

Weekly Word

22.10.2021



To all Parents/Carers,

First of all, an apology from me regarding how much notice you were all given to wear red/non-school uniform today; normally we give you much more time to get prepared. From a personal point of view I got to wear my Man Utd shirt but I know how tricky to organise these things are the night before! Thank you as always for your support, and for all the cakes that you have sent in too 😊

As always, a mega busy week in school...

Tudor house building in the first photo, our inaugural Spelling Bee competitions for Y1 to Y6 (they absolutely loved it – see below!), researching historical figures in Y5 and finally, in case you missed it on Twitter and in last week's Weekly Word, the fourth photo is our defibrillator which has finally arrived.

The Spelling Bee (see more photos on the Twitter feed on the school [website](#)) happened on Thursday and is the first time we have done something like this. What we are trying to do, rather than rely on Sports Days to showcase the different houses, is raise the profile of Inter-House competitions. We have lots of different ideas for the rest of the year but the first one was the Spelling Bee. Each house, Strutt (Blue), Nightingale (Green), Wright (Yellow) and Royce (Red) was represented by someone from each year group and they had ten spellings. Each score was added to a grand total and the winner was chosen. The scores were really close but our overall winner, which was announced in assembly this morning, was Royce (Red Team) with 101 points!! A huge well done to everyone that took part and we hope it has inspired some children to have a go in the next one! We also hope it's shone a light on how important spelling is. If your child hasn't mentioned it already, we are giving Sir Linkalot a real push in school too! He has something lined up for parents/carers too so watch this space...

In other news, our new school council, voted in by the children, has been announced. So we now have House Captains, an Eco Council and a School Council all ready to kickstart the school year after half term!

And finally, **please read the letter from the Director of Public Health** attached to this email. Due to an increase in Covid cases across Derby City there is some renewed guidance for parents/carers to read and adhere to; particularly around positive cases in the same household. This will come into effect after half term.

Have a lovely holiday and see you a week on Monday (1st Nov)

Mr I. Johnson

This half term's Dojo winners are Strutt with 12,000 dojos!!!