

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few days, we have been welcoming back more pupils to school. Staff have worked hard in order to make it a positive experience for all concerned. So far, for most, it has been a smooth transition back into school life, with specific matters being attended to when they have arisen. As our school routine embeds itself once again, there may be bumps along the way, but the outworking of our Fruits of Faith by pupils and staff will be the basis to solving matters that arise.

We know that there remain many challenges and I think one of the biggest this week is ensuring that everyone remembers the importance of being corona-conscious. While there is certainly a growing sense of optimism that we are hopefully on the road to a brighter future, we also know that we cannot relax too soon. In that spirit, thank you for social distancing at drop-off and pick-up times as this remains as important as ever.

The Insider will return to being our primary means of keeping parents and carers aware of what is happening at our school. If other messages are necessary, then email is the primary route, so please ensure that [office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk) is set as a 'safe sender' so our messages go into your inbox rather than spam.

*Let your word be in our mouth, O Lord, your truth in our heart and your will in our mind. Let us think only what is good and discern your presence in all that we do. Let us at all times be alive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Jakob Böhme (1575-1624)*

Rev. C. Leach  
Principal

## A prayer for The Incarnation

The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

## This week's theme was: The Incarnation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:1-5



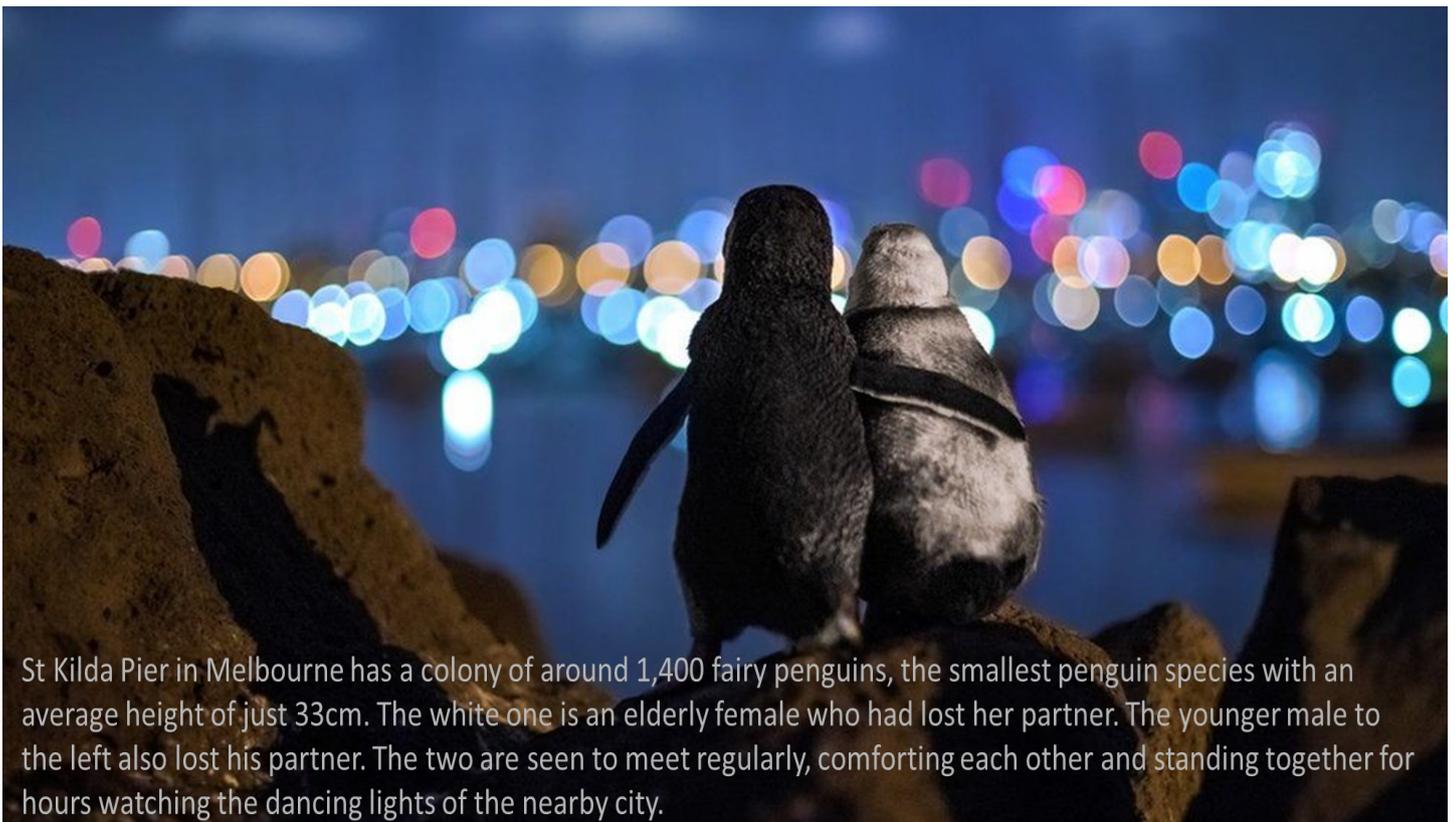
# For the week ahead

<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Thankfulness</b>	You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. <i>Psalm 118:28</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. She also told them what he had said to her.</b> <i>John 20:18</i>

**We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:**

<b>The weekend</b>	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	<b>Monday</b>	The teachers and support staff at Walkwood
<b>Tuesday</b>	The lives of those recovering from Covid-19	<b>Wednesday</b>	Public services
<b>Thursday</b>	Those in unemployment, looking for work	<b>Friday</b>	UK Parliament and the choices they make for the country

## Picture of the Week



St Kilda Pier in Melbourne has a colony of around 1,400 fairy penguins, the smallest penguin species with an average height of just 33cm. The white one is an elderly female who had lost her partner. The younger male to the left also lost his partner. The two are seen to meet regularly, comforting each other and standing together for hours watching the dancing lights of the nearby city.

## Top Readers for 10th February 2021 - 10th March 2021



Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

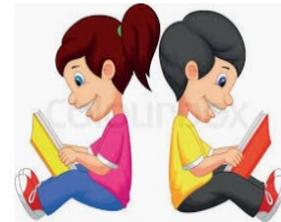
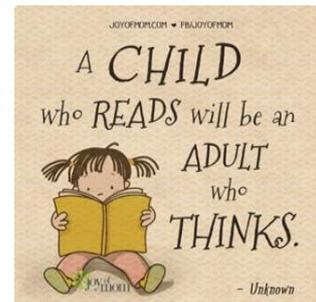
Caiden McEntee (Year 8 C2) - who has read 732,918 words

### Top Boy

Lauren Carrington (Year 8E1) - who has read 578,406 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU .....



# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

## perambulate

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

★Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

*Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.*

*Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?*

*Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.*

*Exclamation: What a joyous evening!*

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!

# Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/19c6-Early%20Help%20Offer.pdf>

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/f2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



[Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms](#)

[Track and trace](#)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



Public Health  
England

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

[Guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at increased risk or has possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)





19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> is Red Nose Day.

During the week of 15<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March the pupils will be taking part in Comic Relief activities, as well as on the day itself.

We have a ParentPay link so that parents can make a donation if they wish.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2797>

In addition to this we will be asking pupils to bring in their loose change to put in a collection box in their classrooms.

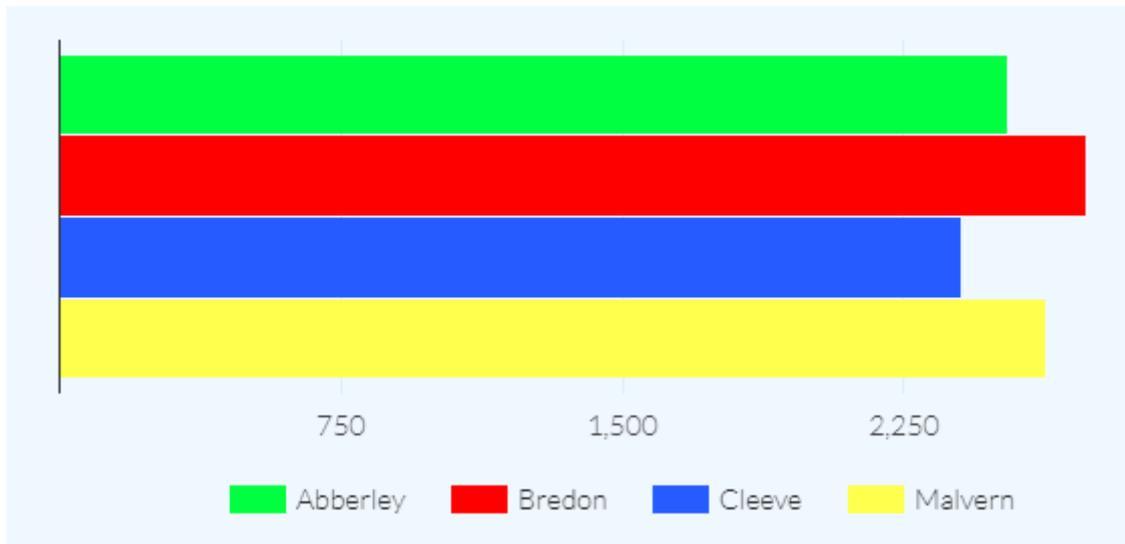




# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College



Thinking ahead for Parents' Evenings if you have any issues with Microsoft Teams please remember that our IT provider will be able to help. They are open until 5 pm.

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Help Desk: 01527 359 999



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 1	Wednesday 17 March	Virtual Parents' Evening (all year groups) 4—7 pm
	Thursday 25 March	Virtual Parents' Evening (all year groups) 4—7 pm
	Thursday 1 April	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Monday 19 April	Virtual Parents' Day (all year groups) 12.45—6.45 pm
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	<b>Half Term</b>
	Wednesday 21 July	<b>End of Term</b>