

Newsletter 28/03/2025

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,

This week has been Shakespeare Week across the academy and classes have been immersed into the world of William Shakespeare, learning about his life and various plays. The children have really enjoyed some of the different plays and fully embraced the drama opportunities that have come with this. There have also been some trips and visits this week. Year 4 visited Mother Shipton's Cave where they explored the history of Mother Shipton. The children loved the tour of the caves and made links to their reading in the autumn term, as well as History and Geography. Mrs Sale's class also ventured out of the academy to perform in our Delta Concerteenies performance at Education House. The children were absolutely amazing and put on quite a show! Next week is going to be busy one too with our Year 5 residential, Easter competition and raffle, Nursery Easter Crafts and Attendance discos. Kind regards,

Upcoming Dates

--Tue 01/04-Nursery Stay and Play @8.30 and 12.15pm

--Tue 01/04- Reception Stay and Play @ 8.50am

--Wed 02/04-RGH Stay and Read

--Fri 04/04-Break Up

--Tue 22/04-Back to School

--Wed 23/04-2LR Stay and Read

--Thur 24/04-4NR Stay and Read

--Wed 30/04-2KW Stay and Read

--Thur 01/05-4MM Stay and Read

--Mon 05/05-Inset Day

--Tue 06/05-Parents' 'Sleep' Coffee Morning @ 9am

--Wed 07/05-1KR Stay and Read

--Thur 08/05-3SM Stay and Read

--Wed 14/05-1DP Stay and Read

--Thur 15/05-3ED Stay and Read

--Wed 21/05-RRS Stay and Read

--Thur 22/05-6SW Stay and Read

--Fri 23/05-Break Up

--Mon 02/06-Back to School

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Ivy-Rose. K! For super sharing and being kind to her friends!

NURSERY PM - Orla. C! For being so engaged and building her confidence in her learning!

RRS- Bertie for challenging himself in reading and always working to a high standard.

RGH- Henry for wonderful manners and a positive attitude towards learning.

1DP- River for a fantastic music lesson. Joining in, singing along and keeping the rhythm on the chime bars.

1KR- Molly for fantastic behaviour and attitude towards her learning.

2KW/SE- William for his improvement with his handwriting.

2LR- Harper D for been such a good friend to everyone at break and lunchtimes, it has been lovely to see.

3ED- Callum for achieving a brilliant score in our reading tests!

3SM- Laney for showing a great attitude towards her work this week and fantastic green behaviour.

4MM- Coby G-Y for contributing and being well behaved on our school trip.

4NR- Finlay for a fab performance of the Tempest in our Shakespeare week, Well done!

5KR- Willow for improving on her reading test and working hard to be green.

5CT- Jake L for trying his best in his tests this week. Well done!

6SW- Emelia for her determination in Maths even when things are difficult.

6SC- Joey for his effort in writing this week.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have made some instructions for Jasper to help him stay on green! We thought really hard about what we needed to tell him and why. We think we did a good job, but we tried them out for ourselves by planting some lovely flowers in our outdoor area. We looked back at the instructions each time we finished one to check and double check we were doing in right, because we don't want to be like Jasper and end up off green... We realised that some of the instructions we need to do every day like watering it. We recognised that we might not be able to pick up the slugs and snails because we are not at school when it is nighttime. Miss Gardom will have to do that. We also learned that looking after plants takes a lot of time and there is not ever an end to it! We have to keep doing the watering and keep being patient waiting for more flowers to grow. Hard work! But teamwork makes the dreamwork and we are super excited to care for our lovely flowers.



Reception

This week the children have enjoyed lots of learning outdoors, making the most of the sunny weather we have been having. We planted beanstalks and talked about what beans need to grow strong. In Music we continued learning the songs from Blown Away and Mrs Sale's class enjoyed a visit to Concerteenties where the children took part in a performance. In Maths we explored 3D shapes and talked about their properties. We grouped our recycling into the 3D shapes and explored the unit in search of 3D shapes in the environment. This week we also enjoyed Shakespeare week and looked at the story of Twelfth Night. I wonder if any of the children can tell their adult about William Shakespeare and his plays?



1DP

This week in Art we have been looking at Primary colours. We first looked at the illustrator Axel Scheffler and how he uses primary colours in his illustrations in story book such as Zog the Dragon and The Smeds and The Smoods. The children then had a go at creating their own drawings in the style of Axel using the 3 primary colours. We then moved on to colour mixing with the 3 colours and discovered which colours, when mixed together creates new colours. With the secondary colours mixed we used a range of different thickness paintbrushes to create different strokes and talked about when and why we might use specific sized brushes before creating a painting of our own.



1KR

This week year 1 enjoyed finishing their learning all about halves and quarters. They then moved onto learning all about 2D and 3D shapes by naming them and exploring their properties. In our writing lessons this week we finished our independent non-fiction text all about Paddington Bear and moved onto our Shakespeare week learning. We are learning the famous play 'The Tempest' through role play and acting. In PE with Elite Kids Coaching, we are continuing to work on our target games and ball skills using under arm, over arm and kicking to reach a target.



2KW/SE

This week Year 2 have been learning about food and nutrition in DT. The children found which food items were fruits and which were vegetables by looking for seeds. In Art this week the children used stencils to print repeating patterns onto fabric in the style of Henri Matisse. As well as this we have been learning about William Shakespeare for Shakespeare week and have created a recount by a shepherd from 'A winter's tale.'



2LR

This week in Year 2, we have been designing using repeating patterns. The children used stencils to design and print their patterns onto fabric. We tested two materials, and the children chose what they thought was best to print on. In DT, we tried different foods from Mexico and looked at different techniques of cutting. The children loved the mango and lime. We then made salsa and guacamole and tried them with tortilla chips. In Reading and Writing this week, we have been looking at Shakespeare. We have been acting out the play - A Winter's Tale.

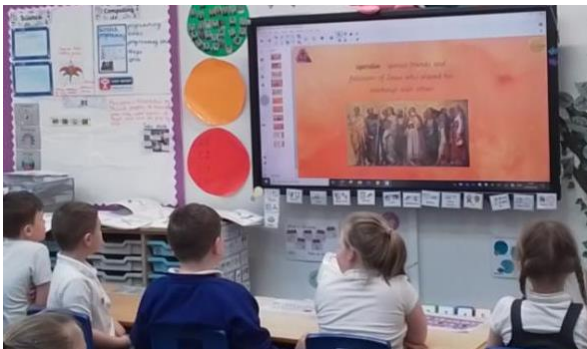


3ED

This week has been all about Shakespeare! We've had a blast exploring his famous stories, meeting unforgettable characters and playing with his unique language through exciting activities!

In art, we have been diving into the world of printing, experimenting with colours to create different moods and bring our designs to life.

We have been learning about Easter Sunday this week, exploring its meaning, traditions and the story of Jesus' resurrection.



3SM

This week, the children have enjoyed William Shakespeare week where they have been able to recall facts about the famous writer as well as hear a variety of his different stories. 3SM focused on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' where the children were able to develop their understanding of one character in particular, Puck. In science, the children developed their understanding of plants and the ways in which different plants can disperse seeds. In maths, the children have created and represented their own data through tally charts and bar charts. They have also developed their understanding of how a two-way table works. In geography, the children have delved deeper into the jobs which people, in particular children, had in the Victorian era.



4MM

This week we had a really a fantastic trip where on Wednesday we travelled to Knaresborough to visit Mother Shipton's Cave. This was a really good trip where we saw the petrifying well that turns items into stone! We also met the stature of Mother Shipton herself.



4NR

What an exciting week for year 4! We headed to Mother Shipton's cave and discovered a magical waterfall that turns everything to stone! We saw a real cannon and the remains of the castle the cannonball had destroyed. The weather was beautiful meaning we enjoyed our lunch and were able to have a little trip to the park! Well done year 4!



5KR

This week is our last full week before residential! So, we have been working hard to complete tests in reading, writing and maths and we have worked so hard! We have made some very big improvements.

In reading and writing this week it has also been Shakespeare week, so we have been looking into a play called Macbeth. We have listened to a rap about Macbeth, created our own opening and investigated some facts about Macbeth. In maths, this week we have looked at calculating the area and the perimeter of different shapes.



5CT

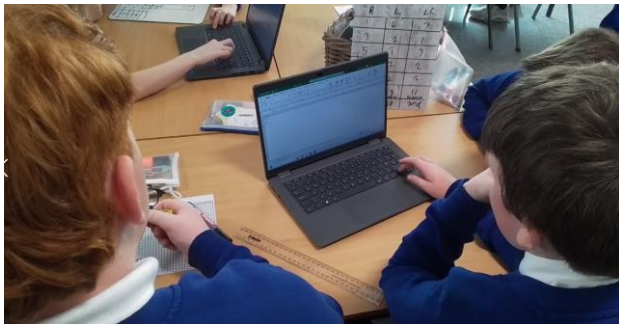
This week has been Shakespeare week throughout the school, the children have been focusing on the play 'Macbeth' in both their writing and reading lessons. They have been understanding key events, sequencing the story, learning Shakespeare's words and reenacting the play themselves. They have been shocked however enjoyed the gruesome tale of the actions of Macbeth. We were making sure that our understanding of the play was about greed and wanting to be powerful, this was Macbeth's downfall.

Nearer the end of the week, the children have been continuing their reading of 'The boy at the back of the class', they are very invested in our Main Character and trying to find out their name. We have been doing testing this week and the children have done brilliantly with this. Their determination within most of their tests has been lovely to see and brings promise to their motivation for Year 6. I wanted to give them a shout out for being amazing during this testing period. ☺



6SW

We investigated shapes including regular and irregular and their angles in Maths. As for Writing, we started our Shakespeare week unit looking at Romeo and Juliet; we are identifying the features, audience and purpose of newspaper articles to write on next week on the tragic events that took place in the story. Our Reading lessons also revolved around Shakespeare, and we answered test style questions about various plays. As for Computing, we began our unit of spreadsheets where we have collected, interpreted and calculated with data. We also made e-safety posters advising people where to find the CEOP button on the school website!



6SC

This week has been Shakespeare Week in the academy. The whole school has been delving into different texts by the famous playwright and learning about the bard himself. In Year 6, we've been looking at the story of Romeo and Juliet. We've explored the prologue in depth as part of our reading sessions, familiarised ourselves with the plot and created some lively Twitter debates between the different characters! The kids have enjoyed it so much that we're extending our learning into next week when we will write a newspaper report about the tragic incident. We've also spent some time refreshing our knowledge of e-safety and this half term, the children have created their own posters that Miss Morgan will judge in a whole school competition.



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

Go on a 1-hour walk each day.

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)