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Just to let you know that we will write to you next week as we are moving from School Gateway to Arbor. Watch this space!



**REMINDER!** Please sign up for your Parent Teacher discussions this week that take place after half term. It closes at 3p.m. Friday 23rd, so don't forget! The teacher will call you at the time allocated so please let us know by **WEDNESDAY** if your number has changed!!!



**Friday 23 October.**  
**Dress in Halloween costume or non - uniform.**  
**No donation needed!**



**Who is our Inspirational person this week - ?**  
 The next time you use a navigation device or software like Google Maps, thank Dr Gladys West, the inventor of GPS technology

## STEVENAGE MAYOR VISITS THE LEYS



Today our newly elected pupil cabinet from Year 6: Riley (Cabinet leader) Ife (Deputy Leader) Karam, Brooke, Sophie, Daisy, Tyler, Joshua, Chris, Aaron, and Lewis met with our Mayor of Stevenage Jim Brown to discuss things that we can improve in Stevenage to celebrate Local Democracy Week. Socially distanced of course!

"We talked about our environment. and Climate Change. We shared our ideas such as adopting abandoned animals and asked if we cut down trees can we replant new trees. We had other ideas such as clearing up space - land that isn't being used for parks, and making community gardens. We also liked the idea of using washable masks as the white ones aren't good for the environment, and using wooden equipment instead of plastic. The Mayor explained his job and answered our

Star of the Week		Class of the week	
Zephaniah	Odin	Friendship Cup	
Anderson	Oliver	Best attendance Key stage 1	Hargreaves
Sendak	Holly		
Carle	Ama	Best attendance Key stage 2	Dahl Morpurgo
Hargreaves	Devon		
Ahlberg	Henry	Headteacher Awards	
Dahl	Hollie-Ann	Remii J	1
Freedman	Holly P	Freddy MW	1
Strong	Oliver F	Zara G	2
Pratchett	Aydin A	Emmy W	3
Morpurgo	Frankie	Elliot J	3
Tolkien	Hannah	Elizabeth R	4

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Lewis	Zoe	Kai SH	5
Rosen	Jack	Aruba I	6
Shakespeare	Aruba	Holly P	3
Dickens	Milly	Charlotte B	3
Kipling	Chanika		

questions. Riley asked “How heavy is your golden chain?” He said it was worth 50P (but not really).



## Writer of the Week - Aruba I - Shakespeare class

### Aruba's letter written as an evacuee writing home to her mother.

Dearest Mum,

I'm writing to you to share with you the struggles of life at Heron Hall.

I hope, with all my heart, that you are doing well and are safe in the dangerous hands of London.

It may seem that I'm lucky to have been evacuated to a colossal mansion, but the grim truth is that, of all the rooms in this grand country house, they put me in a stingy, dismal room with a small barred window, through which a ghostly draught drifts through at night making the room feel icy. Heloise, the mother of the horrible children Cecily (12) and Jeremy (14), has taken everything away from me and given me some stiff, itchy rags to wear instead of my normal clothes and she's hardly ever letting me out of my small three by two meter. She and her children are forever tormenting me and saying 'that they should employ me as a servant as you and papa are probably already dead.' They often starve me but if I'm lucky, I get some stale bread crusts and a glass of cold, sour milk.

Similarly, it isn't much better at school: I'm getting bullied because of my accent and because I'm the only evacuee. Even though I don't understand anything they say, their words still cause pain in my heart. Jeremy and Cecily, don't help, in fact, they bully me as well and act as if they don't know me at all. They said that if I tell a single living soul that I live with them, then I'd deeply regret it.

The school is an ancient building, blanketed in moss and the headteacher, Mr White (a man about in his late 50's), who has a semi-bald head and wears an old, manky suit and a pair of spectacles on the end of his nose. He's so mean that cruel would be an understatement. He comes around with a long, thin leather rod that he'd whack on your hand if you made even the slightest mistake. Cecily and Jeremy never get hit, they don't even get scolded. I think that Heloise has bribed Mr White with money. I'd be more surprised if she didn't than if she did.

I haven't been lucky enough to miss the rod. The other day, Cecily caught me crying in the toilets and told on me. Mr White brought me out into the muddy playing fields, called out all of the students to make a circle around us and told me to close my eyes with my hands held out. It was completely silent, even though there were 200 or so other students surrounding us. Suddenly, I felt a rippling sting on my hands as I screamed at the top of my lungs whilst the evil man chuckled. The pain continued to worsen. Everyone marched back inside silently and Mr White told me to go back home. I looked at my hands and there, laying across my two tender hands was a crimson, swollen gash across them. I showed Heloise the scar but she simply burst out laughing and chucked me back into my cold, bleak room.

Please come soon and take me away from this grand but despicable mansion. I'd rather Hitler's bombs than one more night in this wicked household.

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Your loving daughter,

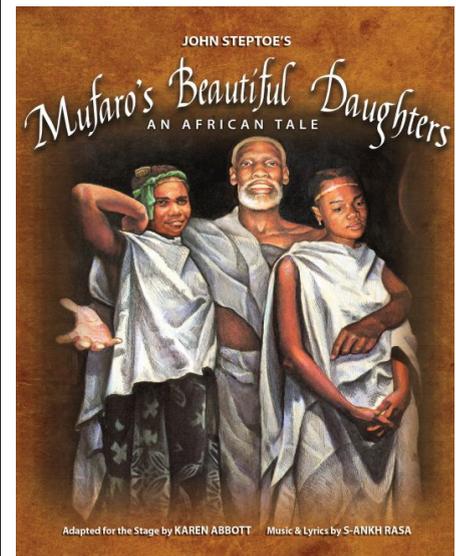
May Bright

## Class Profile this week -Pratchett

In Pratchett class we have recently finished writing up our own ending to Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, we spent a great deal of time planning our stories and then upleveling them to include; adverbs, expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs, fronted adverbials, strong adjectives and conjunctions. Everyone did such an excellent job at this that we wrote out our stories in our purple polishing books. Whilst this week we have been looking at the story of the Egyptian Cinderella and discussing the pro's and con's of being the great wife of a pharaoh.

“Last week I had fun because we did science and we have been working on identifying solids, liquids and gases”

- Malakai



## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Year 4 have been learning all about the Egyptian Cinderella, a story which tackles issues such as discrimination, faith and bullying. We feel that we each have a responsibility to 'be the change' and help tackle discrimination and bullying. Everyone can make a difference through friendship and learning. In this picture, children are enjoying acting out a scene from the story - the rest of the class had to guess the scene - we had so much fun!



Great work Year 4, well done!

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