

**In the news this week...**

Earlier this year we shared our 2019 Key Stage 2 results with you as we were rightly proud of our children's results. This week, we were delighted that this achievement has been recognised by the Minister of State for School Standards, the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP who had written to congratulate us on the very high level of progress that the children achieved. We are particularly proud that this progress measure now puts us amongst the top 3% of schools in the country. What a tremendous accolade.



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mrs Hillman,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 3.7, 3.4 and 3.1 in reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

*In Ash class, the children have been very busy with their English learning, comparing the written text of "How to train your dragon" to the film. Mrs Budgen is very pleased with all the children's writing but is especially proud of Tommy and James' finished pieces.*

## How to Train Your Dragon

This is the first book in a series about a young boy who was ten years old. Hoping to pass a test to become a viking and he is the chief's son. The boy's name is Hiccup. Hiccup's father is the chief. He is the son of the chief. Hiccup's father is the chief.

Firstly, we are introduced to the dragons. Hiccup's dragon is a night fury named Toothless. Although in the book he is a commoner. Hiccup is Toothless in the book because he has no teeth.

Secondly, in the story in the film they are fighting dragons. However, in the book they are about to get their dragons for the Dragon Initiation Test. There is a big difference in the book and film. Because in the film the Giant dragon lives under the water. Whereas in the book the giant dragon is found at the Long Beach.

But in the end of the film the Giant dragon hits Hiccup off of Toothless but Toothless grabs him up, but in the Hiccup and the Snotlout are fighting the Giant dragon.

Finally, in the book they destroyed the Giant dragon and in the film they did the same. Whereas, I think the film is better because it has more action and there are other girl vikings and it's very enjoyable.

## Hoot to Train Your Dragon

### Comparison

This text will compare the novel and the film, *Hoot to Train Your Dragon*, by Cressida Cowell. It is the first novel and film of their series. They are both about young boy, Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third, (the main character) and his journey to becoming a hero but the their differences.

Firstly, the characters are quite different. Hiccup has brown hair whereas in the book he has red hair but in both he is very skinny. Fiechlegs is weak and skinny unlike the film he is fat and chubby. Gobber the Black is similar in both because he is fat but in the film he has lost one arm and one leg.

Secondly, how they treat their dragons and Toothless. In the novel, Toothless is a small Common or Garden Dragon (around the size of a baby Labrador). However, in the film he is a big black Night Fury with only half a tail! In the film Toothless is a high level of beast unlike the book. They treat dragons like enemies however they are domestic pets used for to hunt and catch fish.

Finally, the final fight is a intense fight between the Hairy Hooligan bike (the bike Hiccup is in) and the colossal dragon. They are both quite similar because both dragons get obliterated at the end. There was two dragons in the novel unlike the film there is only one. The battle takes place at Berk however it takes place at the dragon nest in the film.

In conclusion, I prefer the film because it is more action packed. Sadly in the film it misses the comedy and has love (YUCK). If you like comedy and no love I recommend the novel.

The children decorated the classroom, made their own dragon puppets and then created a fabulous dragon dance. They really enjoyed cooking with Mrs Daniels and then sharing a celebratory meal together - some of the children loved the spicy sauce too!



In Saplings, the class have been celebrating! The children have discovered why animals are so significant in celebrating Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. They have then used these discoveries to hold their own celebration in their classroom. Mrs

Mrs Budgen's art club have been carefully creating some beautiful pigs made from a balloon and papier mache. With so many layers, these have taken the children quite a while to create and they have needed lots of patience. Look how beautiful they are!





### Collective Worship

Next week, we will be exploring how Jesus showed compassion by helping and healing others. We will be reflecting on how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps and show compassion in different ways.

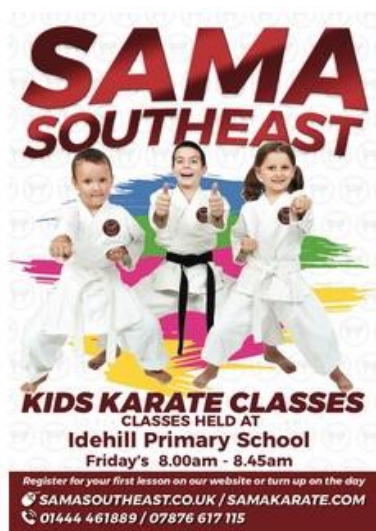


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### Karate Club

We currently have spaces for children to start in Karate club each Friday morning. If you are interested, please contact Jason using the information provided below.



### Weekly Awards

Presented at St Mary's church on Tuesday at 2:30pm. Parents are always very welcome to attend.

Saplings	<b>George</b> – For your enthusiasm in our measuring lessons this week and for discovering how long a Sun bear's tongue is! <b>Fleur</b> – For your attitude to learning, impeccable behaviour and for your increasing confidence to have a go at new things.
Elms	<b>Joshua</b> – For your fabulous retelling of the "Where the Wild things are" story. <b>Keyan</b> – For your amazing phonics progress. You are so enthusiastic in all your learning.
Beech	<b>Emma</b> – For your persistence and growth mindset when investigating multiplication and division facts. <b>Lucas</b> – For your persistence and growth mindset when investigating multiplication and division facts.
Willows	<b>Charlotte</b> – For your enthusiasm and great participation in all our learning. <b>Ella T</b> – For your hard work and excellent observations in our maths and science learning.
Hazel	<b>Phoebe M</b> – For your beautiful presentation in maths and for always persevering with your learning. <b>Dexter</b> – For showing determination and becoming more resilient with your maths learning.
Ash	<b>Marley</b> – For your thoughtful responses to friendships in PSHE. You are a kind friend. <b>Lottie</b> – For working really hard, using your growth mindset, to move on in maths this week.
Oaks	<b>Charlie</b> – For a great captains display vs Weald, despite the defeat. <b>Lily</b> – For your perseverance in maths this week during long division.
Sports award	<b>All of Oaks</b> – For your support and encouragement when teaching Beech how to play dodge ball during our Inter House competition in P.E

**Ide Hill News**  
**Term 3 Week 4**

**Show and Share**

Next week, we will be holding our term 3 "Show and Share" events from 3:15 – 4pm. This is an opportunity for you to come into school and for the children to show you their learning and share their successes with you. Please collect your child from the playground in the normal way and then come into the classroom, where their books will be available. We are holding these events across the week this year to avoid parking problems. For details of Show and Share events, please see the "Next Week" section of this newsletter.

**Important information**

Further to our recent email and newsletter correspondence regarding the launch of our new "Schoolcomms" system, we are aware that only 32% of families have signed up so far. The system will launch on Monday morning and will be used for all future bookings and payments to the school.

Please could we ask that you take the time this weekend to sign up for this system. If you experience any problems, please contact Mrs Reeves.

**Next Week**

Mon	School Comms goes live All clubs running as normal Forest school for Saplings (am) and Elms (pm)
Tues	2:15 Celebration Worship at St Mary's Church. <b>3:15 Saplings Show and Share</b>
Wed	<b>3:15 Elms and Beech Show and Share</b> 3:15 Football match v Hever (away)
Thurs	<b>3:15 Willows and Hazel Show and Share</b> 3:15 Netball match v Hever (away)
Fri	Forest School for Beech (pm) <b>3:15 Ash and Oaks Show and Share</b>