

# Tickford Times

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## Half Term Break

As we reach the end of a half-term like no other, I'd like to express my gratitude to all members of our wonderful Tickford Park community for their hard work, collaboration, resilience and positivity over the past six weeks.

Whilst this hasn't been an easy half-term, I've felt privileged to work with a staff team that has demonstrated unending determination to providing the children with a high standard of education, both onsite and remotely. The team has quickly adapted to new ways of working and stayed positive throughout, despite the challenges they've faced.

We've all been exceptionally appreciative too, of the wonderful support and encouragement that we've received from parents, and the efforts that you've all put into supporting your children at home. We're grateful for the messages of reassurance that have been sent or spoken as these do make a big difference, and have been amazed by the practical support of old laptops and devices that have been donated by parents, grandparents and the wider school community.

Finally, to the children, who have continued to demonstrate positive attitudes to their learning, and kept working and smiling, despite missing their classrooms and social interactions with their friends, thank you! You have made our efforts worthwhile and we've enjoyed reading your submissions, seeing your photos and working alongside you either in the classrooms or online.

## World Book Day

On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be joining schools across the country and beyond in celebrating **World Book Day**. Although it is likely that we will still be partially closed at this point, we will still enjoy a range of activities to celebrate books and promote a love of reading.

Throughout the week, we will be sharing stories and holding a range of book related activities, and on World Book Day itself, we invite children to dress up as a book character – whether they are in school or at home. For children learning at home, we encourage you to send your book character costume photos into us via Class Dojo.

You may have also seen that this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roger Hargreaves' [Mr Men and Little Miss books](#). To celebrate this, we'll be running a competition in which children at Tickford Park can design their own Mr Men or Little Miss character. We'll send out more details of this competition after the half-term holiday.



## Mad Science

We hope that your children enjoyed their Mad Science workshops this week. We thank you for your support in preparing your children to participate in these and for your patience during the technical hitches that we encountered in a couple of the sessions. I've heard a lot of positive feedback from the sessions and I hope that it was an enjoyable experience for your children.

We are awaiting some follow-up resources from Mad Science and will send these out to you all as soon as we have received them as I am sure that some of your children will enjoy experimenting further at home in the half-term holiday.



*Children in Year 2, ready for their 'Mad Science' workshop.*

## And the winner is...

Congratulations to **Topaz** class, the winners of our February Times Tables Rock Stars battle! They just edged out **Moonstone** who finished in second and **Peridot** who came third.

Special congratulations to **James** in Moonstone class, who with an astonishing 54,385 points, was the highest scoring pupil in the school. He finished just ahead of **Addison** and **Ashton**, both in Topaz.



## Dojo Celebration

In school this week, we celebrated with children attending our onsite provision by presenting various Dojo awards. This included the very exciting award of our first ever 500 Dojo Point badge to Alyss in Year 3. Congratulations to Alyss, as well as to all of the children who received certificates and awards for their achievements.



For children working at home, your teachers have still been awarding you Dojo Points for your hard work and excellent submissions of learning. Many of you have also reached milestones and we look forward to presenting your certificates and badges when the school reopens.

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