

Newsletter 13/06/2025

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **403** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been an incredibly busy one with 3 school trips. On Tuesday, Year 2 went to Leeds Museum where they learnt all about the Victorians. Thursday saw Year 6 head to Alton Towers for their attendance reward after their fantastic effort and commitment to boosters and on Friday, Year 3 visited Cannon Hall Farm which lined wonderfully with their class text: Charlotte's Web.

Year 1 and Year 4 have also been incredibly busy with Year 1 sitting their phonics screening check and Year 4 completing their MTCs. A HUGE well done to all the children – you've been absolute stars!

Kind regards,

Upcoming Dates

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| --Tue 17/06-Year 3 and 4 Crafting Afternoon @2.30pm | --Tue 01/07-KS1 Crafting Afternoon @2.30pm |
| --Wed 18/06-Year 4 trip to Eureka | --Wed 02/07-KS2 Parent Book Look @2.45pm |
| --Wed 18/06-RGH Stay and Read | --Wed 02/07-1DP Stay and Read |
| --Thur 19/06-6SC Stay and Read | --Thur 03/07-4NR Stay and Read |
| --Thur 19/06-5CT Stay and Read | --Thur 03/07 – Year 6 De Lacy Transition Day |
| --Thur 19/06-Reception Sports Day @9am | --Fri 04/07 - Non-Uniform Day (In exchange for an unopened bottle of something NO ALCOHOL) |
| --Thur 19/06-Year 3 and 4 Sports Day @1.45pm | --Wed 09/07-Nursery Seaside Themed Day |
| --Mon 23/06 – De Lacy Uniform Pop Up Shop @3.30pm-6pm | --Wed 09/07-1KR Stay and Read |
| --Tue 24/06-Year 5 and 6 Crafting Afternoon @2.30pm | --Wed 09/07-Summer Fayre 3pm |
| --Wed 25/06-KS1 Parent Book Look @2.45pm | --Thur 10/07-4MM Stay and Read |
| --Wed 25/06-2KW Stay and Read | --Thur 10/07-Year 5 and 6 Sports Day @1.45pm |
| --Thur 26/06-5KR Stay and Read | --Thur 17/07-New Class Transition Morning |
| --Thur 26/06-KS1 Sports Day @1.45pm | --Fri 18/07-Year 6 Leavers Assembly @9am |
| --Fri 27/06 – Non-Uniform Day (In exchange for an unopened bag of sweets/chocolate NO NUTS) | --Fri 18/07-Break Up for Summer |
| --Mon 30/06 – De Lacy Transition Evening @5pm | |

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Grayson P-J! For being such a bright star in his learning, building his vocabulary and trying his best in everything he does.

NURSERY PM - Nellie. M! For building her confidence and trying so hard with phonics this week making connections with her learning.

RRS- Leila for fabulous sentence writing all week. Wow!

RGH- Harper for always trying her best in every area of her learning.

1DP- All of 1DP for giving 100% effort in your phonics screening check. Such shining stars!

1KR- Theo for his super learning in Maths this week learning about money.

2KW/SE- Jacob S for his brilliant recall about Victorians on our school trip.

2LR- Toby R for starting this half term raring to go.

3ED- Cassie for trying so hard to perfect her handwriting. Fantastic effort, Cassie!

3SM- Nikita for showing fantastic behaviour and a great attitude towards his work this week.

4MM- Will R for amazing progress in MTC and trying hard in all subjects

4NR- Sam M for amazing input and engagement during our R.E lesson on pilgrimages!

5KR- Elliott for showing amazing maturity and always engaging in lessons.

5CT- Levi F for putting his hand up so many times this week and contributing to discussions.

6SW/6SC - Ryley G for his help in school while the rest of the year went to Alton Towers. He was an absolute star and could take Mrs Tolson's job next year!

Nursery

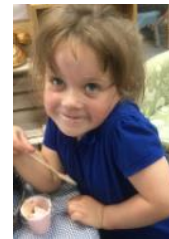
This week in Nursery we have been 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have used the outdoor area to go around the different obstacles like in the story! We have made our story map but have lots of questions... We have some children who didn't want to go through the river so what else could we do to help them? We have some children who don't like the dark so how can they travel through the dark forest? Lots of things to investigate. This week in Phonics we have been focusing on the sound 'n'. The children have all been practicing a lot with this sound because it is very tricky to put your tongue in the right place and not say 'm' instead. They have been great with their resilience and really tried their best to stop and think about it in every situation. This week in Maths we have continued our learning on 3D shape, and we even set up a lovely 3D shape shop outdoors. It was very expensive to buy some of the shapes, but it definitely got us talking about the properties that 3D shapes have.



Reception

This week we enjoyed lots of outdoor play and spent time in the sunshine. We continued learning the story of Handa's Surprise and had the opportunity to taste some exotic fruit. We had pineapple, mango, passion fruit and avocado and mixed it with yogurt to make a yummy fruit salad. We ended the week by inventing a recipe for a delicious 'Super Smoothie!'

In Maths our focus was grouping and sharing, and we used counters to share quantities equally. We looked at doubling to 20 and used paper shapes to decorate butterfly wings symmetrically. Our nursery rhyme of the week was *London Bridge is Falling Down*. I wonder if the children can remember the words and sing this song at home?



1DP

This week has been the Phonics Screening Check for all our Year 1 children, and I could not be prouder of the effort, determination and enthusiasm of all our children. They just took it in their stride and absolutely smashed it, which I knew they would. Phonics is such an integral part of the children's reading journey and our daily phonics sessions, along with guided reading, individual 1-1 reading, whole class reading and story time sessions have supported the children to become much more confident, competent readers and has helped build great foundations for future learning. Thank you to you all for reading at home with your children. It makes such a difference!



1KR

In maths this week 1KR have been learning all about coins and notes and the value of them. They have also been learning how to add coins and to find the value using real life coins. In our writing we have all designed and created a guidebook for a special island of our choice!

In RE this week, we have been learning about Christians special days of worship and why they celebrate on certain days, within this we discussed which days were special to us and why! In our music lesson we were learning all about classical music and musicals! We are learning the song 'favourite things' from the sound of music.



2KW/SE

This week Year 2 have had a fantastic time on their trip to Leeds Industrial Museum. They had the chance to experience what a school would have been like in the Victorian Era and watched one of the mill machines in operation to see how it worked. In RE this week the children have learnt about how it is important to be respectful to people and how people have different beliefs. We had discussions about how we can be respectful of other beliefs by listening to others and being positive.



2LR

This week in year two we have been looking at healthy and unhealthy plants. We examined why these changes have happened and looked at what each plant was missing. In Writing, we have started to write a guide for visiting Mexico. These guidebooks will be sent into a competition, and the children will have chance to win books for our school. In French; we have recapped colours during our superhero's topic. In Music, we have performed our song here comes the sun. The children used high and low tones to ensure they kept the beat.

3ED

We enjoyed a trip to Cannon Hall Farm this week. It was brilliant to see the real-life experiences at the farm reflect the themes of love, compassion and friendship that make our class text, Charlotte's Web, such a timeless story. In history, we looked at the different Ancient Egyptian inventions and how they still influence our lives today. Ask us the reasons why the Ancient Egyptians invented makeup and toothpaste – you'll be amazed! We have continued looking at magnets in science. We conducted an experiment to test which materials are magnetic. We especially enjoyed testing whether our Ancient Egyptian artefacts were magnetic!



3SM

This week, the children have continued to develop their understanding of bread and have compared texture, taste and appearance of a range of different breads.

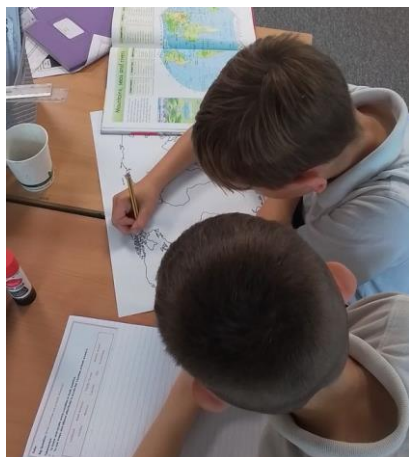
In Science, the children have taken part in an experiment to find out which items in the classroom are magnetic and non-magnetic.

In Writing, they have created their own guidebook about Egypt which contains a variety of exciting facts which they have researched over the past week. To finish the week, the children went to Cannon Hall Farm to develop their understanding of their class text Charlotte's Web.



4MM

This week we have worked hard learning all new skills in science, exploring habitats and different classifications for animals. We have loved writing our guidebooks in writing, we did not know what a guidebook was at the start of last week but now we are super knowledgeable! We are creating a guidebook on how to survive after an apocalypse with amazing tips and ideas for children!



4NR

A super busy week, we started out D.T unit on woodwork and learnt how a butt joint would strengthen our structure.

In R.E we learnt about tirtha and the sacred pilgrimage sights for Hindu's. In Reading, we were shocked to discover how the Krindlekrax ended up in the sewer. In Maths, we have enjoyed looking at shape. Enjoy your weekend 4NR!



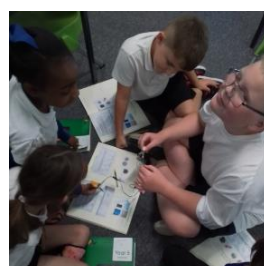
5KR

This week, in Reading, we have been focusing on test style questions which target different domains. We have looked at word meaning questions, inferencing and impressions of characters. In Maths, we have continued our topic of conversions. We have looked at both metric and imperial units. We have looked at different conversions and looked at how we can use the inverse to convert these back and forth. In Writing, we have continued our work on guidebooks, we have completed some shared writes surrounding guidebooks and prepared for our real guidebook writing next week.



5CT

This week during Maths we have been looking at exploring timetables and how to read them which will be helpful with catching a bus, train or their high school schedule. The children have done really well with this and have shown great confidence and perseverance. In Writing, we have continued our unit of guidebooks and have been writing our own guidebook on looking at a specific place they have been to, to write about. The children have done well with including lots of persuasive language. In Reading we have been introduced to many different and new character and the children have enjoyed comparing these figures with the Greek mythology figures as well.



All Year 6

Well, the trip of the year finally arrived! After working so hard all year and attending over 80% of their booster sessions, Year 6 got their reward this week as they visited Alton Towers. Everyone was here bright and early at 7.15am - some even earlier! The coach ride there took a bit of time but it was well worth it.



When we arrived, we made the most of the shorter queues and headed for the rides. Mr Colley's group was straight for the smiler and it certainly made some 'smile'! Throughout the day, the kids were absolutely amazing – their behaviour was impeccable and the staff thoroughly enjoyed their company. A great time really was had by all.



Sadly, all good things must come to an end and at 4pm, we had to leave the park. 😞 Although, it probably wasn't a bad thing as I'm not sure many of these kids would have lasted much longer! Still, nothing like a good sleep on the coach ride home!



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To do 100 squats.

If you upload pictures or videos of yourself doing this to 'X' or 'Seesaw' you will be awarded a green point from your teacher.

Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are –

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assistant Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)