aspiration, Success, Pride, Nurture

Honour Board Update

The following children have achieved gold ranking this fortnight:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jaemi Carter and Lauren Bradnick.	Ernie Ayres, Helena Dixon, Reuben Hibbs, Ethan Lear, Zelah Lewis, Leihla Murrell, Xander Roberts Doney, Tobias Russell, Lunaria Shield, Amelie Vincent, Cleo Wiltshire-Dracup, Ayesha Abubakar, Cherrie Monks, Ricky Lee and Ella Fish.	Freddie Holliday, Elsie Power and Finley Nash.	Adam Jamil, Alex Rosas, Sebastian Lewis-Richings and Michaela Keating-Bowles.	Wesley Ruff, Molly Lockett, Elsie Prendergast, Maisie Leach, Tegan Lewis, Kizzie Lewis-Richings and Sahara Shield.	Junior Jeffries, Archie Cole, Phoebe Davies, Julia Ludwin, Ashleigh Steele, Eva Holliday, Jakub Jarmakow, Hayden Keating-Bowles, Livanna Lewis, Alyssia Mills, Pola Pietzak and Maria Raphael.

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Reception:

In EYFS pupils have read and enjoyed a number of stories. This has allowed Reception to write and illustrate their own class book - We're Going on a Tiger Hunt. In maths pupils have continued to strengthen their knowledge of numbers to 20, focussed on the language of length and height and started to learn about specific times of the day.

Year 1:

Year 1 have been learning about continents and oceans in geography over the last couple of weeks (you may have heard them singing the rather catchy continents song they have learnt), and in English we have been expanding our sentences with more complicated phrases and adjectives. In maths, we've been studying fact families and how numbers can be shuffled within them, which has been hard work to get our heads round, but year 1 have shown great resilience and effort to keep trying!

Year 2:

Year 2 have had a busy couple of weeks having finished their learning on multiplication and division. They have now moved onto Money and are using STEM sentences such as Money is a unit of measure to support their learning. In music they have continued learning about 'Rock Music'. Children recorded the change of pitch throughout the song as well as the different instruments they could hear. In English they have been using a thesaurus to improve their vocabulary and adjectives used in their expanded noun phrases.

Year 3:

Year 3 have had a busy couple of weeks and have shown great resilience to be able to adapt to home learning for a short period of time and a different teacher for the week. Thank you for all for being so adaptable to changes! The class have enjoyed focussing on 2-D shapes finding different lines of symmetry looking at vertical and horizontal lines of symmetry. They also worked hard on their Art project, creating Egyptian necklaces; designing them so they are fit for a Pharaoh.

Year 4:

Year 4 have also been learning about Greek Myth Gods, half-human creatures and monsters by retelling stories through creating a story map. They have been working extremely hard to recall multiplication facts each week. A highlight this week was creating fruit salads by using their multiplication and division skills to calculate how much they needed and how to share equally between the class.

Year 5:

Year 5 enjoyed practising their weaving skills in a combined Cultural Studies and Art lesson last week, where they made Chinese lanterns and learnt about the Chinese New Year. They have also started a new Maths unit on Geometry over the last couple of weeks and this week have begun using a protractor to measure angles. It is fantastic to see the amount of resilience being shown! Well done Year 5!

Year 6:

Year 6 have been working hard on decimals, fractions and percentages and have successfully been able to find any percentage of a number. In Science, pupils enjoyed creating a periscope using cardboard boxes and mirrors to see things that are usually out of view. In D&T, pupils worked together to create their own simple pulleys. Year 6 have started to explore how the pandemic has affected children, to support their upcoming newspaper article.

Other:

All classes thoroughly enjoyed participating in the cricket workshop Monday! They worked fantastically as a team, demonstrating resilience, determination and great cricket skills. Thank you Mollie Robbins from All Stars and Dynamos, who plays for Gloucestershire cricket team, for spending the day at Tyndale. Pupils practise key skills including hand-eye coordination, catching, throwing and batting!

Staff Shout Out - Ms Mundy

Thank you so much Ms Mundy for all your dedication to the Tyndale Community since joining in 2002. We will greatly miss you and we wish you all the best in your new job as Finance Manager. You have been such an asset to Tyndale!



Our Fun Fact this fortnight is about our Caretaker - Mr Rudman

Fun Fact:

Mr Rudman plays drums and percussion in a band in his free time. He loves to talk about music. Here is a photo of him playing at a gig!





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This fortnight in pictures

It's been another fantastic fortnight!

Here are some snapshots to show some of the varied learning experiences...

