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Newsletter 4

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This week we have been very lucky and have been visited by the inspirational team GB athlete. Steve Frew. He is an artistic gymnast who has competed and won medals for Scotland and Great Britain. His top tip for life is "Be all you can be." Having him visit the school and talk to the children has not only inspired them in sport but also in how to show one of our values, Resilience. Be all you can be' is about keeping trying, not giving up and being the very best version of you that you can be. Many of our children show this and we are very proud of their progress and achievements both in and out of school. Be all you can be is an excellent motto for children and adults to aspire to.

As you read through the newsletter each week you will see examples of children and often adults aspiring to 'be all they can be' and this week is no exception with on-the-spot house points and out of school achievements.

Mrs M Janes - Headteacher



We wish to thank the hugely talented Savannah Eddy – Aunty of Lola, Poppy and Bobby Holland - for painting this beautiful tree for us. Thank you to the FOA for their help with the organisation of this. We are now planning for our next whole school Parental Engagement session where we can add some decoration of our own to the tree.



Winning House Non-Uniform Day:

Friday 16 February will be a non-uniform day for pupils from the house with the most points this half-term. The winning house will be announced in our whole school assembly on Friday 9 February and in next week's newsletter.

Team GB Athlete Visit:

The pupils enjoyed a fantastic day of fitness with Commonwealth Games Gold Medal winner, Steve Frew. All pupils took part in a sponsored circuit and then listened to Steve talk about his journey to becoming a gold medal winner. Steve showcased a few of his talents: pommel spins, backwards role, forwards role, as well as leaping over pupils and staff!

Pupils have until Tuesday 6th February to return their sponsorship money and named form to the school office in order to win their prizes for the money they have raised.





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Attendance Cup:

The winner for this week is **Robins** with **97.8%**

This week's trophy winner is:

Community Trophy - shared between Louie U and Lola H (Hawks)

Pride Trophy - Farhan (Hawks)

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Hawks	4
Penguins	8
Buzzards	13
Kestrels	15
Swifts	19
Falcons	20
Eagles	20
Harriers	25
Red Kites	33
Wrens	34

House Points - Special Mention:

Belle (Harriers) for continuing to work hard on her Junior Duke activities. She is learning skills such as first aid and budgeting that could be of use to herself and her community as she grows older. **Awarded by: Mrs Somiah**

Jessica (Harriers) for being an avid reader at home, having a great general knowledge as a result and for sharing what she knows during discussions. We are extremely proud of her. **Awarded by: Mrs Somiah**

Florence (Eagles) for all her effort with completing extra homework. She was particularly interested in our English book, Talking Histories, and so went and did some extra research on Emmeline Pankhurst. **Awarded by: Mrs Allen**

Farhan (Hawks) for learning, positive attitude and pride in his work have all been noticed by a variety of staff in school this week. What an excellent role model you are, Farhan! **Awarded by: Miss Kiernan**

Year 3 – Swimming:

This term, Year 3 have been taking part in their swimming sessions. The children look forward to it every Friday and can't wait to get in the swimming pool. There has been so much progress since the start of term and children are continuing to show resilience during their lessons. We have also been immensely proud of how they have represented Ashtree School, and their behaviour has been impeccable. With a few more weeks left, we are sure that they are going to keep giving 100% whilst having a lot of fun too!

Outside Achievements:

Freddy has been playing with NCF Elites this week, they won 15-4. He is due to play in a Tournament at Hawthorne's home of West Bromwich Albion.



We will have a fun filled week of activities that include, looking after our outside areas and looking after our bodies and minds.



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Monday 5 February	Tuesday 6 February	Wednesday 7 February	Thursday 8 February	Friday 9 February
Menu 2 12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance Volleyball Y5/6 (lunchtime) Premier Education Gymnastics Club Rec – Y6 After School Club 3.15-4.15pm	Table Tennis Y3/4 (lunchtime) Premier Education Dodgeball Rec- Y6 3.15-4.15pm GoShin Karate Club Y3-Y6 After School Club 3.30-4.30pm	Stevenage Royals Basketball Y1 – Y6 After School Club	Stay Active (lunchtime) Rec – Y2 SFC Football Rec- Y2 After School SFC Football Y3- Y6 After School Premier Education Tennis Rec-Y6 After School Girls Football Training Mr Allen Y5/6 After School	FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec – Y6 AM Club SFC Multi-Sports – Rec - Y2 Lunchtime 12.30-1pm) Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 – Y6 (Mrs Cox) After School 3:30-4:30pm

School Dates 2023 / 2024

Half-term Holiday: Monday 19 February 2024–Friday 23 February 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 12 April 2024

Inset Day 4 – Friday 3 May 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Half-term Holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

Inset Day 5 – Monday 22 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Occasional Day – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Summer Holiday: 24 July 2024 - 1 September 2024

School Dates (2024/25)

Start of term: 2 September 2024

Half term holiday: 28 October 2024 - 1 November 2024

Christmas holiday: 23 December 2024 - 3 January 2025

Half term holiday: 17 February 2025 - 21 February 2025

Easter holiday: 7 April 2025 - 21 April 2025

Half term holiday: 26 May 2025 – 30 May 2025

Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 3 September 2025

Inset Day 1 - 2 September (Monday)

Inset Day 2 - 25 October (Friday)

Occasional Day 20 December

Inset Day 3 - 6 January (Monday)

Inset Day 4 - 22 April (Tuesday)

Inset Day 5 - 23 May (Friday)



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You're Invited!

Autism in Schools coffee morning in conjunction with

ADD-vance
The ADHD and Autism Trust

When?

Wednesday
13th March

Where?

Ashtree
School

Time?

9-10am

Parent Carers of autistic children (both diagnosed and undiagnosed) are welcome.

No need to book!

Why not come along and find out more about:

- What Herts Parent Carer Involvement (HPCI) does in the Autism in Schools project.
- What that means for you as a Parent Carer.
- How it will help your child.
- Meet other Parents of autistic children and young people.

If you would like further information, please email louise@hertsparentcarers.org.uk