

# FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2016 THE MILL MESSENGER

Mums, Dads and Carers,

AMBITION - This week we have focused on the HAPPIER value of Ambition. There are many reasons why ambition is important to our children. Fulfilling dreams that matter to them on a personal level is one of the greatest things they can do with their life. This could mean you running a marathon simply to do it or writing a poem because you wanted to do it. Regardless of what it is you want to do for yourself, you need ambition to accomplish it. In this week's assembly, the children watched a video about a pink rowing boat, called Doris and the four courageous females who decided to row her across the Pacific Ocean. They started off in San Francisco in April 2015 and finally arrived in Cairns, Australia at the end of January. Their ambition led them to not only achieving a world first by rowing 8,446 miles unsupported across the Pacific Ocean in 2015, from America to Australia, but also to raise guarter of a million pounds for their two charities Walking With the Wounded and Breast Cancer Care. To find out more about this great feat go to http://coxlesscrew.com/. The children went on to think about what they want to do when they grow up and what they want to achieve. Ask them what their ambitions are and encourage them to achieve them. - Mrs. Toria Bono

<u>Visiting Author</u> – On Monday  $8^{th}$  & Tuesday  $9^{th}$  of February, some of our children will have the opportunity to attend a workshop on writing at the school. This workshop will be run by a 'real-life' author, Stephen Davies (Don't Spill the Milk, Hacking Timbuktu etc). It is really exciting to have Stephen come into our school to run his workshop and we are sure the children will have an enjoyable and rewarding day working with him. Books will be on sale on the day, so the children may want to bring £5.00 – £9.00 (depending on book). This is optional but many children do like to buy a signed or personalised book from an author.

Room 13 Non-school uniform day - Recently, the Room 13 committee wrote to me asking,

"Would we be able to have a non-school uniform day on the 12th of February 2016. This is because we would like to raise money for new things for Room 13. We have decided that each child could bring 1 pound. This is because we have new ideas and a new plan to help Room 13 grow."

I have agreed and as a result we will be having an Artist themed non-school uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please bring a £1 voluntary donation. Please come dressed as Artists if you can. – Thank you on behalf of the children's committee.

I hope you have an enjoyable time over the weekend and get the opportunity to spend some quality time together.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Lecuyer

Headteacher (head@themill-tkat.ora)

"Success is not a place one arrives at, but rather the spirit with which one undertakes and continues the journey." Alfred Nobel

### Stars of the Week:

Congratulations to:

Zara, Caiden, Sofia, Jack, Falizha, Abdul, Sophia, Archie, Harley, Leo, Taylor, Grace, Adam, Jack and Aiden

#### **House Cup Winners:**

Congratulations to Green Cheetah house for being this week's champions with a score of 38!

## **Attendance Cup Winners**

With 98.33% attendance, Year 5 Van Gogh class are this week's winners! I am still looking for 100% – can we get 100% next week?

## **EggCellent Award!**

This week our EggCellent award goes to Mr. Chris Clarke. He has been trialing new learning strategies in class, implementing Maths concepts and ways to selfassess across the school and supporting his colleagues wherever he is needed. He is a true team player and committed to improving learning here at The Mill. He really does show our value of Ambition. Thank you again for being a role model



Parents Evenings – 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February

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Artist/Non-school Uniform - 12<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term - 15th\_ 19th February

INSET DAYS -February 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

