

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



## Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Next week there are a few events taking place in school that the children will be involved in one way or another.

Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. This takes place every February and is an opportunity to raise awareness and strive towards a safer and better internet for us all. There will be lots of discussions taking place next week along with activities to promote this. Internet safety will be the main focus of next week's newsletter and we look forward to sharing some of the key messages that will come from this.

It is so important to keep this topic going, the children are surrounded by a fast developing technological world and we all need to support them with strategies to keep themselves safe online. I taught Year 4 computing this morning and their knowledge and use of technology is a sight to behold. We spoke about how they will be using technology when they are older that doesn't exist today - which is both an exciting and daunting prospect - and teaching the children to view technology and their interaction with it with respect is key.

Next week is also National Football week and there will be a few activities that are going on across the school at various times of the day. Those of you who have booked school dinners will see that our catering company have jumped wholeheartedly into this and the lunches next week will have a sporty theme!

Finally, next week is also Children's Mental Health Week and the children will have some activities to practise led by Mr Vine, ending in a calming yoga session on Friday led by Happy Little Yogi.

What a busy week it will be, around all of our usual learning.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

### Attendance update

We're pleased to announce that we are introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. More information about the parent app and how to use it will follow via parentmail next week.



This is a system used by many schools in Central Beds to monitor attendance and the types of illnesses that are circulating, hence the name 'study bugs'.

Part of this system will allow school to send automated letters when your child's attendance hits particular thresholds, overseen by the office, Deputy Head and Educational Welfare Officer. These will also begin next week. Please note these letters could be generated on any day of the week and will be emailed to the email addresses registered on our system. Should you have any questions or concerns surrounding your child's attendance, please do contact school for support.

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# Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... ..showing responsibility!



<b>Fir:</b> ★ Lexi Rose	<b>Yew:</b> ★ Riley	<b>Aspen:</b> Callum ★
<b>Rowan:</b> Hazel	<b>Poplar:</b> Iris	<b>Juniper:</b> Frank ★
<b>Sycamore:</b> ★ Adelaide	<b>Elder:</b> Elijah ★	Well done to you all!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Thursday 8th February** 2.30pm Parent Forum

**Friday 9th February** FoMT Non-uniform day

**Tuesday 13th February** Parents' Evening 4-6pm

**Thursday 15th February** Parents' Evening 4-7pm

**Friday 16th February** Half term ends

**Monday 19th February** Half Term week

**Thursday 7th March** World Book Day

**Friday 8th March** FoMT Mother's day gift shop

**Thursday 21st March** 2.30pm Parent Forum

**Thursday 28th March** 9.10am Reception and KS1 Easter assembly - parents welcome

**Thursday 28th March** 9-10.30am Pre-school Easter activity session. If attending the Easter assembly, please do feel free to join us afterwards.

**Thursday 28th March** FoMT Easter activity afterschool

**Friday 29th March** Easter holiday begins

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

## Attendance Awards

Week beginning 29th January 2024

The best attendance award is presented to:  
**Poplar class!**

<b>Mulberries</b> 91%	<b>Fir (YR)</b> 94%
<b>Yew (Y1)</b> 95%	<b>Aspen (Y2)</b> 96%
<b>Rowan (Y3)</b> 97% ★	<b>Poplar (Y4)</b> 98% ★
<b>Juniper (Y5)</b> 94%	<b>Elder (Y6)</b> 93%
<b>Sycamore (Y6)</b> 95%	<b>Our target is 97%</b>

## Lumi Nova

We would like to introduce you to **Lumi Nova**, which is a digital therapeutic game for childhood anxiety. It is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears & manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.



Lumi Nova has been commissioned by East London Foundation Trust and is available to young people in years 3-6 across Bedfordshire and Luton.

Lumi Nova is ideal for children who may:

- lack confidence to try new things
- seem unable to face simple everyday challenges
- find it hard to concentrate
- have problems with sleeping or eating
- have angry outbursts
- have negative thoughts about what's going to happen
- be avoiding everyday activities, eg. going to school, seeing friends
- become irritable, tearful or clingy

Lumi Nova is not suitable for children in crisis, with more complex needs or disabilities preventing them from using a mobile device. We would recommend neurodiverse children use the game alongside a professional. See instructions for use: [bit.ly/luminova-ifu](https://bit.ly/luminova-ifu)

### Access page

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy and doesn't require assessments or lengthy forms. For instant access to Lumi Nova, for any children you want to get started now, please click on the link below or scan the QR code. **SIGN UP HERE** - [luminova.app/elft](https://luminova.app/elft)



### Where can I find out more about Lumi Nova?

More information about Lumi Nova including FAQs and case studies can be found at [luminova.app](https://luminova.app).

If you have any questions or need some tech support you can reach out to BFB Labs using [support@bfb-labs.com](mailto:support@bfb-labs.com).

If you want to learn more about Lumi Nova, there are 30 minute Lumi Nova Discovery Sessions for Parents. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and learn how Lumi Nova can support your child to tackle their fears and worries and build lifelong skills.

Register to attend a session here: [Lumi Nova Parent Discovery Session](#)



# Love Yourself Day

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

We think you're fantastic as you are,  
come to school in what you love!

## NON UNIFORM DAY

**£1 DONATION**

Sweet cones and milkshake cones will be  
available to buy at the end of the day from  
the playground and the hall.

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**MONDAY  
26TH  
FEB  
2024**



# **FOMT FRIENDSHIP DISCO**

**TICKETS £3 EACH INCLUDING A FRIENDSHIP BRACELET**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING CELEBRATING  
FRIENDSHIPS**

**TATTOOS  
TUCK SHOP  
COLOURING IN  
DANCING & MORE...**



**Mulberries & Reception - 4:00pm-4:45pm**  
(parents required to stay with Mulberries children)

**Years 1,2 & 3 - 5pm- 6pm**

**Years 4,5 & 6 - 6:15pm - 7:15pm**