



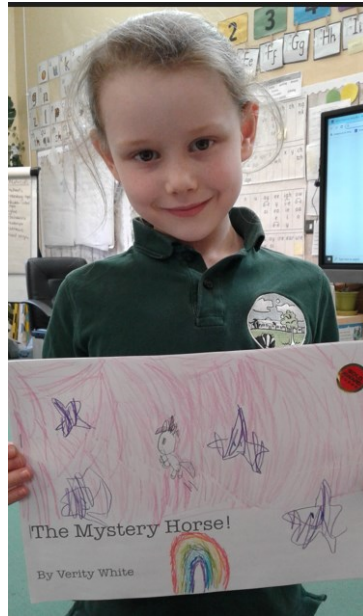
The Mawsley Megaphone

Celebrating our school community's success, interests and talents.

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An Amazing Author Already!

Verity, in class 3, spends her spare time planning and writing her own stories. Mrs Buckle had the pleasure of reading this amazing story: 'The Mystery Horse!' Mrs Buckle said 'It was an amazing fantasy story with lots of magical elements.' Not only does Verity write the stories, she illustrates them and turns them into books.



Verity with her book

Man of the Match



Elliott with his trophy

Elliott was thrilled to be awarded Man of the Match early in March for The Mawsley Dragons football team. The Dragons played against Mawsley Raptors. He was so proud of himself. It was the first week the coaches decided to award a Man of the Match trophy and Elliott went down in history, collecting the first one!

Railway Expert

Alfie, class 10, has a real passion for railways. Alfie and his dad are making their own model railway in their garage and have to work hard to design and make their railway to ensure trains can run on it—what amazing engineers! Alfie was inspired into this interesting hobby when he visited the Milton Keynes Model Train Show and asked for modelling kits for Christmas. Alfie also likes visiting steam railways and his favourite is the Talyllyn Railway in Wales. Alfie said, 'I enjoy trying to get the trains working and running on their own on the set we make.'



The Talyllyn Railway

Can you inspire others?



Do you have any good news to share? Do you have an interesting hobby or talent? Have you won an award? Please get in touch with Mrs Buckle as we would love to share the interests and talents of our school community.

Mrs Buckle, class 3

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Sports Competition News



South of England Athletics Championship Qualifiers!

Our Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics team went to the County Finals to compete in February. Their hard work at training sessions paid off, as they came 2nd out of the whole county, surpassing our school's best result of 4th! They all received a silver medal and now qualify for the South of England Championships at the end of April! An amazing effort and team performance! Thank you so much to all the parents and carers for their support, and especially Colin and Kate as parent helpers.



Mawsley's Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics Team with their medals

Everyone at Mawsley wishes you



for your next competition!

Acro Gymnastics Action for Amelia

Amelia, class 7, is part of an Acro Gymnastics squad, which takes a lot of hard work and dedication. In February, Amelia and her squad took part in a competition and came 1st place in their category. This is only their third competition together and they have won their category in them all!



Amelia in action!

First Place for Isla

Isla has recently taken part in a gymnastics competition and came away with her first ever 1st place medal! Isla trains at Kettering Gymnastics Club and took part in a floor and vault routine. Isla said, 'You get scored for both parts and the highest score wins.' Islas has had to perfect her cartwheels, ground offs, hand stands and forward rolls as well as performing a handstand with a flat back on the vault.



Isla on the podium

Panda Cam Excitement for Reception



In February, our Reception children emailed Edinburgh Zoo after watching the live panda cam and got a lovely response back. Mrs Underwood said, 'We wanted to share the questions and answers with you in the Mawsley Megaphone as we feel incredibly lucky. We had been watching the cam as part of our Chinese New Year week.'

Thank you so much for your email, and we're thrilled to hear that you have been enjoying watching our panda cam!

Where did Yang come from?

Both Yang Guang and Tian Tian are from the Bifengxia Giant Panda Base, which is based in the Sichuan province in China! Both pandas have been with us since 2011 and are now 19 years old (Yuang Guang will be 20 on the 14th of August!)

How much bamboo does he eat?

Yuang Guang in particular can eat up to 100kg of bamboo every day - that's almost the same weight as he is!

Where does all the bamboo come from?

We have several bamboo farms dotted around the zoo where we grow some of the bamboo, however most of the bamboo our pandas eat comes from an area just outside of Amsterdam!

Does he eat anything else? Does he like treats?

99% of a giant panda's diet consists of different types of bamboo, however they also enjoy eating carrots, apples, honey, and a special treat we call 'Panda Cake' (which sadly is not an actual cake, just a secret recipe containing bamboo and some other panda-safe treats!)

He looks messy, is he?

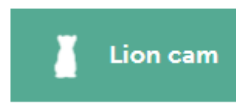
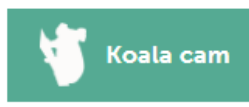
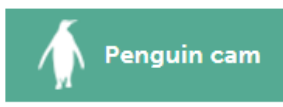
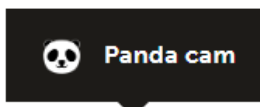
Do you give him a bath?

Yuang Guang is certainly messier than Tian Tian! Our keepers do not give our pandas baths, and like many other animals, pandas will groom themselves to keep clean (although it would certainly be a sight to see our keepers trying to give Yuang Guang a bath!)

We hope that you are enjoying your panda sanctuary play, and hope you continue to

enjoy watching Yuang Guang on his panda cam! 🐼

If you have any other questions about our pandas or any of our animals, we would be more than happy to answer them for you, so please don't hesitate to get back in touch!



Visit www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams to see the live animal enclosures at the zoo



The panda enclosure at Edinburgh Zoo

What goes black, white, black, white, black, white?



A panda rolling down a hill!!



Have you won a trophy or award outside of school? Let Mrs Buckle know all about it and you might feature in the next issue of The Mawsley Megaphone.

Check Mate for Finn



Finn, class 7, loves playing chess. He says he plays everyday with matches against his parents and brother. Finn said 'I learnt to play chess on a gigantic set in a hotel garden in Scotland.' Finn enjoys the game as it is complicated and no match is the same. He has a few chess sets, with his Harry Potter one being his favourite and strictly reserved for special occasions. Finn also likes to play electronically and says that it is a really great way to learn the best moves.

Finn with one of his chess sets



Edward's photographs and medals

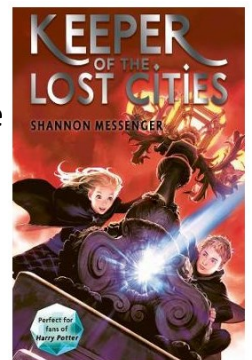
More Gym Success for Edward

Edward, class 5, continues his success with 6 more medals in gymnastics. On Sunday 19th March, Edward competed in a regional competition in the East Midlands in Leicester. He took part in 5 different disciplines. He was awarded gold medals for rings and floor, a silver medal for vault, bronze medals for high and parallel bars and then a silver medal for the highest points scored over the competition. What an amazing success at one event!

Reading is a passport to endless adventures.

Book Recommendation

Sophie is the odd one out at school and even in her family. Not only is she super-smart with a photographic memory, but she can read minds too. So when she discovers she's not actually human, strange as that is, things suddenly start to make sense. With a new friend, Fitz, also not human, she travels to another world to discover more about who she really is. Meanwhile, in the human world, strange fires are causing terrible problems – can Sophie help? And even in her new home, she's in danger, thanks to the mysterious secrets buried in her memories. A riveting story that will really appeal to fans of magic, adventure and mystery.

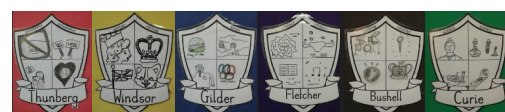


'A little bit Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, a little bit Lord of the Rings, and a little bit Harry Potter. And it's all fun!' **Michael Buckley, author of The Sister's Grimm series**

'A delightful and dangerous adventure with complex characters and relationships you'll root for to the end of time.' **Lisa McMann, author of The Unwants**



Term 3's winning team for collecting the most values points was Curie.



Term 3's winning team for collecting the most learning points was Thunberg.



Be Brave! Be Kind! Be Yourself!

