

14th January 2022

# Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we do every term, Mrs Alexander, Mrs Lashley and I have been meeting with every class teacher to discuss the progress and attainment of all the children. We were delighted with the reports from teachers. Children are engaging well with their learning and demonstrating their knowledge in all sorts of different ways. Parent consultation evenings will be coming up before half term (week commencing 7th February), please make sure you book an appointment to talk with your child's class teacher. The support and encouragement of their learning you give to your children plays an enormous role in their success as learners.

Well done to **YELLOW HOUSE** for earning the most house points in the second half of the Autumn Term. They enjoyed an extra playtime together on Friday last week.

This Half Term, we have a new Skill For Success...**Responsibility**. The theme of Responsibility will be interleaved across the curriculum throughout the half term.

Congratulations to the winners of medals from last Half Term. The children (list right) have all displayed brilliant Self-Belief.

The book token raffle for children who were green all term will be held in Monday's assembly...good luck!

**Mrs L Handel**  
Headteacher



## WINNERS!

Last Half Term our Skill for Success was Self-Belief. Teachers have nominated some of their children for demonstrating excellent levels of this skill and the lucky winners of a medal are:

**Jacob**  
**Elena**  
**Celina**  
**George**  
**Marianne**  
**Summer**  
**Eliza**  
**Ruby**  
**Michael**  
**Jayne**  
**Keira-Lilly**  
**Stevie**  
**Summer**  
**Keira-Lee**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

This Half Term...

# SKILL FOR SUCESS: RESPONSIBILITY



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## Dates for Your Diary

- > Feb 21st half term week begins
- > Week commencing 28th March Y4 residential trip to Dartmoor
- > 11th April Easter Hols
- > Week commencing 9th May Y5 residential trip to London
- > Monday 2nd May school closed for bank holiday
- > May 30th half term week begins
- > Week commencing 27th June Y6 residential trip to Porthpean
- > Friday July 22nd School Closed

## Garden Days

Reception
Friday 14th January
Year 1
Friday 21st January
Year 4
Tuesday 25th January
Year 5
Thursday 27th January
Year 3
Thursday 10th February
Year 6 (Class 15)
Tuesday 2nd February
Year 6 (Class 14)
Wednesday 3rd February
Year 2
Thursday 17th February

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

With Covid 19 cases on the rise nationally, please remember it is Government advice to continue to undertake a lateral flow test regularly. Please inform the school if you receive any positive test results. If you have not yet had your vaccine or booster jab, please consider booking in for it.

**Let's all do our bit to get through this!**



Due to allergies, we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or nut based foods.

If you can't fly, then **run**.  
If you can't run, then **walk**.  
If you can't walk, then **crawl**,  
but by all means, **keep moving**.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

#### REMEMBER!

Please remember that if you send a college age child to collect your primary age child, they should come alone and not congregate with friends on the playground. Please also do not ask college age students to meet parents on our playground after school, use a meeting point away from our school playground.

Each year on the third Monday of January we observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and reflect on the work that still needs to be done for racial equality.



Martin Luther King Jr was a social activist who played a very important part in the American civil rights movement. He sought equality and human rights for all races through peaceful protest. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his significant efforts and accomplishments in the movement. He was eventually assassinated in 1968.

Although not a national holiday in England, this day is seen as a day to reflect on Kings work and think about racial inequality.

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**What is the donated money used for?** To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: (1) developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school; (2) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

## A week in the life of Year 2...

We have begun to look at ways of collecting data. Today they learnt about tally charts and braved the rain to record the colours of the cars they could see, then collated their findings in a tally chart.



In Science, Year 2 have been exploring reversible and irreversible changes. To see these changes in action, they mixed together the ingredients for a delicious chocolate cake and made ice cubes.



Year 1 and 2 took part in a music workshop this week. The children used actions and their voices to feel the rhythm of the music and enjoyed learning new songs



Year 2 are learning to play the Djembe drums in Music this month. Today they focused on rhythm and feeling the pulse of the music.

Year 2 have carried out an experiment to see which material is the best at keeping water hot. The children made predictions and recorded the temperature of the water every 5 minutes to ensure a fair test.





## Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Baby and Toddler Group

This week the  
Toddler and  
Baby group  
made its  
grand return.

The theme was *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. All the children who attended had a wonderful time with Playdoh, teddies, painting and snacks!

We do have one space remaining on our sessions. If you are interested in your little one joining in the fun, please contact the office.



### Current Covid Guidance

- Get vaccinated and get your booster dose
- Wear a face covering in most indoor places and on public transport
- Work from home, if you can
- Get tested and self-isolate if required

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Current Self-Isolation Guidelines

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if your symptoms do not go away.

You may also be able to leave self-isolation after 7 days if certain conditions are met.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>



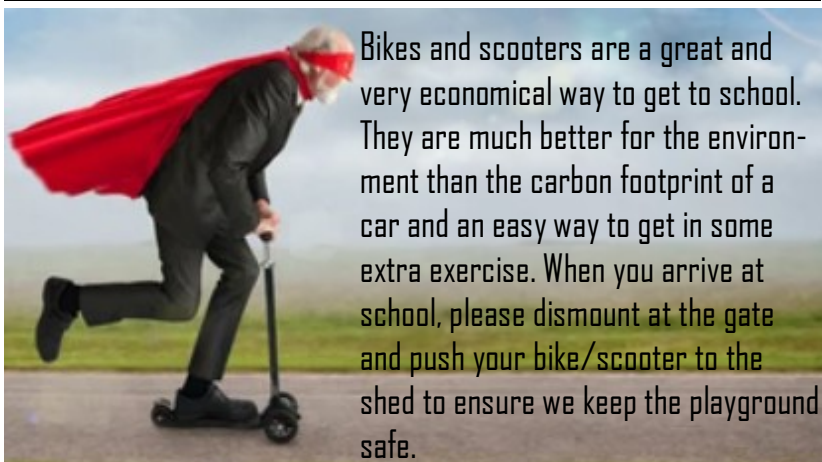
### Jazzy Biscuits

- 100g butter
- 50g caster sugar
- 150g plain flour
- 100g white chocolate (melted)
- Lots and lots of sprinkles



1. Preheat the oven to 150°C/300°F/Gas Mark 2.
2. Dig out your largest baking tray and grease with a little butter.
3. Carefully measure out the butter and sugar and ask your little helper to combine with a wooden spoon until smooth.
4. Weigh in the plain flour and stir into the buttery mixture. This might be easier with little hands rather than a spoon.
5. Roll out to approx 1/4 inch thick.
6. Get creative with cutters and cut out some fun shapes. Bake for 15-20 mins.
7. When cool, pour on melted chocolate and get decorating! Try to ignore the sound of sprinkles merrily bouncing off the worktop and onto the floor.
8. Leave to set.

**Given it a try? Send us a photo to feature on our social media pages!**



Bikes and scooters are a great and very economical way to get to school. They are much better for the environment than the carbon footprint of a car and an easy way to get in some extra exercise. When you arrive at school, please dismount at the gate and push your bike/scooter to the shed to ensure we keep the playground safe.