

Newsletter 02/02/2018

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 303 children made it onto the Recognition Board.
Well done!**



Parrots	Flamingos	Pandas	Elephants	Eagles	Llamas	Dolphins
24/24	22/22	23/23	23/23	22/23	20/20	17/17
Penguins	Foxes	Polar Bears	Rabbits	Giraffes	Wolves	Turtles
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Parrots
95.7% & 2 late

Penguins
94.6% & 2 late

Attendance & Lates
Whole school: **93.2%** and **27 late arrivals**
Attendance and punctuality must improve
Our attendance target for the year is 96%
Year to date is: 95.05%

Llamas
98.3% & 3 late

Wolves
85.6% & 0 late

Flamingos
94% & 2 late

Foxes
89% & 2 late

Dolphins
97.4% & 0 late

Turtles
98.1% & 1 late

Pandas
91.8% & 2 late

Polar Bears
91.8% & 2 late

Elephants
87% & 4 late

Rabbits
96.1% & 2 late

Eagles
93.7% & 4 late

Giraffes
96.6% & 1 late

Stars of the Week

Meerkats – Alexis V

Monkeys – Danny O

Parrots – Tori M

Penguins - Arron

Flamingos – Tilly R-M

Foxes – Travis M

Pandas – Alexis-Mae K

Polar Bears – Harrison H-S

Elephants – Lucas M

Rabbits – Lucas H & Scarlett M

Eagles – Caleb G

Giraffes – Katie D

Llamas – Callum W

Wolves – Logan W

Turtles – Eden B

Dolphins – Kyran W

Well Done!

Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th February – e-Safety Week

Thursday 15th February – Rabbits and Eagles Musical Showcase

Friday 16th February – Children finish for half term

Monday 26th February – School re-opens

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day – Dress as a character

Friday 23rd March – Sport Relief

Thursday 29th March – Children finish for Easter holidays

Monday 16th April – School re-opens

Tuesday 1st – Friday 25th May – Y2 SATs administration

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

Mon 14th – Thurs 17th May – Y6 SATs Week

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This week a number of Year 2 children spent the night at Kingswood Peak Venture. During our stay, we took part in rock climbing, raft building and overcame obstacle courses whilst blindfolded! They also enjoyed campfire songs, marshmallows, hot chocolate and a night time film snuggled up in covers before showing great resilience the next day by walking through cold muddy tracks.

@SimpsonsLane2W @SimpLanePandas



This week the Llamas have enjoyed working together when solving problems involving division. We have explored different methods we can use when dividing and investigated how remainders can help us when ensuring we answer word problems accurately. All of the Llamas agreed they were much more confident with division after a week of collaborative learning and problem solving. Well done Llamas, another successful week!

@SimpsonsLane5M



Dolphins have been refining their skills in P.E this week and have been putting these to the test in competitive hockey matches.

@SimpsonsLane6C



This week the Parrots and Penguins have been developing their creative skills and exploring colour mixing!

@SimpsonsParrots



This week the Monkeys have been creating a storymap for our key text 'Dear Zoo'. We have thought of some great actions for the animals and have enjoyed practising the storymap in our own learning time. Ask your child if they can retell the story at home?

@SimpsonsMonkeys



This week in Maths, the Elephants have been completing work on fractions of an amount using the bar method. They have been able to work together to solve the sums and shown excellent resilience – Well done Elephants!

@SLAElephantsY3

The Eagles have been learning about a range of Viking Gods, two new songs in brass and have taken ownership of their learning in maths! What a busy week!

@SimpsonsEagles



Safer Internet Day is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 6th February 2018.

The theme is **Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you.**

Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place, **including you!**

Have a look at the tips and resources we will be sharing next week to help your children make a positive change online, stay safe and help your friends.

Safeguarding

At Simpson's Lane Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Mayers. In her absence, you should contact, Mrs Fairfield, Mr Colley or Mrs Silburn (Deputy Safeguarding Leads). They can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation. The Government launched a website aimed at parents, teachers and school leaders to give practical advice on protecting young people from extremism and radicalisation. The website can be found at www.educateagainsthate.com