

Newsletter 08/12/2017

This year we will be using a 'Recognition Board' to challenge children to achieve daily targets linked to the academy rules and expectations. The aim is for all children to achieve the target and get their name on the Recognition Board. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.

**This week 307 children made it onto the Recognition Board.
Well done!**



Parrots	Flamingos	Pandas	Elephants	Eagles	Llamas	Dolphins
22/22	22/22	23/23	23/23	23/23	20/20	18/18
Penguins	Foxes	Polar Bears	Rabbits	Giraffes	Wolves	Turtles
24/24	24/24	24/24	23/23	23/23	20/20	17/17

Parrots
95.5% & 1 late

Penguins
81.3% & 0 lates

Attendance & Lates
Whole school: **96.5%** and **3 lates**
Our attendance target for the year is 96%
Year to date is: 95.1%

Llamas
100% & 0 lates

Wolves
94.4% & 0 lates

Flamingos
96.5% & 0 lates

Foxes
94.9% & 0 lates

Dolphins
95.7% & 1 lates

Turtles
95.4% & 0 lates

Pandas
97.6% & 0 lates

Polar Bears
95.4% & 0 lates

Elephants
98.1% & 0 lates

Rabbits
96.6% & 0 lates

Eagles
95.2% & 1 late

Giraffes
98.1% & 0 lates

Stars of the Week

Meerkats – Ryley G

Monkeys – CJ L

Parrots – Brodie W

Penguins – Seth S

Flamingos – Nathan C

Foxes – Joshua W

Pandas – Ayla W & Leeland T

Polar Bears – Jacob E

Elephants – Tyron W

Rabbits – Paul R

Eagles – Sunny S

Giraffes – Emma W

Llamas – Grace P

Wolves – Kayla-Lei T

Turtles – All the class

Dolphins – Danny G

Well Done!

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 13th December – Reception Nativity Performance

Thursday 14th December – Nursery Nativity Performance – a.m.

Thursday 14th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert – p.m.

Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day - 50p donation

Tuesday 19th December – KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 20th December – Pantomime

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Disco – Y1 to Y6

Thursday 21st December – Children finish for Christmas

Friday 22nd December – INSET Day – school closed to children

Monday 8th January – School re-opens

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This week the Rabbits have investigated Chapter 3 of 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' in more detail. Looking particularly at the evidence that describes the goddess, the children then used their inference skills to create images of what they thought she looked like.
@SimpsonsRabbits



Finally, after a few months of hard work and practise, the Wolves have completed their first ever public performance on the ukuleles. The did themselves proud and dazzled the audience! Well done you musical maestros!
@SimpsonsWolves



This week the Flamingos have been designing towers and experimenting with different materials in Design Technology lessons to see which work best to build the tallest tower.
@SimpsonsLane1M



This week Year 6 have been sitting some mock SATs, to celebrate the progress they have made so far this year and identify what we need to focus on next. They've all worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves - we are certainly proud of them. We've also managed to squeeze in a couple of rehearsals for our Christmas Concert. Hopefully you'll agree we were fantastic!
@SimpsonsLaneSC

This week the Penguin Class have continued to learn about Stick Man. They can now tell parts of the story from memory and are beginning to add labels to pictures they have drawn.
@SimpsonPenguins



It has been another busy and productive week in the Giraffe Class! The children have explored equivalent fractions and have penned their own narratives inspired by 'The Lord of the Rings'. They have also loved leading an active lifestyle by completing The Daily Mile!
Y4SLAGiraffes



This week, the Polar Bears had the chance to create some festive decorations for the classroom, getting us ready for the many Christmas events coming up in school. We've also been working hard to improve our singing and acting skills to impress parents at the upcoming Nativity, which also provided a welcome rest to the effort we're all putting into our winter assessments.
@SimpsonsLane2W

This week the Meerkats have started making their Christmas cards and we can't wait to give them out to our family and friends. We have also been practising our Nativity and have worked really hard to remember the actions and words to our songs. We are excited to show you our Nativity next Thursday morning and hope to see you all there!
@SimpsonsMeerkat



Safeguarding

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