

# NEWSLETTER



**Howard**  
Community Academy

26th January 2024

## A Message From Staff

As I write, it is Burns night, the traditional Scottish celebration. In assembly this week we learned about how Burns night is traditionally celebrated with Haggis, Neep and Tatties and read some of the Gruffalo in Scots.

Early Years have also been learning about the Gruffalo and have been doing some bird watching, spotting cheeky gulls who swooped down to the playground for titbits of food left by our children. They also had a visit to the building site where Gipping are working on our library and even got to see the digger!

Fox class enjoyed their reading café this week and they were thinking about their skills in PHSE. In maths, Badger class have been working on subtraction and Otter class have been representing fractions as decimals. Owl class have been working on their descriptions in English with one child describing Sonic as fast as lightning! Rabbit have been thinking about character's responses in their writing. It has been lovely to drop in to see the different lessons happening.

A great excitement this week was Badger and Otter class moving into their newly refurbished classrooms. We have enjoyed using our newly named Nightingale room, our music room, too and we eagerly await our new library being opened in the next few weeks. We look forward to inviting you in to visit.

*Mrs Weir*



## Coming up next week at Howard:-

Monday 29th January at 9am– Badger class reading café

Wednesday 31st January at 9am– Owl class reading café

Friday 2nd February– Number Day

## Headteacher Awards

I am pleased to announced the following pupils have received a Headteacher Award. Congratulations!



Jack P

Isabella O

Ava-Rae N

Cameron M

Maci R

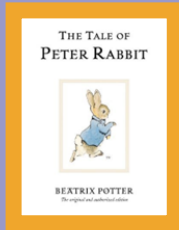
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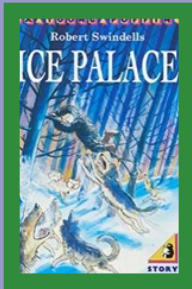
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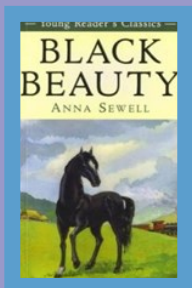
## Looking for a



The Tale of Peter Rabbit  
Beatrix Potter



Ice Palace  
Robert Swindells



Black Beauty  
Anna Sewell

## Star of the Week

Miss Warwick, Mrs Wakeman, Mrs Walker, Mrs Harrington and Mrs Schofield for moving classrooms!



## Attendance

This week 92.3% of our children attended school. It has been lovely to see you all.

Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines may apply.

## SEND News from Mrs Wakeman

Here are some tips to help your child have a goodnight's sleep:

- Set a regular time for bed each night, and don't vary from it even at weekends. Wake-up time shouldn't differ by more than 1 to 1 ½ hours.
- Create a relaxing bedtime routine, such as giving your child a warm bath or reading a story.
- Make sure the temperature in the bedroom is comfortable and the bedroom is dark.
- Make after-dinner playtime a relaxing time.
- TV and video games should be turned off at least 1 hour before bedtime.
- Infants and children should be put to bed when they appear tired but still awake (rather than falling asleep in your arms, or in another room). Avoid getting into bed with your child in order to get them to sleep.



## How to Contact Us

If you need help with advice on how to get online, resources to help your child learn at home or any other support we are here to help. Please speak to a member of staff or phone the school office on 01284 766278.



Class teachers can be contacted via class emails e.g. [badger@howardprimary.org](mailto:badger@howardprimary.org) for Badger class.

## Dates for your diary

2nd February– Number day  
19th-23rd February– Half term

## Howard is fabulous!

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