

Attendance  
97.0%

[NEW Spring term Menu Week 1 beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020](#)

No 17 Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

## Stars of the Week

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020



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|----|------------------|
| Y6 | Lucy Oliver      |
|    | Aaron Appleton   |
|    | Jacob Sandiford  |
| Y5 | Jack Reed        |
|    | Sophie Clarke    |
|    | Mitchell Scanlon |
| Y4 | Yusaf Ahsan      |
|    | Ashton Jackson   |
|    | Orla Farrell     |
| Y3 | Gracie Meek      |
|    | Harry Sykes      |
|    | Ivy Hards        |



## Key Dates

### 2020

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| w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan              | Clubs start                           |
| w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb               | Y6 Mock SATS week                     |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb              | 'Green' Day (letter to follow)        |
| w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb              | Half term break                       |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb              | INSET Day 4 – pupils do not attend    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Chinese enrichment days               |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr               | Healthy Schools morning & End of term |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr              | Summer term begins                    |

### Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2019      4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019      6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020  
 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020      22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

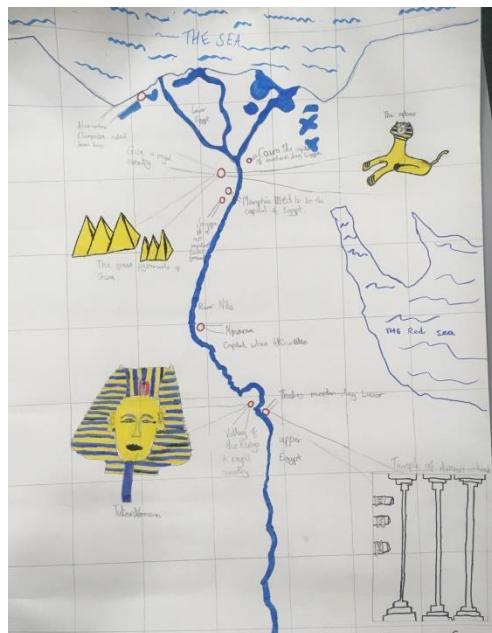
Bank Holiday change – now Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Blue Peter badge awarded

We are always pleased to hear about achievements outside of school and we want to congratulate Jack from Year 5 who has been awarded a Blue Peter Badge for environmental work such as clearing rubbish from a beach. Last term in assembly, we also acknowledged Isabelle and Abigail from Year 4 who were both also awarded Blue Peter badges.

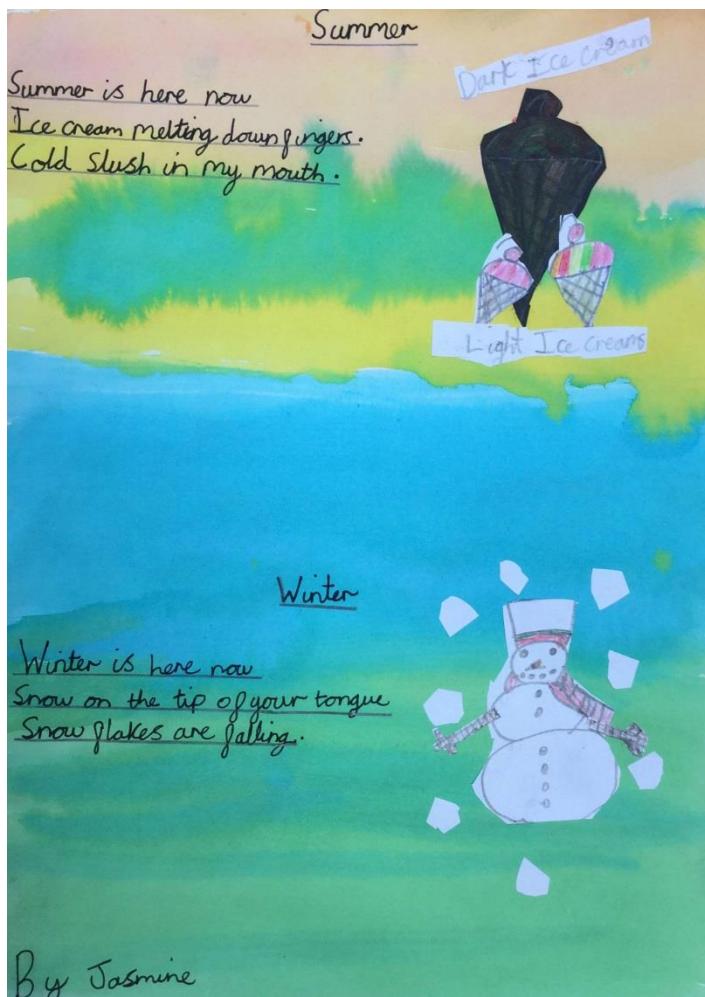
## Home Learning

Once again, we have been very impressed with the home learning projects that have come in from children in Years 3-5. Here are some examples of the high quality of work achieved:



## Year 6 Haikus

Pupils in Year 6 wrote Haiku poems with a focus on seasons and weather and presented them with different art techniques to produce striking images for display. Here are some examples (with more on our website) - can you identify clearly the 5-7-5 syllable pattern?



## School Games Update

### Boccia

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January - our school was represented at the third Level 3 event this year. Our Year 4/5 Boccia Team attended the County Final, held at Basildon Sporting Village. They spent the whole morning involved in competition and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Although they were very disappointed not to be placed in the top three, we are extremely proud of how they represented the school and the fact that they had reached this final. Well done and thank you to Mrs Hogan for accompanying the team.

### Sportshall Athletics

Our Indoor athletics team achieved second place in their heat on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Congratulations! The team took part in a variety of running, jumping and throwing competitions. A great team performance by all and a really fantastic achievement! They will now attend the Chelmsford finals on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, competing against winners and runners up from the other Chelmsford heats for a place at the County Finals. Good luck for next week.

**HAPPY CHINESE New Year 2020 YEAR OF THE RAT**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Main**

Sweet & Sour Chicken  
Sweet Chilli Tofu Noodles

**Sides**

Vegetable Rice  
Stir Fried Vegetables  
Garden Peas

**Dessert**

Ginger Sponge with Custard  
Watermelon Jelly

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

## *Murder Most Unladylike*

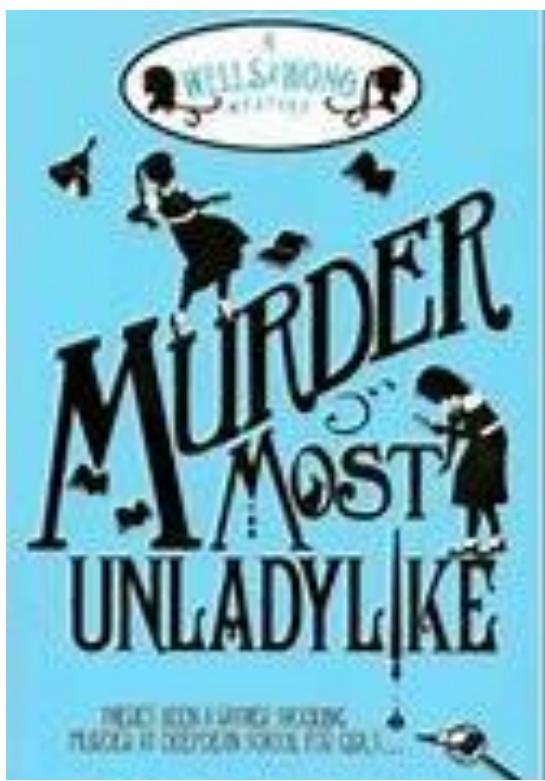
### Book review by Ava from 6S

Hazel Wong has been sent from Hong Kong to Deepdean School for girls which is located in the middle of the English Countryside. This is where she meets her best friend: Daisy Wells. Together, they make the detective society Daisy naming herself the President and Hazel the secretary. Within a few months, they find themselves creeping around the school trying to solve the murder of one of their mistresses. But will they solve the case before the police arrive?

Described as “a thrilling book that is impossible to put down”, I was so hooked in that I just couldn’t stop reading. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who likes a jaw-dropping mystery. I love this because when I was little I used to always pretend I was a detective. Also I love the contrast of personalities.

I would recommend this book to girls above 9 as it has some challenging points in the storyline. Personally, I would definitely give it 5 stars.

Author: Robin Stevens



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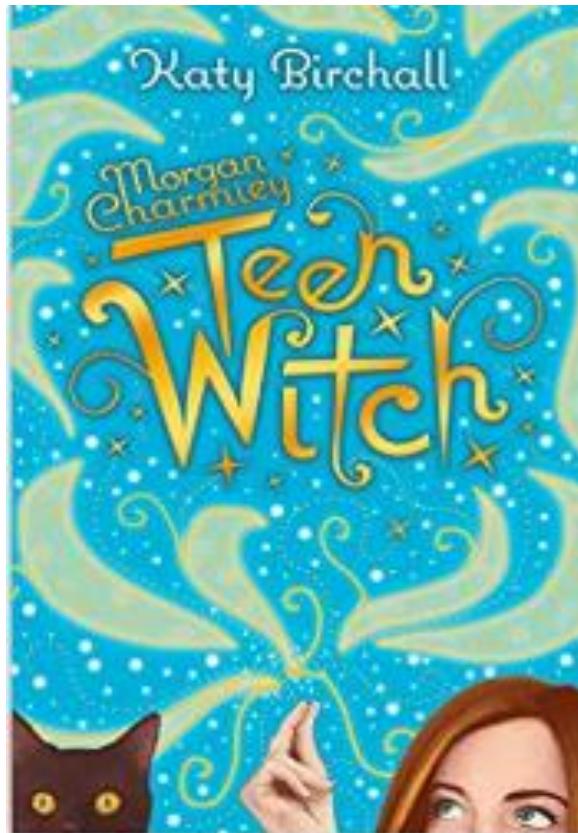
## *Morgan Charmley: Teen Witch* Book review by Zara from 6S

Morgan Charmley is just a normal teenage girl like any other. Except one thing... she's a witch! After finishing her Young Witch Exams (YWE), Morgan is allowed to go to a normal school. But will she be able to resist using her magic and even WORST, keep her magical secret?

Described as 'a laugh-out-loud Broomstick-bedazzling story of a girl who can spark magic with a click of her fingers', I was excited to read this book... and I was NOT disappointed! I liked this book because Morgan Charmley's character is very funny and she gets herself into some PRETTY crazy situations.

I would recommend this book to girls aged 8 and above as it has some challenging words but is easy to follow the storyline. I would give Teen witch 4.5 stars because I literally couldn't put it down!

Author: Katy Birchall



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