

Issue 2, December 2021

End of Term Round-up



As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I wanted to take the opportunity to again thank you all for being such an amazing school community. Our collective efforts have ensured that we can continue to provide the very best for the children and help them to thrive in their learning.

I have made every effort to keep everyone as safe as possible and I am very thankful to you all for your continued support to keep the spread of the virus limited in our school community.



This term, we have had two very successful external reviews which evidence just what a GREAT school your children go to. Despite the pandemic we have continued to improve at an extraordinary pace. I hope you are as proud of the school as I am. This school is a wonderful place and I am truly privileged to lead such an amazing institution.

The school team have been outstanding and have continued to work with positivity, energy and commitment. I know they are all looking forward to a relaxing break over Christmas and I hope that every one of them and you have the chance to rest and recharge your batteries over the festive period.



Remote Learning – Please don't get left behind!

The Omicron variant is causing huge concern and it is so important that we are all prepared should we need to switch to remote learning. Make sure you have logged into Google Classroom so that your child can access their learning if they have to stay at home - <https://classroom.google.com/>

Google Classroom login information has been re-sent to all families in Year 1-6, and also to parents of Reception children this month. If you are having difficulty logging in and joining your child's class, Mrs Wise can be contacted for assistance via email to ghpsgoogleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org



Links for the recent Christmas performances for KS1 and EYFS have been shared on the Google class pages for Hedgehogs, Badgers, Foxes and Butterflies.

House Points this Term

The house point competition for this term has been very hard fought and it has been very difficult to try and predict the winners. The totals are now in...

1st Place goes to **Amber** with an amazing 2103 points, closely followed by **Ruby** with 2093. In third place we have **Sapphire** with 1911 points and in fourth position is **Emerald** with 1768 points.

All the children have worked very hard at earning their points and should be extremely proud of themselves for such great totals this term. Members of Amber house were able to have a bonus non-uniform day today (Friday) as their reward for being the winners this term. Well done everyone, GREAT work!

CALENDAR	
4 th January	Start of Spring Term
5 th January	Nursery children return to school
6 th January	Year 1/2 Kings and Queens Day
7 th January	Open Event for children starting school in September 2022 – 9.15am, booking is required, click here to book your place
11 th February	Trust-Wide Inset Day
14 th -18 th February	HALF TERM
21 st February	Children return to school
1 st April	End of Spring Term
19 th April	Start of Summer Term
3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
17 th May	Class Photographs
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM
21 st July	End of Summer Term



Our Star Prize Winner

We have now received the art supplies from the Lexicon, which were won by Phoebe when she entered their competition last month. Phoebe has suggested that they are distributed throughout the school, which is a GREAT idea. We'd like to say a big thank you to Phoebe for being such a super STAR!

Water Bottle Safety

We have noticed that some of the children have water bottles that contain glass, which presents a hazard to all if they are dropped or damaged. In the interest of safety, please only send in plastic bottles with the children for their drinks.

After School and Morning Club

The booking form for [after school and morning club](#) for next term is now available on our website or via this link – [Booking Form, Spring Term](#). Please can we ask that all sessions are booked at least 48 hours in advance as our clubs do get very busy and we may not be able to fit in any last-minute bookings.

If you have any questions about morning or after school club or would like to amend or cancel your child's booking, please email Mrs Wise at ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org



Websites for Learning

From time to time we find some websites that contain learning tools which you may enjoy sharing with your child, please do take a look!

<https://explorify.uk/teaching-support/whats-new/tis-the-season-to-have-fun-with-science> contains lots of links for festive-themed science activities for all age ranges.

<https://dig1t.com/game-resources> have downloadable free Christmas-themed maths resources.

Wishing you all a fabulous, fun and safe Christmas holiday.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Wishing you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and don't forget term starts again on Tuesday 4th January!

Our GREAT Learning



Christmas Fun

