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Dear All-

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ENTER CIC - Good News

The first exciting session of ENTER CIC Drama group took place at the Community College on Sunday - 22 children attended – but we want **more** of you to come along! When the group came into school for a taster day, the feedback from the children was fantastic. We don't want anyone to miss out on this exciting opportunity to participate in singing, dancing, performing arts - or even just helping behind the scenes – when the opportunity is right on your doorstep! The good news is that the price will remain at £2 per child with an additional sibling discounted to only £1.50.

Come along and give it a go – Sundays 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Parental Responsibility

We always strive to ensure that parents who no longer live together - but still have joint parental responsibility - receive equal information from school. However, for this to happen, it is essential that parents approach us and formally inform us of their change in circumstances, to ensure that our records are accurate. We do appreciate that providing us with this information can be highly sensitive for families - and this is therefore always handled with confidentiality. If this situation applies to you, we would be grateful if you could contact school to make us aware.

Parking and Public Safety

There has been an incident this week where a member of the public came into school to let us know that a parent who was parked on the grass opposite The Grove opened their car door without looking, almost causing an accident. They were very visibly shaken by this experience. Congestion around school at the beginning and end of the school day is a concern for both the Town Council and the School. Can we remind all parents and carers - who out of necessity need to pick their children up by car – that they are encouraged to park at the safe 'Park and Stride' car parks (by the Library and the Workingmen's Club) and walk to school to collect their children. Please be vigilant and considerate to other road users if it is necessary for you to park in close vicinity to the school; I know that the safety of the children is of paramount concern to us all. Thank you for your support.

Adam Bushnell

Adam- storyteller and published author visited school this week to work with children on stories that linked with their topic themes. Feedback from class teachers as follows:

Nursery children had a fantastic time with Adam, listening to stories about dragons and knights. We made dragon masks and looked at some real armour! **Mrs Meroniuk – Nursery Teacher**

Reception children worked extremely hard with Adam making up a storyboard about the mystery of the tale of the arctic fox and the ice witch. The work produced was brilliant and they were very enthusiastic about the session.

Mrs Cornwell – Reception Teacher

Year 2 imagined they were an endangered animal and used their full range of senses to say what they could see, hear, feel, smell and taste. – **Mr Roberts – Class 5 Teacher**

Jay's Animal Encounters

On Thursday, Year 6 had a visitor named Jay. He brought at least ten animals:- Snake, Blue Tongued Skink, a Cane Toad, a cute Meerkat, 3 Baby Dragons, 3 Scorpions, a Trancular and a few more. Callum was allowed to have the snake around his shoulder and had a photo taken. Jay has a zoo, but no-one can visit because he brings the animals to you. He described the animals in such good detail, everyone knew that he was talking about. Everyone enjoyed it and we didn't want him to go! - Reporters : **Alexis and Harry**

Website

Our website will be undergoing a "make over" in the next couple of weeks – so please bear with us regarding its current presentation.

 **This week's attendance award goes to Class 6 and 100%**

Awards

Neat Handwriting and Presentation

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|----------|---------|----------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Class 1 | Alexis | Class 2 | Joe | Class 3 | Lucy |
| Class 4 | Ryan | Class 5 | Kurt | Class 6 | Leoni |
| Class 7 | Brodee | Class 8 | Satine | Class 9 | Robert |
| Class 10 | Alex | Class 11 | Leah | Class 12 | Callum/Abbie |
| Class 13 | Matthew | | | | |

Maths Award

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| Class 1 | Freya B | Class 2 | Ewan | Class 3 | Ebony |
| Class 4 | Lewis | Class 5 | Amy | Class 6 | Jack |
| Class 7 | Josh | Class 8 | Joshua | Class 9 | Cassidy |
| Class 10 | Chloe | Class 11 | Tamzin | Class 12 | Caitlin |
| Class 13 | Nathan | | | | |

Citizen of the Week

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| Class 1 | Portia | Class 2 | Kadey | Class 3 | Declan |
| Class 4 | Georgie Leigh | Class 5 | Harry | Class 6 | Joslin |
| Class 7 | Scarlett | Class 8 | Paige | Class 9 | Alisha |
| Class 10 | Matthew | Class 11 | Scott | Class 12 | Danielle |
| Class 13 | Megan | | | | |

Nursery Star of the Week

am nursery: Maddie

pm nursery: Layla

As usual, if you have any queries, suggestions or comments with regard to our service to you, please contact a member of staff or myself via the main school office.

Best wishes to all,

A. Pybus-Coates
Headteacher

