



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5

3rd February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher Awards – I am pleased to share with you that the following children were presented with the Headteacher Awards earlier today:

Mercury – Isabelle for super letter formation and writing.

Venus – Sebby G for always trying his best and giving 100% effort to all tasks. Thank you.

Earth – Emelia- Grace for consistently being ready and focused on her learning.

Mars – Isla for her creativity and resilience writing her mystery story.

Jupiter – Woody for a superb effort in writing and being focused in tasks. Well done.

Saturn – Heidi for working extremely hard in all lessons and thriving!

Neptune – Oliver L for outstanding efforts during recent tests, Oliver is determined to make super progress.

TEAM POINTS – Congratulations to Team Wharfe for their win last week.

Juice and biscuits: Reception – Adalynn and Ruaridh; Year 1 - Louisa and Arjun; Year 2 – Samuel and Henry; Year 3 – Seb and Molly; Year 4 – Hannah A and Vinnie; Year 5 – Rafe and Charlotte and Year 6 – Casey and Sofia.

Teaching and Learning – As always, I enjoy spending time in the classes with the children; watching them learn and develop new skills and interests. Over the course of this half term I have reviewed numerous teaching and learning sessions and across our school there is a great attitude to learning which is underpinned with outstanding behaviours for learning.

Children in Mercury are making super progress with their phonics; showing confidence to sound out and blend new digraphs and tricky words. Letter formation and writing skills are developing along with their attitudes to writing tasks.

In Venus I have seen the children develop their independent writing skills – with a clear focus on using the correct punctuation and higher level vocabulary. The children have drafted and edited their sentences to check that key features have been included. **Children in Earth** have shown great focus on learning their five and ten times tables which is essential knowledge to solve further maths problems.

Children in Mars have been engaged in their story plan; considering the different elements in a story from setting the scene to creating a mysterious problem and then a resolution. The children's ideas have been inspired by their class book *The Night Gardener*. **Children in Jupiter** have been working hard on their story plans – creating suspense through description and dialogue. The engagement and enthusiasm in their class is outstanding!

In Saturn the children have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians – their Gods, beliefs and ways of life. The children have used research skills to increase their knowledge. Work in maths has provided opportunities for the children to consolidate how to read the scales on a protractor and solving word problems with this knowledge.

Our Year 6 children are in the process of completing another round of practice SATS papers. They are showing more maturity, focus and determination alongside increased pace to ensure all questions are answered within the time limit. They are constantly working hard and should be proud of themselves as their attitudes and behaviours are exemplary to all – thank you Year 6!

NSPCC NUMBER DAY - On Friday 7th February, we will be taking part in Number Day. All children are invited to 'Dress Up for Digits' and wear non-uniform with something involving numbers! During the day, each class will be taking part in maths-based activities and games to promote curiosity and learning about numbers. Please donate to NSPCC via the Just Giving link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/escrick-school-number-day-2025?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Diary Dates:

Year 4 Celebration Assembly – parents/carers invited - Monday 10th February

Both Mr Broxup and I will also be on the residential trip next week so if there are any urgent queries or concerns then please contact Mrs Hall in the office. Mrs Robinson will also be available should you need immediate support/ guidance; she can be contacted through the office.

With very best wishes

Miss Emma E Miller

'Every person is an individual and also part of a community'

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Safeguarding children – if you have any concerns for the welfare of a child please contact Miss Miller or Mr Broxup (if in school hours) or alternatively the NYCC safeguarding team can be contacted via this link <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child/>

Respecting staff – our staff are dedicated professionals. We will not accept any abuse towards our staff