



Welcome to our second newsletter under slightly reduced lockdown restrictions. We hope you are all continuing to follow government guidelines on staying alert and staying safe. We have not closed since the initial lockdown was announced, remaining open every week day for key worker children. This has included Easter holidays, the half term holiday and Bank holidays. I am proud of and grateful to staff for their commitment in continuing to provide childcare and home learning to our school community. As we move towards a phased return I feel I have bombarded you with information and many of you have decisions to make about returning to school under different circumstances. We are here if you have questions or require clarity, or need any support. I don't think the sunny weather is forecast to continue for much longer so enjoy it while you can!

Mrs Shaw

Website

Please note that there are changes to the School Behaviour Policy in line with COVID 19 protocols.

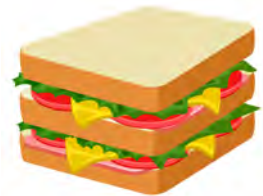
There is an additional section explaining behaviour expectations with the smaller groups of classes phasing in. Please take time to visit the website and read this updated information. Hard copies are available upon request.

Mrs Shaw is continuing to read the whole school book 'The Girl Who Walked on Air' by Emma Carroll. There have been some problems loading this, but we are assured it is sorted now and daily chapters will begin again.



Community

We continue to enjoy walking the estate and calling on our families to find out how you are doing and what news they have. The weather has helped us all spend more time outdoors and we know that many of you are enjoying new paddling pools and hot tubs. I have learned new ways to start sweet pea plants growing, have lots of reading book recommendations and ideas for family walks and bike rides. We are definitely noticing some longer legs and taller children! We have continued to welcome you to collect packed lunches and food bags and have enjoyed chatting to pupils as they exchange books and drop off work. Well done for all you are doing and keep it up. We have also continued to support the older members of our community with food parcels and sandwiches.



Eco Club

We are so proud to share with you that we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Silver Award. Our Eco Team have been working hard to create a sustainable environment for our pupils and families and have recently installed water butts to collect rainwater. We are using this water for our vegetable patch and are hoping to then use these vegetables in our design and technology lessons and cookery clubs.



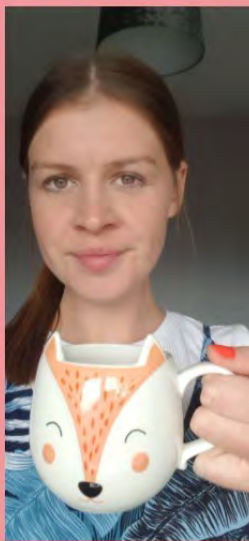
For our next project, we are hoping to revamp our greenhouse to help us on our growing journey. To keep up to date with our Eco progress, please follow our Twitter page @NYPS_ECO.

Share a Cuppa!

At New York, we know how important it has been to stay connected with others during lockdown. We therefore decided to participate in the PG Tips Share a Cuppa promotion and enjoy a virtual cup of tea!



Share a Cuppa!



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Kindness Workshop

On 20th May, the children of key workers in school took part in a Kindness Workshop run by the charity

52 Lives. The workshops aim to spread kindness and empower children by helping them to realise that the little choices they make every day have the power to change people's



lives, while improving their own physical and mental health at the same time. We had an

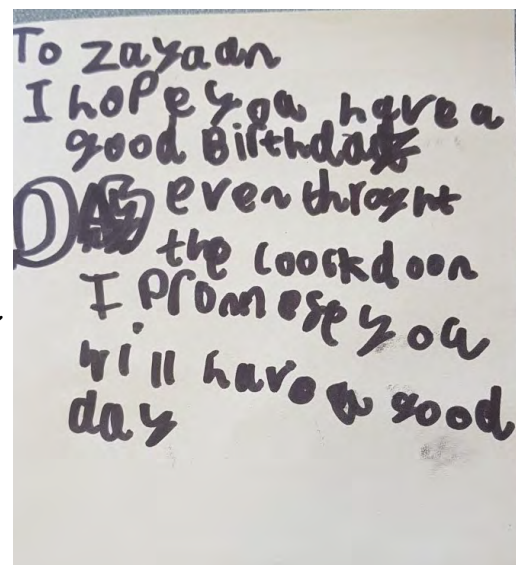
interactive presentation held via YouTube Live by the 'Director of Kindness' (what a great job title!) Greig Trout, who Mrs Middleton went to primary school with! We learned a lot about the

benefit of kindness to others AND the benefits to our

own health. Greig told us all about a boy who is in lockdown with his mum in London, in a

one room flat with no outdoor space, so we

spent the afternoon making him birthday cards to cheer him up!



#NYPS Proud

We asked you to tell us how your children have made you proud during lockdown and this is what you said...

Year 5 and Year 2

Amelia and Lewis have been very thoughtful during lockdown thinking about their grandad being alone so they asked if we could bake him some cakes and cook some evening meals for him. We took them down and left them beside his door and waved from the car park!

Year 1

James has made us very proud during all of this, he's coped so well and made loads of lovely memories along the way.

Reception

Izabelle has made me proud by helping me to teach her 3 year old sister. Because of Izabelle, Evelyn can now count to 20 and understand her shapes and colours! Brilliant teacher.

Reception

Alice has made me proud for always helping - especially in the kitchen cooking and baking.

Year 4

Grace learned how to skim stones across the river in Plessy Woods achieving 2 and 3 hops. I am also very proud of Grace for waking up at 3.45am and watching her very first sun rise.

Year 1

Lucie has made us very proud since the start of lockdown because she has learnt to ride her bike and to tie her own shoe laces!

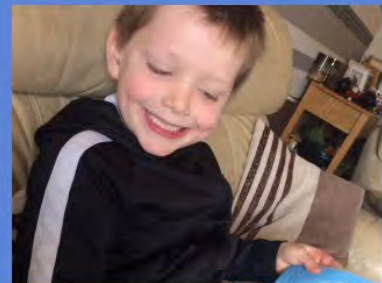
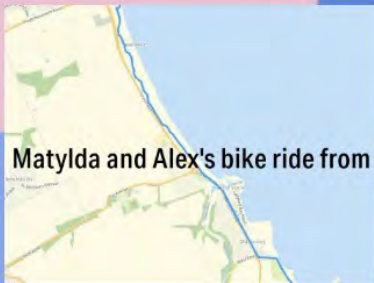
#NYSProud

Year 1

Thank you for being our light in the dark, you have been strong, resilient and positive, always doing your school work and making people smile. We are so proud of you Leon!

Year 4

Miyah has no siblings, therefore has had no contact with any children for the whole time. She has understood the reasons why this has had to happen although she has found it hard sometimes. Miyah has been keeping in contact with her dance friends through virtual Zoom classes and Face timing her friends and family regularly.



#NYPS Proud

Year 1

We are really proud of how well Ethan has adapted to lockdown life! His reading has come along so well and now he is racing through books which are the next stage up from what he was reading at school.

Year 1

I am so proud that Daisy wants to help wildlife. Now everywhere we go we have to stop and pick up litter that's on the floor that can harm the wildlife (it's a good job we carry gloves everywhere). Daisy also talks about 'her world' a lot, saying people shouldn't drop litter in 'her world' and that it needs to be full of flowers and animals.

Year 1

Alicja has made me so proud these last few months by being a little ray of sunshine every single day! She has helped look after her brothers, had a wonderful attitude to learning and has astonished me with her creativity. Some of the things she is most proud of are: learning how to light a match, making a volcano and watching it explode, learning how to ice a cake all by herself, doing lots of experiments (especially her George's Marvellous Medicine ones!), learning how to do the splits, making a 'bug hotel' and becoming a master tree climber! She is especially proud of her book of pressed flowers that she spent 6 weeks over Spring collecting and pressing. I am very proud of her reading...there is no stopping her now!

Year 4

Lilly-Grace has handled these uncertain times with strength and a positive mind set. It has been difficult to juggle the demands of working from my kitchen full time and caring for Lilly-Grace, however she has completed her own school work each day, as well as helping with housework and she has even ran me a bath. Lilly-Grace has been so well-behaved and patient throughout. I am one extremely proud Mam.

Reception

Ava has made me so proud with her writing and sounds. She can now confidently recite her set 1 sounds and is beginning to remember set 2.

Year 1

I just want to say how proud I am of Phoebe for continuing to do her work while at home with a 2 year old sister.

#NYPS Proud

Year 3

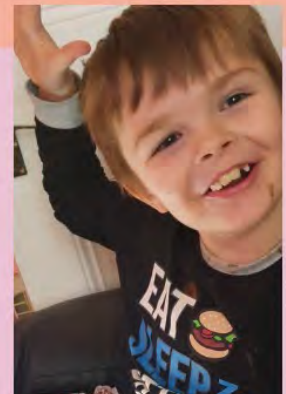
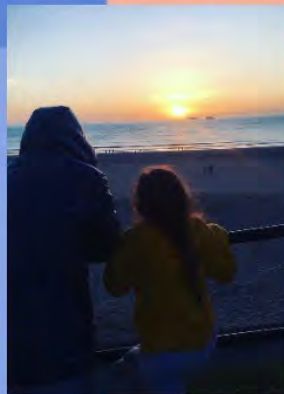
Jack has made me very proud by mastering his 3 and 4 times tables off by heart!

Year 1 and Nursery

We are so proud of Matylda and Alex and their cycling skills.

Year 2

We are so proud of Bobby for his achievements in Doodle Maths!



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What we've been up to...

Miss Eiles

I have been taking part in weekly 'Come Dine With Me' challenges and I have won 3 weeks in a row! I made the winning scones, the winning flapjack and the winning pie - which was key lime flavour. Check out our recipe page for the Terry's Chocolate Orange flapjack that I made. I brought some in for Team 1 and they gave it a big thumbs up!



Mrs Smith

I have been turning my back yard into a garden! I have made a flower wall, built a shed and planted some wild flowers! Fingers crossed they grow!

Miss Ransome

I have been enjoying lots of daily walks around my local area. My new favourite place to visit is Wallsend Burn! I am also enjoying lots of home learning with Thomas and Ronnie, who has even managed to take his first steps!



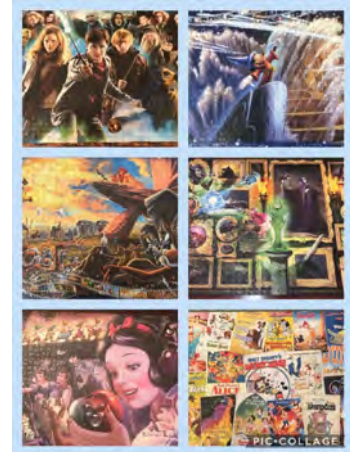
Miss Gladstone

I have found my love for reading again during lockdown! I have read 12 books (thanks to Miss Eiles and Miss Drake for the recommendations!) as well as doing jigsaws in the garden.

What we've been up to...

Miss Burn

I have been enjoying completing lots of Disney and Harry Potter jigsaws. They have all had 1000 pieces. I have had to have lots of patience and resilience to complete these!



Mrs Bourne

I have been enjoying spending time with my twin girls who turned two in May. We have been visiting our local park so that they can practise riding their new scooters. They love kicking a ball around on the field!

Miss Keay

I have been enjoying long walks with my dog, Lola. I went to the Rising Sun Country Park and although it started to rain there was a lovely rainbow! It was a beautiful view!



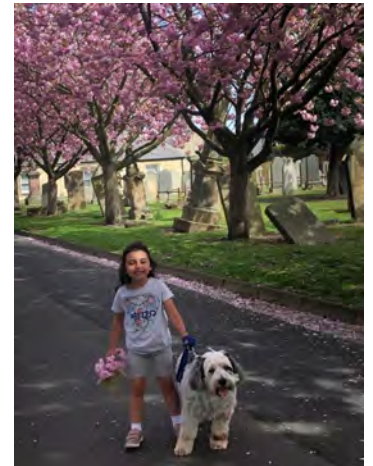
Miss Hubbard

I have been learning a new skill during lockdown and may be a professional by the time I come back to school. I could take over music from Mr McDermott!

What we've been up to...

Mrs Cole

I have been enjoying lots of daily walks around my local area with Layla and Floyd. Look at the beautiful blossom trees that bloomed in our local cemetery!



Mrs Davidson

I have been to the coast most days, enjoying the morning sunshine before it gets too busy. Who else has been to see the amazing stone towers at Whitley Bay? I have been out running a lot, but it has been really tough in the heat! I have also been reading more than usual - I've been trying to alternate between fiction and non-fiction and have just finished a book about WWII that Miss Gladstone kindly lent me.



Miss Brown

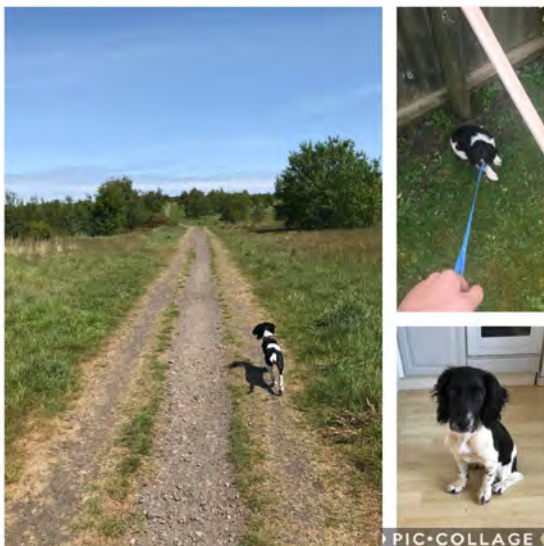
I have been enjoying going on lots of lovely walks, especially the ones in the glorious sunshine! I just couldn't resist taking some photos of the pretty views.



What we've been up to...

Miss Baxter

I have been out for some lovely walks in this beautiful sunshine; we have been so lucky. My dogs Ziko and Freddie have been enjoying our beach walks on a weekend. I have visited Plessey Woods, Hareshaw Linn waterfall and Cambois Beach.



Mr Lisle

I have been trying to train a puppy how to sit, stay, return and walk on a lead. This has been trickier than I first imagined, but after a little time we soon got the hang of it. We have been on many walks and discovered many new places in the local area.

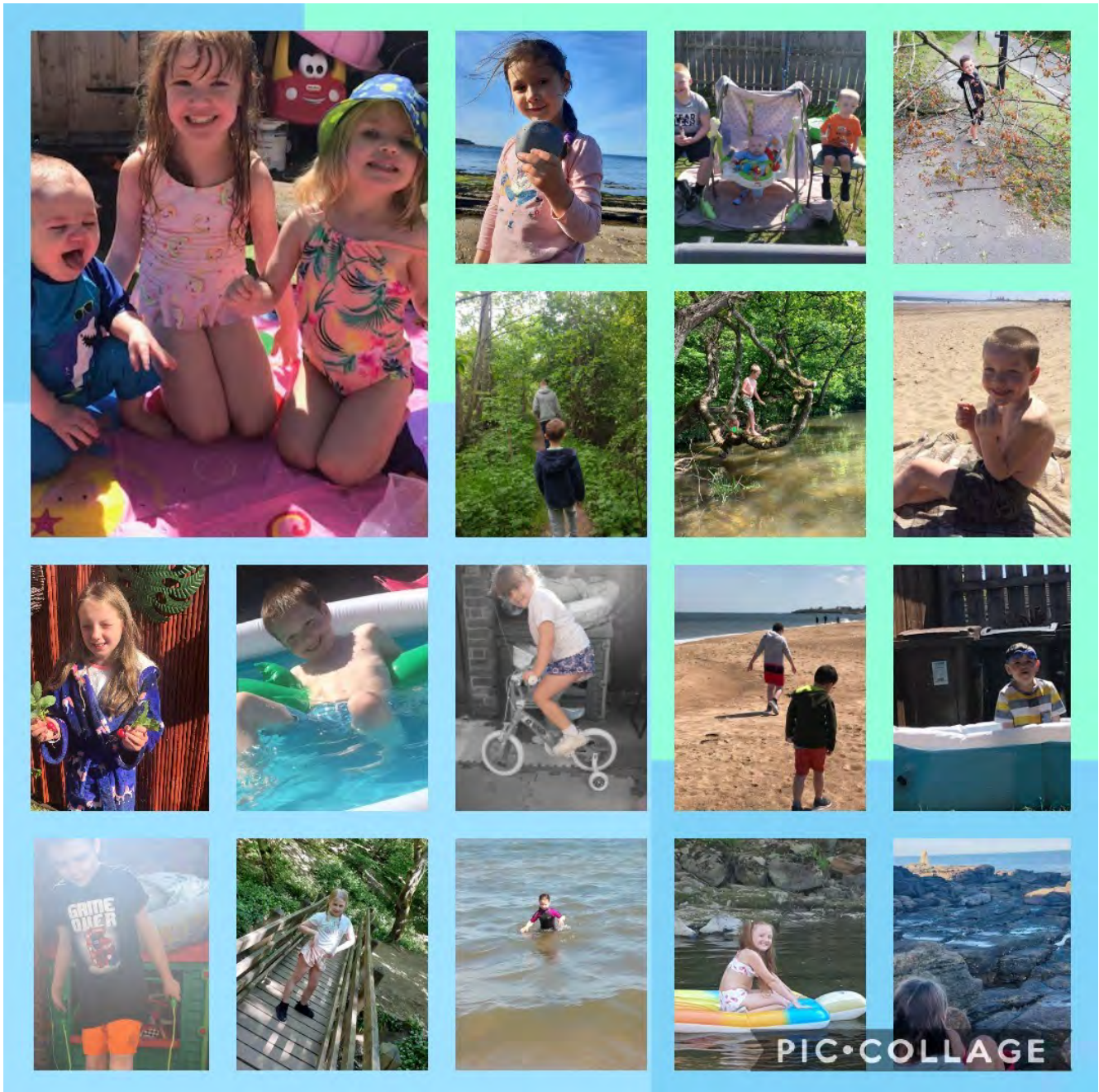
Miss Lonsdale

I helped to celebrate my brother's birthday during lockdown by baking him this rainbow cake!



The Great Outdoors!

We asked you to share your stories and photos from your time outdoors and, as always, you didn't let us down!



Year 2

This is Isaac's favourite picture because it's the biggest stick he has ever found!

The Great Outdoors!

Year 4

During lockdown, Miyah has mastered the art of cycling and has been on many bike rides with her Dad. We have also taken up gardening and growing our own vegetables and fruit such as carrots, strawberries, chilli peppers and radishes. The main thing we have enjoyed about lockdown has been spending quality time together as a family and enjoying walks. We did not realise there were so many beautiful places near where we live. We have also been to the coast where we love to pay a visit to the newly born seals on St Marys lighthouse.

Year 2

Matthew has enjoyed days at the beach looking for rocks and smoothed glass before coming back home and jumping into the pool!

Year 2

Amelia has been learning how to make dens for herself and her toys. She has loved playing in the sunny weather and has even done her homework in it!

Reception

Ava has loved being outdoors in our back yard learning how to ride her bike. She has also mastered how to hula hoop and can't wait to show you all!

Year 4

Lily Grace and I took a trip to Plessy Woods and we really enjoyed it.



The Great Outdoors!



Year 4
Grace hiked up a huge waterfall and sat at the top before jumping in.

The Great Outdoors!

Reception

Alice has enjoyed the outdoors and her favourite so far has been Hamsterley Forest.

Year 1

Elle completed a 15 mile bike ride to Newcastle and half way back. She did amazingly going so far. She also visited St Mary's Lighthouse at 9.30pm one evening to catch the sun setting. Elle also went on a bike ride to the Cobalt Pond where she had a picnic.

Year 4

Last week we had a lovely sunny day at Plessy Woods where Maisie managed to look at Tadpoles in the water and even had a little swim.

Year 1 and Nursery

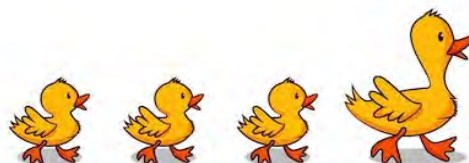
Matylida and Alex enjoyed their first swim this year at Longsands Beach. They have also searched for fossils at Hartley Bay.

Year 2 and Reception

Rosie and Albert have loved to walk or ride their bike up to the Silverlink Biodiversity Park to see the swans, geese, ducks and coots during lockdown. They have always looked out for the baby animals.

Year 3

Jack is enjoying playing outdoors in our back yard with his sisters. He has learnt how to skip and is starting to do tricks!



Recipes to try!

Miss Eiles' Award Winning Terry's Chocolate Orange Flapjack!

You will need:

175g margarine
175g brown sugar
4 tablespoons of golden syrup
225g porridge oats
1 chocolate orange



Method:

First, reheat the oven to 160 degrees.

Next, carefully melt the margarine, sugar and golden syrup in a pan.

Then, chop half of the chocolate orange and add to the wet mixture along with the oats.

After that, mix well and press into a greased tin.

Now, bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes.

Finally, once cooled, melt the rest of the chocolate orange and spread or drizzle over the top.

If you try out this recipe, please upload a photo to our Twitter for us all to see!



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Lockdown Playlist!

We think that it's important to stay cheerful during this challenging time!

Here are some songs that never fail to make us smile...



Marshall Jefferson
Move Your Body



Junior Senior
Move Your Feet

Beach Boys
Surfin' USA

Rudimental
These Days

Queen
Don't Stop Me Now

Katrina and the Waves
Walking on Sunshine



Rusted Root
On My Way

Vera Lynn
We'll Meet Again

Which songs have you been listening to during Lockdown? Tweet us and let us know!



Birthdays!

At New York, we always love to celebrate the birthdays of our pupils and are very sorry to have missed so many of your birthdays during this period! We would therefore like to wish a very happy birthday to the following pupils:

- 1st May - Grace (Year 4)
- 2nd May - Ben (Nursery)
- 5th May - Olivia (Year 2)
- 6th May - Ethan (Reception)
- 7th May - Jed (Year 5)
- 7th May - Otis (Year 5)
- 8th May - Cerys (Year 2)
- 8th May - Ethan (Year 6)
- 9th May - Carter (Year 1)
- 10th May - Jake (Year 3)
- 10th May - Isobel (Year 3)
- 13th May - Erdzhan (Year 1)
- 13th May - Alex (Year 5)
- 13th May - Roxy (Year 5)
- 15th May - Ava-May (Year 2)
- 15th May - Charlotte (Year 3)
- 18th May - Albert (Reception)
- 19th May - Mason (Year 1)
- 20th May - Cohan (Nursery)
- 23rd May - Morgan (Year 6)
- 24th May - Kayleigh (Nursery)
- 24th May - Phil (Year 5)
- 24th May - Arian (Year 6)
- 25th May - Olivia (Nursery)
- 25th May - Eli (Year 2)
- 26th May - Esmae (Year 2)
- 27th May - Jacob (Reception)
- 2nd June - Pippa (Reception)
- 2nd June - Jerome (Year 3)
- 2nd June - Hassan (Year 6)
- 3rd June - Ethan (Year 3)
- 4th June - Jenson (Year 1)

