

Newsletter 14/02/2025



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 **395** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Simpson's Lane Academy with our Year 2 children going to Pontefract Castle where they were great representatives of the academy. We have also had WDH in to continue our Year 5 project. The children were involved in clearing our Sensory Garden ready for further development alongside WDH in March. All of the adults that visited commented on how fantastic the children were during the visit.

Kind regards,

Upcoming Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Mon 24/02-Back to School --Wed 26/02-2LR Stay and Read --Wed 26/02-Year 2 Achievement Celebration @2.30pm --Thur 27/02-3SM Stay and Read --Wed 05/03-2KW Stay and Read --Thur 06/03-3ED Stay and Read --Thur 06/03-World Book Day-dress as your favourite book character --Wed 12/03-1KR Stay and Read --Thur 13/03-6SW Stay and Read | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Fri 14/03-Year 3 Trip to The Coal Mining Museum --Wed 19/03-1DP Stay and Read --Thur 20/03-6SC Stay and Read --Wed 26/03-RRS Stay and Read --Thur 27/03-5CT Stay and Read --Wed 02/04-RGH Stay and Read --Thur 03/04-5KR Stay and Read --Fri 04/04-Break Up --Tue 22/04-Back to School |
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Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- All the children! For blowing us away with Phonics, Talk for Writing and all our learning!

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RRS- Lily-Mae for beautiful letter formation in Handwriting.

RGH- Henley for working super hard in Phonics lessons.

1DP- Oliver for being a super star.

1KR- Florence for settling in so well to 1KR!

2KW/SE-Alexis for using some exciting new adjectives in her work this week.

2LR- Elyjah B. He is flourishing in reading and all his efforts in class have not gone unnoticed.

3ED- Aiva for trying so hard to be sensible and green in every lesson. What a fab role model!

3SM- Wyatt for a fantastic week and showing fantastic green behaviour.

4MM- Adrian A for trying really hard during internet safety day.

4NR- Destiny for working so hard this half term creating some fantastic work, her knowledge on the water cycle is incredible and it's been great to see how confident she is sharing this with her peers when they've needed help! Well done Destiny!

5KR- George for working hard inside and outside of class and always being helpful!

5CT- Fabian P for building independence within his work and asking for help when he needs it. Well done!

6SW-Miley for her effort in Maths sessions this week.

6SC- Lily-Mae for her excellent poetry.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been creating our final versions of 'The 3 Little Pigs' stories. Some of us have used our drawing skills to make written copies and some of us have enjoyed telling the stories orally. All the children have been so enthusiastic and have really shone when taking part in this Talk for Writing topic! I wonder what next half term will have in store... In Phonics this week we have been looking at the initial sounds in words that we hear and trying to match items with the same sound. For some of our children it was fun to find items that matched the first sound of our name. Other have extended their learning across the whole school and as we are walking around they have spotted different things. We are getting so good at hearing the sounds and recognising sounds in words. This week we also completed some lovely abstract sculptures using clay in the style of Henry Moore our inspirational artist.



Reception

This week the children made some delicious gingerbread men and worked together to follow instructions. We created shopping lists and party lists in the classroom and picked our favourite ingredients when imagining our dream desserts. In Maths we focussed on numbers 9 and 10, using lots of resources in the classroom to explore our knowledge of counting and grouping objects. This week was also internet safety week, and we enjoyed having a lovely visitor in our class who taught us how to stay safe online. Our focus artist this half term has been Barbara Hepworth, and we ended the week creating clay models inspired by her sculptures. I wonder if the children can tell their grown-ups anything about Barbara Hepworth and her sculptures.



1DP

This week has been a great one for 1DP. On Wednesday we enjoyed learning all about safer internet day, we learned how to stay safe online and created posters to help others too. In Writing we have been exploring and writing our own poem using rhyming words and have created our own poem 'quickly'.

In music we have been enjoying learning all about 'musicals' and have continued to keep in time to a beat using instruments and our voices.



1KR

This week has been a busy one for 1KR. On Wednesday we enjoyed learning all about safer internet day, we learned how to stay safe online and created posters to help others too. In Writing we have been exploring and writing our own poem using rhyming words. In Maths we have been looking at the numbers 50-100 and have been partitioning our numbers into 10s and 1s. During our PE lesson this week we choreographed our own pirate dance! Have a fantastic half term year 1.



2KW/SE

This week Year 2 have had an exciting time at Pontefract castle learning about the how the castle has changed over time and which important people lived there. The children had the opportunity to become baby dragons and write their own dragon story as well as being able to visit the castles cellar. In addition to this the children have completed and evaluated their weaving which they did based on the work of Michael Crompton.



2LR

This week in Year 2, we had a fabulous visit to Pontefract Castle. The children were an absolute credit to themselves, and I couldn't have been happier with their behaviour. We go to explore the castle grounds, create a story with Ilbert the dragon and go in the dungeons! In Art, we evaluated our flower looms. In Science, we looked at what a human needs to survive and created a set of instructions to look after ourselves. We cannot wait to show you all the learning we have done in the first week back. On Wednesday 26th February, we will invite parents into the classroom at 2.30 to show you all the learning we have done. We hope to see you all there.



3ED

This week was 'Safer Internet Day' – we enjoyed a visit from an e-safety expert and designed our own posters to help others stay safe online.

We have started looking at time in our maths lessons. We learnt all about roman numerals for the first time and added these to an analogue clock.

In music, we have continued our work on the difference between beat and rhythm. We even played a game of bingo with different music notes!



3SM

A very busy end to the term for 3SM this week. They started the week by creating their own poems which included a mystical creature singing its way free from a threatening character. The children were able to include rhyming words and powerful adjectives to help the poem come to life. In maths, the children have moved on to 'Time'. They can now identify and use Roman numerals, and they have started to tell the time to 5 minutes. In Science, the children took part in an experiment which showed the importance of keeping ourselves protected from the sun and which factor of sunscreen is most effective.



4MM

This week we have been busy learning all about internet safety. Tuesday was safer internet day where we explored the different apps we might use and how to stay safe on them.



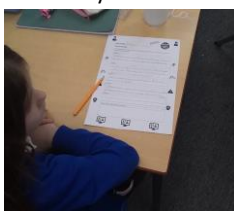
4NR

Another busy week, this week we learnt all about how rivers are formed and how different rivers are so useful to our everyday lives. We completed our poems; it was great to see our poets not only create a poem but perform them creating their own actions to impress their audience! In Science we learnt all about the water cycle and the children were so passionate explaining each process and explaining how the particles in matter change at each step! We have worked so hard this half term and I cannot wait to see what we achieve next half term, please enjoy your rest 4NR!!



5KR

This week, we have had a super busy final week! In reading, we have focused on giving evidence to prove our points. We have read more of our class novel and really enjoyed learning how the author writes and how she creates different characters that we like and dislike. In maths, we have looked at how to order and compare decimals and how to round them to the nearest whole, tenth and thousandth. In writing, we have finished our poetry topic and created our very own poems which we have performed. In REC, we have wrapped up our science topic by investigating Martian soil and completing our assessment presentation. In computing, we have had a visitor who talked to us about the importance of staying safe online for Safer Internet Day. We discussed the reasons why we should stay safe online. We also have had another session of the WDH project, we headed to our sensory garden where we spent the session cleaning it up so it can be used by the rest of the school!



5CT

During this final week, we have been very busy! We have had visitors this week, on Tuesday we completed our penultimate day of action (wdh project) by clearing and tidying our sensory garden at the bottom of our playground. We generated some ideas on how we could improve the space, so that it becomes more welcoming and inviting. The children enjoyed getting stuck in with the hard elbow work of weeding the soil, raking the leaves, picking up litter... The list goes on! We also had internet safety day on Tuesday but celebrated this by exploring online safety on Wednesday with a visitor giving us a presentation and us becoming detectives into a cyber case! The children did well to listen to different bits of information and showed their amazing and in-depth understanding of their own safety online as well as how to advise others. In our core learning this week, we have continued to explore the boy at the back of the class, looking at different characters and their actions. We looked at retrieving information and evidence from the text to support and back up our own ideas about a character and what type of person they are. We were able to further explain how a character might be feeling due to the description of the actions and reactions.



6SW

Maths was all about angles this week where we calculated angles in various shapes! In our Writing sessions, we created poems all about the Blitz using a range of literary devices. On Wednesday, we had a visitor for Safer Internet Day who taught us about online relationships and how they can lead to changes in our behaviour. In Computing, we edited the code and made it into our own game with variables such as a timer and score change. Our Science lesson consisted of making a burglar alarm using various components including a motor to make vibrations and a buzzer to make sound.



6SC

This week has been poetry week at Simpson's Lane, and we've been creating our own poems about the Blitz. I've been really impressed by the children's use of literary devices to capture the truly horrific atmosphere! In Science we concluded our learning about electricity by creating our own alarm so apologies if anyone starts installing pressure pads in their bedrooms to catch intruders! Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, so we've been focussing on e-safety this week. On Wednesday, we had a visitor who led us through a virtual 'investigation' where we explored the mistakes a character made when communicating with others online. Please do try and follow up on this at home as many children believe that the 'incident' we explored would not happen in real life and although the scenario was fictitious, the lessons from it were most definitely real. A leaflet has been sent home to support you in keeping your child safe online but if you require any further support, please let us know and we'll be happy to help.



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To go on a 1-hour walk every day during half-term.

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)