

## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

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| Ridgeway | 272pts |
| Kennet   | 270pts |
| Avebury  | 267pts |
| Silbury  | 263pts |



Well done to all...really close this week!

## Nursery News

What an exciting first week back. It has been all about the pumpkins and potions. We have loved reading, 'What's inside the Witch's Kitchen' by Nick Sharratt, introducing the children to lots of rhyming words, building on our nursery rhyme work from last term. We even had time at the end of the week to tend to our garden and plant some daffodil bulbs ready for Spring.



## Poetry Competition Final ... WOW!

Congratulations to **Silbury** on winning the Poetry Competition today. We had some amazing heats and semi-finals throughout the week, resulting in the House Competition Final today. The standard of presentation and delivery was extremely high and Special Guest Judge Mr Bicknell had a difficult job choosing a winner. Well done to all our finalists who were:

Ridgeway- Jessica (1Elm), Erin (3Alder), Ethan (6Juniper)  
 Avebury- Evelyn CR (1Holly), Robin (3Birch), Kaiden (5Sycamore)  
 Kennet- Lily (2Beech), Rory (4Chestnut), Sam (5Rowan)  
 Silbury- Eliza M (2Hazel), Imogen (4Hornbeam), Kavin (5Sycamore)  
 Highly Commended: George (1Elm), Freya (3Birch), David (5Rowan)

The House Finalists from **Silbury** were presented the Poetry Competition Trophy, which looked splendid wearing their House colours.

### An enormous thank you goes to:

- All those families who supported their children in learning a poem and to all those children who subsequently took part.
- The staff who supported the learning process & helped select poems for those who needed it.
- Mrs Godwin for donating the owl and Mrs Spencer for converting it into a trophy.

## Isle Of Wight Assembly for Y6 Parents

Thank you to everyone involved with Year 6 and the Isle of Wight trip, for this morning's assembly. It is always lovely to see how much the children enjoyed their time away, and to see how this time fits into their learning in school.



We were particularly impressed by the high levels of maturity shown by the group whilst they were away, and we were constantly stopped by people to compliment the children on their impeccable manners. We have been equally impressed by the way they have embraced the technical aspects of the curriculum learned in preparation for and following their trip. Some of the geographical, historical and literary aspects are particularly enhanced by being able to see it for real, 'in the field'. A special thanks once again to the amazing staff who made it possible: Mr Badger, Mr Buckley, Mrs Birkett, Miss Hewitt, Mrs Newdick, Mrs Turner, Mrs White and Mrs Wirdnam, all of whom give up a week with their own families to ensure AMCPS children have fun and stay safe whilst away from theirs.

## Year 5 Parents take note! **Reminder!**

Please note a meeting about the Isle Of Wight Trip 2024 (when your child will be in Year 6!) is next week. Please attend this meeting on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the Year 5 classrooms**, to find out the arrangements for next year, including dates and costs.



## The Poetry Winners are:

**SILBURY**



Congratulations to all our finalists.

Your performances were of the highest quality. These children, aged 5 to 11, recited very complex and lengthy poems.

AMAZING!

# Helping your child Read

A Special Presentation for AMCPS Parents



**It is YOU that makes the difference!**

Please come and join us with Neil Griffiths  
on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 2pm



Neil Griffiths is a former Headteacher and currently an Author and International Educational Speaker. He is coming to talk to parents about supporting children's reading at home and developing a love of reading.  
**2pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

Please come and join us for this really important presentation. Especially timed to be just before you collect from school next Tuesday. Come and hear how you can help your child, even more, with their reading.

## School Councillors get their badges



## Language Ambassadors

Watch this space to see the Language Ambassadors photograph, soon! These children will be acting as child mentors to children who arrive at school from other countries and speak another language.

The children had an assembly this week focusing on the ways to keep safe near water, especially in winter. Please see this [booklet \(link here\)](#) which is an important thing to share with your families. It has also been emailed home!

## Bag2School



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Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
**before 9am**

in the Community Room  
please use the outside door by the staff car park

Any questions - please ask Sarah Swan in the School Office

[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

Please contact Mrs Cunningham if any of these sessions for parents interest you and you would like to book a place. Some you can just turn up... have a look below...



## **UPCOMING PARENTING PROGRAMMES**

(open to all parents but they must book a place – please contact us to add to list)

**Family Links @ Brook Field 02/11/2023 1pm – 3pm (fully booked)**

**Happy Homes @ Ferndale 14/11/2023 1pm – 3pm**

**Family Links @ Abbey Meads February 2024 time TBC**

## **UPCOMING PARENT SESSIONS**

(open to all parents – parents can just attend – no need to book)

**Anxiety/Wellbeing @ Brook Field with Becky  
03/11/23 9am**

**Eating Well @ Greenmeadow with Jacqui  
15/11/23 9:15am**

**Sleep @ Ruskin with Jacqui and Gayle  
21/11/23 9:15am**

**Anxiety/Wellbeing @ Lethbridge with Torz and Becky  
16/01/24 at 9am**

**Eating Well @ William Morris with Jacqui and Torz  
18/01/24 9am**

**Eating Well @ Abbey Meads with Jacqui and Torz  
25/01/24 9am**



# Great Ideas?

are you a budding entrepreneur?

To mark 10 years of the Community Centre @ Christ Church, we are running a competition and asking young people to come up with an innovative fundraising idea or event.

The top 3 entries chosen from each age category will have the opportunity to pitch their idea to a panel of local business professionals including Nick Hewer of Apprentice and Countdown fame on 20th January 2024.

The winner of each age category will have the opportunity to bring their idea to life and will of course win the top prize. Prizes to be confirmed.



Age categories are:  
8-11 (junior school)  
11-16 (secondary school)  
17-18 (college students)

Closing Date: 8/12/23  
For an application pack please email:  
[chris@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:chris@christchurchswindon.co.uk)



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