



# This Week's News!

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

We have had an exciting week in school. Our chick eggs have started to hatch causing much excitement for children and staff alike. We have 5 hatchlings so far. There is a video on the school website for you to see one of our latest chicks emerging from the egg.

I would like to say 'thank you' to all the families who sponsored their child for our ActivkidsUK fundraiser. It was inspirational for us all to meet Paralympian Kylie Grimes in school on Wednesday. All the children enjoyed completing the circuit challenge with Kylie. Kylie is a Rugby Wheelchair Champion who has an Olympic Gold Medal and 7 European Golds medals and we thank her for taking the time to visit Flamstead Village School. The event raised a magnificent £855 which will be shared between school and the ActivkidsUK who support athletes with their training, transport and equipment. Well done Flamstead!

In school this week Cherry Class have continued with their maths learning and writing number sentences. Nursery have been learning to write their names and they are all enjoying the outside area, finding out the best consistency of sand to build sandcastles. Maple class have been writing instructions for recipes for the Gruffalo who was having a party.

Chestnut Class have been applying their times tables knowledge to help us solve perimeter problems. In English they enjoyed thinking about how we can develop a character for a play script and in Science they have planted broad beans to investigate how plants develop roots for our 'How Plants Grow' topic.

Bonsai Class have been using their mathematical skills to work out percentages. They have also been writing free form poems based on the book 'Wisp—a story of Hope'.

Today the School Council had a wonderful visit to St Leonard's Church. We had been asked by the Heritage Project to trial some 'Explorer packs' that will be used in the future for children visiting St Leonard's. They all enjoyed exploring the church inside and out and the feedback was that the activities were engaging and fun.

Can I please ask that you support and encourage your children to log into TTRS or Numbots at least once a week. This is a part of their home learning and all children should be accessing this learning weekly. We have seen very low percentages of children in some year groups participating. I would particularly ask Year 4 parents to assist their children in accessing TTRS as they will be completing their Multiplication Times Table Check later this term. We really do see the difference to pupil attainment when they are supported at home to reinforce the learning we do in school.

We will be keeping the side entrance to the school closed for the next few weeks for the contractors to have access to remove more of the scaffolding. After the scaffolding is removed there will be some additional drainage work in this area. There will also be some drainage work on a small part of the playground and at the front of the school. Hopefully the disruption will be minimal and we will have everything back to normal after the May half term.

I hope you all enjoy a super weekend.

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones  
Headteacher



**Italian word of the week - 'pollo' meaning chicken**



# Photos of the week

## Kylie Grimes— Olympic Paralympian Visit



## New arrivals—Our chicks!



## The School Council visit St Leonard's Church



**Bright Stars!**  
**Friday 25th April 2024**

Nursery	<b>Reggie</b>	For putting in lots of effort into his termly goal of writing his name independently. Reggie has mastered the first letters of his name and is continuing to develop writing it all without help!
Reception	<b>Joni</b>	For using impressive vocabulary in her writing this week. Joni has been using words such as sparkles, witty and humorous while writing sentences about 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.
Year 1	<b>Finley</b>	For showing great determination and focus during our Paralympian Challenge Circuit.
Year 2	<b>Darcy</b>	For showing amazing editing skills in her English lesson to make her sentences even better!
Year 3	<b>Lewis</b>	For fantastic work in maths this week calculating perimeter and being kind and caring to his peers.
Year 4	<b>Max</b>	For excellent listening and learning in cornets this week and for being a supportive learning partner.
Year 5	<b>David</b>	For great concentration and effort in Maths.
Year 6	<b>Jeremiah</b>	For perseverance and hard work in Maths

## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?
Nursery	Edie
Reception	Joni
Year 1	Finley
Year 2	Jerry
Year 3	George
Year 4	William
Year 5	Maisie
Year 6	Laila

**We see a direct link between how much home learning is completed on TTRS and pupils achievement in class. Make sure you access your learning each week please!**

## Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 22/04/24
Nursery	83%
Reception	90%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	93%

**Please remember not to take holidays and breaks in term time please.**

## Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
02.05.24	9.00	Reception Parent meeting— EYFS Profile information
02.05.24	9.00	Chestnut Class Assembly
06.05.24	-	Bank Holiday—School Closed
07.05.24	-	INSET Day—School closed to children
13.05.24	-	SATS week for Y6 pupils
22.05.24		Class photo day
26.04.24	9.00	Parent Council meeting with Mrs Walton-Jones
27.05.24	-	May Half Term holiday
03.06.24	-	Back to school
03.06.24	-	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National)
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
25.06.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 'History off the Page' workshops at Markyate School
27.06.24	AM	Sports Day and Picnic
28.06.24	9.00	Cherry Class Assembly
01.07.24	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
10.07.24	3.30—5.30	Open Evening and Arts Fest
11.07.24	9.00	Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day
11.07.24	AM	School Transition Day with Nursery children and Parent staying for lunch
17.07.24	3.30—4.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon
18.07.24	6.30—7.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm)
22.07.24	9.00	Y6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.24	1.30	End of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.30pm

Please put these into your diaries! All these dates and term dates for 2024—2025 are also on the school website.

## Earth Day

Monday was Earth Day. Some of the following link may be of interest to you. Perhaps do one of the quizzes as a family or think about your home recycling, water consumption or transport use with your children. Let's promote taking care of our planet.

### Earth Day Website for information and quizzes

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-quizzes/>

### National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/earth-day/>

### BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdsqdp3>



FISH 'N CHIPS

# QUIZ NIGHT



A FRIENDS OF FLAMSTEAD SCHOOL EVENT



**THURSDAY**  
**2ND MAY 2024**

**7:30PM FOR 8PM START**

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, FLAMSTEAD**



Tickets are £16pp and include **Quiz entry** and **Fish & Chips** or **Halloumi & Chips** from Godfreys, Harpenden.

To book your table (max 8 per team), please follow the link or qr code.

[bit.ly/flamsteadquiz](https://bit.ly/flamsteadquiz)

Bar available on the night.  
All proceeds will go towards supporting Flamstead Village School.



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