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As you are aware from our Annual Report our Year 6 children did very well last year in their end of year SAT's. As a result of this we have had external recognition for their achievements as we have received a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP congratulating us on the "very high level of progress that pupils in key stage 2 in your school have made in their reading, writing and mathematics". This means that Courtland is amongst the top 2% of schools in England in terms of the progress we make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2.

Well done to the Year 5 Football Team who did very well in the Football Tournament today, winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 1.

Year 5 Parents/Carers please remember that your class assembly will be on Friday 2nd March at 9.15am. Reception class assembly will be on Thursday 15th March at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Lisa Walker

This half term our SEAL theme is: Going for Goals

Our value for this month is: Determination

Thought Of The Week: Human Greatness Does Not Lie in Wealth and Power But in Character and Goodness.

Anne Frank

***Congratulations** to Sophia Talebi, Khadija Ahmed, Akshayan Jeyagobikrishna, Hina Khan, Logan Havens, Zac Christodoulides, Grace Cox, Matthew Day-Howell, Nisbat Badjami, Sibu Ali and Shay Vaghjiani who were recorded in the **Golden Book** for their outstanding work.*

***Congratulations** to Sophia Talebi for achieving her 10metres Swimming certificate.*

***Congratulations** to Beatrice Theocharous for winning 1st place in her Ballet and Contemporary Dance competition. **Congratulations** to Atena Barani for achieving her Grade 7 in Piano.*

***Congratulations** to Alex McNicholas who played for London Athletic FC in a recent football tournament. London Athletic reached the final beating two QPR academy teams along the way. Alex scored 10 of LAFC's 15 goals and was chosen as player of the tournament by the QPR officials.*

SCIENCE

Mrs Rose has seen this website and thought that you might like to have a look at this with your child. The children can talk to real scientists, ask them questions and then vote for their favourite scientist. The next 'I am a Scientist Get Me Out of Here' runs from the 5th - 16th March. <https://imascientist.org.uk/>

YEAR 1

Please see the letter that is coming home today regarding the Year 1 trip to The Science Museum on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Wednesday 28th February we will all be dressing up for World Book Day. (We are holding our World Book Day on 28th February as Year 6 are on a trip on 1st March). Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.



100 Million Minutes Reading Challenge

From Thursday 1st March 2018 to Friday 9th March, as part of World Book Day, we will be joining in with the 100 Million Minutes Reading Challenge. Our objective is to collectively read for as many minutes as possible during the week. All of our minutes will be recorded on the official website, where there are prizes to be won. However, this challenge isn't just about winning prizes. It's about encouraging all children to read every day, helping them to improve their imagination and communication skills and brighten their future prospects. Research shows that just ten minutes of reading a day makes a huge difference to a child's progress.

Here are some of the details about the challenge:

- All reading counts towards our school's minutes.
- Pupils can read anything. Paperbacks, magazines, comics, plays, newspapers and e-books are all great.
- Whether reading on their own or with an adult, pupils should tell their class teacher how long they read for at home. The class teacher will record their minutes on a class chart.

Happy reading!

NETBALL CLUB

There will be no netball club next Monday 26th February as Courtland will be hosting staff training for our partnership schools on that evening. Netball club will be back on the following Monday 5th March.

RECEPTION CLASS CAKE SALE

Reception class will be holding their cake sale after school on Wednesday 28th February. Please get baking or buying, and bring your cakes in to the school office on Wednesday morning.

YEAR 2 SAT's MEETING

There will be a meeting for Year 2 parents on Thursday 1st March at 2.30pm in the year 2 classroom. Please can all Parents/Carers make every effort to attend.

YEAR 2 TRIP

Please look out for the letter that is coming home today regarding the Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday 21st March.

VICTORIAN DAY

On Wednesday 7th March Year 2 will be holding a Victorian day. We ask that all the children dress up in Victorian style clothes for the day. Please see Ms Ayala if you need inspiration for the costume.