

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Is anyone else wondering where September went?  
So far, I have enjoyed having lunch with the children a couple of times and been into classes to see some learning taking place. The behaviour of the children is fantastic and their approach to learning is lovely to see.  
As the year progresses, my aim is to send out two short newsletters each half term to give you a flavour of what is happening in school. I hope you find these informative and enjoy reading and seeing what everyone is up to!  
Kind regards,  
Rachel Ross



### **Value Award Winners**

Congratulations to our first 'Value Award' winners of the year: Hugo, Jacob, Cole, Henry, Anaya, Cece, Finley, Maxwell, Rex, Lyla, Lili, Margot, Esty, Evie and Luca. We are all really proud of you!

*N.B Reception and Nursery do not attend assemblies yet so not in photo.*



**Responsibility** As usual, it has been a busy start to School Sport and Healthy Active Lifestyles at the Willows! The year 6 children have been offered the chance to apply for roles as Sports Captains, and members of the Sport Crew, led by Mr Codd. Applications are now in, and the tough choice of selection begins. Thanks to all pupils who submitted applications, the effort and passion showed in each one was great to see.

**Care** Many of our older children have taken on the responsibility of play leaders, supporting our EY children at lunch times, along with the welfare staff. During these times they encourage positive play. They always return to class with a smile on their faces – although Dexter doesn't look too happy here!



**Self-Belief** Recently, our Year 4 pupils attended a 'Multi sports' festival at Timperley Sports Club. There were Athletics, Lacrosse, Cricket and Hockey activities to try. Everyone joined in brilliantly, and represented our school with energy and enthusiasm, and by showing all of the school games values. If pupils enjoyed the activities, they can further their interest by attending sporting sessions in their own time at the club.

**Challenge** Our football teams made a start to their league campaigns, with the boys coming up against some very challenging opposition in their first league night. Their play was superb, and we were incredibly unlucky not to come away from the evening with three wins, with the goalposts and some inspired defending denying us more goals! The girls started their defence of the local schools champions trophy with some impressive results, free flowing football going forward resulted in a huge amount of goals. Both teams are sitting at the top of the league table currently.

Lots more to come in the future newsletters, including some 'action shots' of our teams as they proudly represent our school!