

18th November 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a spotty and yellow day today! We have some wonderful costumes on both sites. The students have all been working on Damian Hurst inspired art pieces using coloured spots to tie in with the *Children in Need* theme. These are all being displayed in our gallery, which is shared on Dojo, and art pieces will be auctioned off for donations to Children in Need. If you would like to buy a piece of art work, or to donate, please go to our Justgiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mabel-prichard-1668162847487> Thank you so much to those of you who have donated already, at the time of sending this, we have raised £90.

We have our Christmas plays on 16th December and our Friends of Mabel Prichard (FoMP) are holding a raffle to raise money for the school. Tickets will be available online and winners will be notified later that day, so if you cannot attend performances, you will still have an opportunity to take part in the raffle. Further details of how to buy tickets will be shared by FoMP, and if you are able to donate any prizes, they would be gratefully received.

Can I please remind you to ring school as early in the morning as you can if your son or daughter will not be attending. It is absolutely vital that we know where all our students are. Please do not send messages with drivers, we need to have the information directly from you. Please ring the school number on 01865 777878 and select the option for the pupil absence line and leave a clear message with the reason for their absence. It is really helpful if you do this as early as possible. We are experiencing high levels of staff absence currently and we cannot establish whether we need to close a class until we know how many students are in. If we do need to close a class, we aim to give you as much notice as possible, and this cannot be done if we have to wait for transport to find out who is in or not. As the absence line is a messaging service, it does not matter how early you ring. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Finally, have a good weekend everyone and thank you so much again for your amazing support with Children in Need.

Best wishes

Lucy



Important Reminders

**Football Day
December 1st**

**Santa Run, walk, wheel
December 15th am**

**Christmas Plays
December 16th
10am Primary
1pm Secondary**

**Primary site: Cuddesdon Way, Oxford OX4 6SB
Secondary site: Sandy Lane West, Oxford OX4 6JZ**

**Tel: 01865 777878
www.mabelprichard.org
Email: enquiries@mabelprichard.org**

INVITATION TO A PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Dear parents and carers

Annemarie Garay, Clinical Nurse Specialist Bladder and Bowel Service, is running I training at primary on Thursday 26th of January at 2pm in the hall.

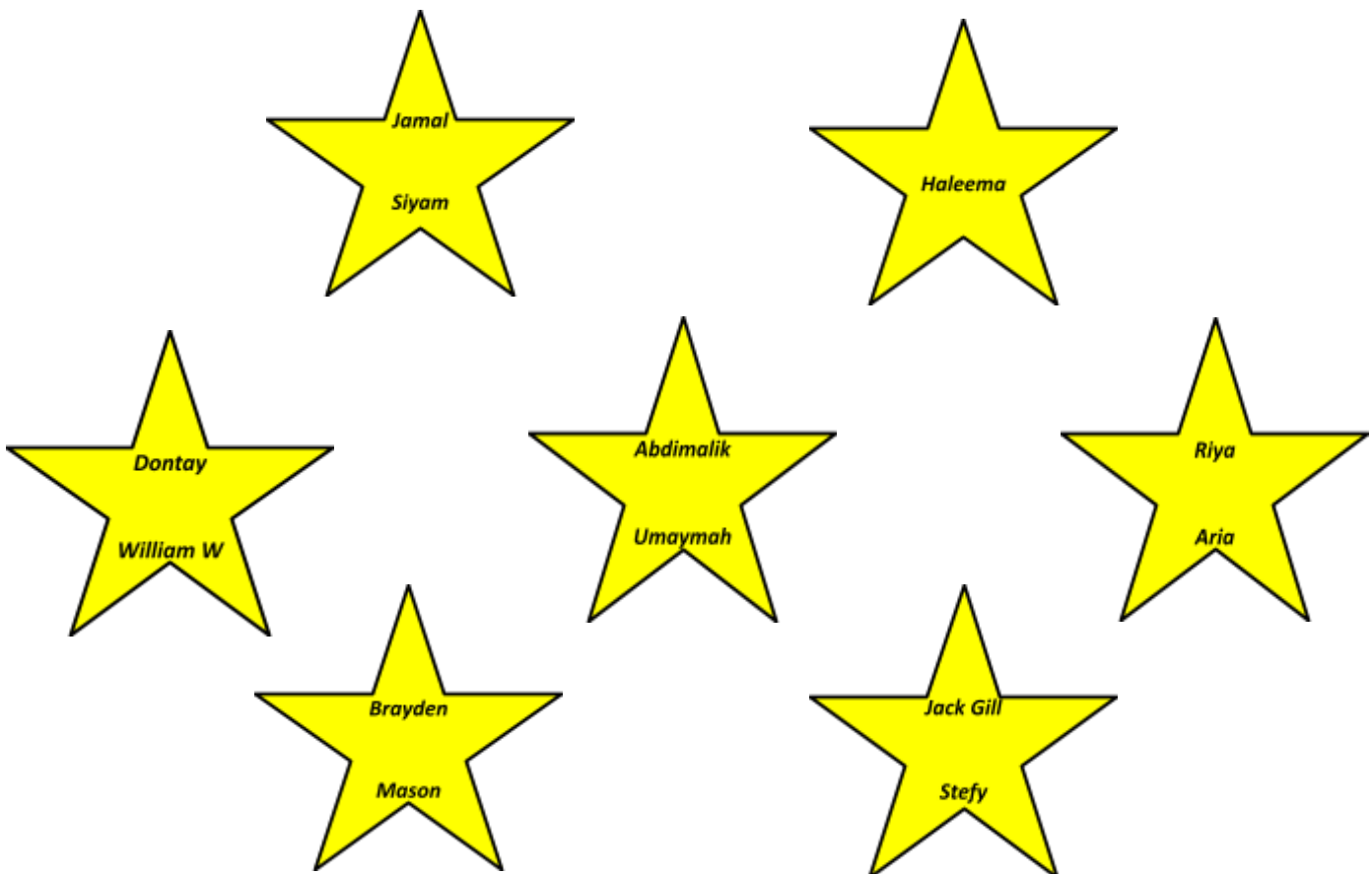
All parents and carers are welcome, regardless of where your son or daughter is in their toileting journey.

Please let your class teacher know if you would like to attend.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher's Awards

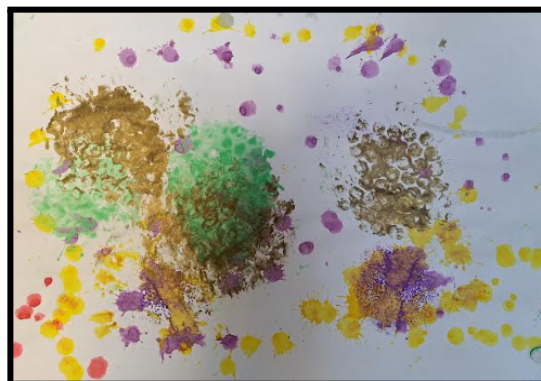


Congratulations everybody!

RED CLASS

Red class have been getting creative this week, completing pieces of artwork to display in Mabel Prichard's Art Gallery. We've been making the most out of Children in Need's spotty theme, with learners choosing different materials and objects to use. Who needs a paintbrush when there are paper plates, bubble wrap, and sponges to paint with?!

On Wednesday some of us took our first trip out in the local community when we went on a walk to the park. We practised walking safely along the street, learnt how to look for traffic when crossing roads, and had LOTS of fun playing in the playground. We're really looking forward to our next trip!



GOLD CLASS

This week, Gold Class have been learning to find cheaper options to use for cooking. We have spent some time exploring the Tesco website and practised spotting ingredients that are expensive, and those that cost less. Stas and Jamal put this into practice when they went to Tesco on Wednesday to buy the ingredients to make toasted wraps.

We have also begun taking on greater responsibility for the school hamster, Gwen. Well done and thank you to Nana for cleaning out the hamster home this week.

