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<u>Headship Team Update</u>



We have recently sent a letter to inform you of our plans to manage the forthcoming planned national and local industrial action, which has been announced by the National Education Union (NEU). The first of these dates is scheduled for **Wednesday 1st February.** Future dates are 2nd March and 15th and 16th March 2023.

We'd like to reiterate that we are unable to say which classes will be closed on that day at this time. We are working according to DfE guidance to try to remain open. Protecting the health and safety of our pupils is our first priority. Our decision will take into account the number of teaching staff taking strike action, and the impact on the pupil to staff ratio as well as the number of staff able to take on additional responsibilities.

I advise that you plan now for any alternative childcare arrangements in the event that it is not safe to open. The school will send out an email and text at 7:45am next Wednesday morning to advise whether your children's classes are open or not.

We are pleased that there's been such a keen take up on our Year 5/6 Residential Trip in July! There are still a few spaces left, please contact the school office to find out more information.

Our class ambassadors have done a fab job of collecting end of term reward suggestions from their peers and discussing and deciding on the top three choices together to compile a voting list. They independently organised a lunchtime whole school pupil vote and the verdict was that the majority of pupils in the school wanted a silent disco! The class ambassadors have collaborated with Ms Piper-Thompson and Ms Cox and we have booked the silent disco to take place on Friday 10th February 2023 for all pupils eligible for the reward. Don't forget to work towards getting those treat tokens on your loyalty card stamped everyone! We want as many pupils as possible enjoying this on the last day!

Important News

We still have spaces available for the Positive Parenting programme we are hosting. It is being delivered by CCP (Caring for Communities People) on Wednesday mornings, 9.15-11.45am. Please see the attached flyer <u>here</u> for more information. If you're interested please speak to a member of our Pastoral Team.

Kind Regards, Pastoral Team

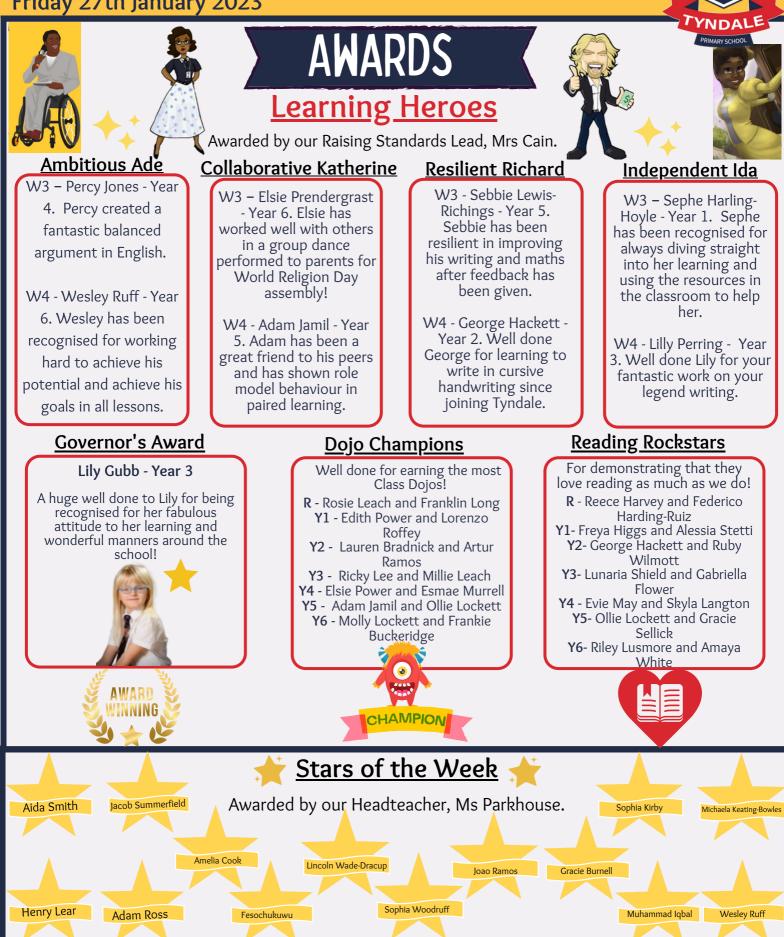
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 January KS1 Hall 3:30pm - Year 6 SATS Parent/Carer Information Evening. Wednesday 1 February - Industrial Action. Please read information above. Thursday 2 February KS1 Hall 3:30pm - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parent/Carer Information Evening. Monday 6 February - INSET Day. School closed to all pupils. Wednesday 8 February 2:45 in classes - KS2 Create a Poem with a Loved One. Thursday 9 February 2:45 in classes - KS1 Create a Poem with a Loved One.

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CLASS UPDATES

RECEPTION

Reception have been focusing on Traditional Tales. Last week they read 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and enjoyed writing story mountains and making bridges to help the goats! Pupils took a little trip out to the school woods, looked for birds and even made bird balls. In maths, pupils have looked at all things zero, comparing numbers to 5 and how to make numbers 4 & 5. This week has been a wonderful celebration of the Chinese New Year - focusing on the story of The Great Race! We thoroughly enjoyed having parents in for the crafts afternoon making lanterns and we have even sampled some traditional Chinese dishes!

<u>YEAR 1</u>

In Year 1, the children have been busy learning to name 2D and 3D shapes using them to make repeating patterns. The children created a class repeating pattern by

drawing a triangle or a circle on their whiteboards and then putting themselves into a line in sequence. In English, children have been using a colouring crayon to write capital letters and using this to help remind them that we don't just need a capital letter

at the start of a sentence. They used adjectives to 'bring their sentences to life'. Pupils have been working together to learn about different mechanisms. They explored a variety of books with flaps, sliders and levers.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have worked so hard over the last two weeks. In maths, they have been learning that multiplication is the repeated addition of equal groups, and they have begun to use the multiplication symbol in their written equations. In English, Year 2 have been continuing their learning about Pirates and this week have been writing fact files about Captain Blackbeard! In science, they have been exploring what is a living and non-living thing and have been learning why animals are suited to their habitats. Year 2 enjoyed the visit from the Cats Protection and gained an understanding of the things cats need and how to look after them.

<u>YEAR 5</u>

Year 5 have been working hard to meet their Character challenge this fortnight. Thank you parents and carers for supporting your children with their planner and reading each night. A highlight this fortnight has been playing Kahoot in class! Pupils have loved demonstrating their understanding of fractions, mini beasts, persuasive language and the story of Charlotte's Web, through competitive online quizzes! In their writing, pupils have been using persuasive devices to persuade Mr Zuckerman not to kill Wilbur the pig.



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YEAR 6

Year 6 really enjoyed their visit from Cats Protection and were able to demonstrate their caring and mature attitude for animal welfare and learned a lot about how to best look after cats. They have been enjoying their learning for their topic 'Unique Me' exploring what identity is and how to classify groups within science. In maths, Year 6 have been showing their growing understanding of decimals in multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting them. In English, they have been exploring what persuasive writing is, in readiness for writing their own persuasive letter next week. Well done Y6!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had an absolutely incredible couple of weeks. They have all been trying really hard to ensure they are working towards our different character habits for our floor book and it is beginning to look incredible. They have been making incredible progress in their multiplication and division skills in maths which has been amazing

to see! They are incredibly excited for the next couple of weeks of English as they will be creating their own legends! Amazing work year 3, keep it up!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have excelled over the last two weeks - they have been working on multiplication and division in maths. They have used ambition and resilience to overcome challenges and to enhance their learning. In

PE, they have been learning netball skills and have been introduced to dance. They have thoroughly enjoyed working collaboratively and creating sequences based on the wind. In English, they have been working hard on finishing their balanced arguments and have moved on to creating their own instructions on how to make a potion. Well done with your learning Year 4!

Staff Shout Out

Mrs Mathews (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

A huge thank you to Mrs Mathews for planning Tyndale's Spanish lessons each week! All our pupils love learning new phrases in Spanish and hearing your voice on the audio clips each lesson!

Staff Fun Fact

Ms Milverton (Y2 Class Teacher) This fortnight's fun fact is about our Year 2 Class Teacher, Ms Milverton!

Ms Milverton's favourite artist is Claude Monet! Last year she went to Paris to see his water lily paintings in the Musée d'Orsay.

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THIS FORTNIGHT IN PICTURES



We've had another fantastic fortnight! Here are some snapshots to show some of the varied learning experiences...

