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Newsletter 05/07/2024



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!



Vice Principal: Mrs S Ellis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what another amazing week! We have had a lot of exciting events going on this week. Year 3 have been to Cannon Hall Farm, we have had HSBC doing work shops for our Enterprise Week and the Summer Fayre which we had a fantastic turn out. Thank you to everyone who came and helped the school raise money.

The Reception children also had their Sport's Day where they showed fantastic sportsmanship. We still have lots of exciting events coming up before we break up for Summer so, please keep an eye on our upcoming dates. Next week, we will be having Aspirations Week where the children will be thinking about what they want to be when they are older.

Upcoming Dates

Tue 09/07- Nursery Sports Day

Wed 10/07 - 1KR Stay and Read

Wed 10/07- Y2 Trip to Leeds Industrial Museum

Thur 11/07-5CT-Stay and Read

Tue 16/07- Olympic Day

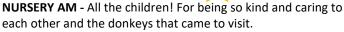
Tue 16/07- French Themed Lunch Day

Wed 17/07- French Themed Day

Fri 19/07- Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Fri 19/07- Break Up for Summer!

Stars of the week



NURSERY PM - All the children! For being so kind and caring to each other and the donkeys that came to visit.

RRS- Kayos for making significant improvements with his handwriting.

RJD- Maja W for writing in full sentences with finger spaces.

1DP- Raven for being such a kind friend to our new starter. **1KR**- Blake for showing maturity and consistently being on evergreen every day.

2KW/LH- Taylor H for effort with her reading. **2SG**- Darcey-Appe I for a perfect attitude to work this

2SG- Darcey-Anne J for a perfect attitude to work this week, showing much more green behaviour and a readiness for Year 3.

3ED- Billy for trying so hard to be green.

3SM- Charlie for showing a great attitude towards his work this week as well as excellent green behaviour.

4MM- Mason C for doing really well in his tests this week.

4KR- Harley for setting a good example and amazing writing work.

5LR- Tommy H. He has settled so well into his new school, and he has really come out of his shell.

5CT- AJ for constantly giving 100% effort to his work and asking questions to clarify methods of learning or information taught!

6SW- Iyla for her fantastic Artwork.

6SC- Lillie T for some great work with charcoal in Art.















Nursery

This week Nursery have been innovating the story of Bear Hunt! The children were very sad when Miss Gardom's bear hunt didn't end in finding a bear. We decided that maybe if we added in some different settings the result might be better... maybe there will be a bear hiding in the park or the swimming pool. We have been on some big adventures this week in our Talk for Writing activities! In Phonics this week we have been learning the sound 'm'. We have really had to use our listening ears to tune into the sounds and hear the difference between 'n' from last week and 'm'. We have been revisiting the alliteration of these sounds to help us. This week has also been our Nursery Seaside Day! Even though the weather was not as bright and sunny as we hoped, we had the best time with the donkeys and all our friends!



Reception

This week in reception we began the enterprise week with a visit from HSBC who discussed money with the children and how we earn it. In each classroom we have set up a role play shop, so the children can work with money and expenses. In literacy we have changed the animal from Handa's Surprise and written our own stories. The children have been practicing their handwriting by using small lines, in preparation for year 1. In maths we have focused on addition within 10 and counting to 20. Aswell as representing the numerals correctly. We hope you agree that our Sports Day was a great success, the children thoroughly enjoyed it. We thank you for your support in Sports Day and the Summer Fayre. Have a lovely weekend.



1DP

This week in school has been Enterprise Week and on Monday we had two members of HSBC bank come in and do a workshop with the children all around money. The children learnt and talked about the role of a bank, where money goes, how it is earned and how to save. They looked closely at the difference between 'want' and 'need' and were introduced to some stories around saving and spending. This linked in well with our maths unit of work on money and the children enjoyed role playing shop keepers and using their new knowledge of 'pounds' and 'pence' to buy items from the shop.



1KR

Year 1 have had a busy week of learning. In Maths we have been learning all about money, how to count money, save money, spend money, and even had a workshop delivered by HSBC! In writing we have started our learning all about the 2024 Olympic Games. We have learned what the Olympic games are, where they are hosted and where they began. During our writing lessons we have focussed on using capital letters for names and places and using the pronoun I correctly. We completed our Art project this week by adding black silhouettes to our African sunset pictures.





2KW/LH

This week Year 2 have been learning all about money during our financial enterprise week - we have problem solved using resources that we think we will need next year then worked out what budget we will need to buy all of the items. We have also decided which offers are best e.g. 25p each or 5 for £1.

In Writing the children have begun a new topic on instruction writing. We have had lots of fun realising how detailed instructions need to be to be successful when giving verbal instructions to Miss Charlotte about how to make a jam sandwich.

In curriculum we have continued to learn about Victorian transport - we found out that seaside leisure activities have changed vastly since the Victorian Era! They had a puppet show called Punch and Judy!



2SG

This week has been a wonderful week for Year 2. We have really enjoyed our music lessons where we get to practice on the different instruments! We have also been using oil pastels to create our own steam train art, making sure to blend the colours to make tints and shades.



3ED

We loved our trip to Cannon Hall Farm – it was amazing to see all the animals from our class book, Charlotte's Web. We learnt so much about the different animals and even got to feed the cows.

This week has been Enterprise Week and we have been learning all about business, money, and budgeting. We had to work together to budget a trip to Antarctica and an expedition to Egypt.

In RE, we looked at how different places of worship can contribute to a community. We found that a lot of the places have similar contributions.



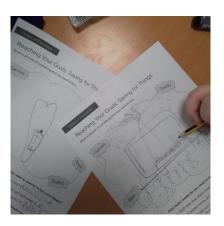
3SM

This week the children have been on a school trip to Cannon Hall Farm where they were able to look at and meet all the animals talked about in our class text, Charlotte's Web. The children also gathered a better understanding of how farms are run and what animals need to be able to live life to the fullest. In maths, it has been 'Enterprise Week'. This is where the children have expanded their understanding of how to earn, spend and budget money. They have also discussed the difference between items which we need to buy and items which we want to buy. In science, the children made their own non-magnetic slime. Then then added iron oxide to it to make it magnetic and they were able to text it on magnetic objects around the classroom.



4MM

This week has been really busy, we have had a really fun week learning about money and the different ways to spend our money on a budget. We have also had lots of fun at the summer fayre! We bought sweets, rode some donkeys, had fun on a bouncy castle and even threw wet sponges at Mr Colley!



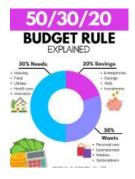
4KR

This week, we have done a lot of testing in maths and writing, we have looked back at our scores at the beginning of year 4 and the amazing progress we have made! We have also finished a lot of our REC topics such as French where we created our very own French menu for our own French cafe. We have some very exciting weeks coming up for our last weeks of year 4 and we are working very hard!



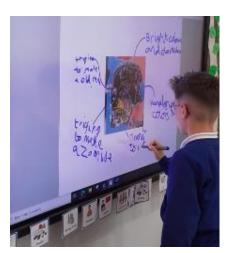
<u>5LR</u>

This week in 5LR we have been playing percussion instruments in Music. In Science, we have been looking at separating materials from one another. It has also been enterprise week this week. We have had HSBC in to do a workshop on wants and needs and how to budget our money when older. We continued this into Maths and compared the price of making a meal with branded and supermarket's own items. In Writing, we have been researching the Paris Olympics so we can create a non-chronological report on this next week.



5CT

This week we have been exploring more of our reading book, looking at the meaning of words and how they express how a character is feeling - using our inference skills. The children were engaged and asked lots of really good questions! In art, we have been exploring the use of graffiti artists and why they do it as well as looking at the different lines, colours, and shapes within the art - the children were able to tell me pros and cons to the art and which artist they preferred (Banksy or Jean-Michael Basquait). Another lovely week!



6SW

We have studied the work of Henri Rousseau and saw how his style isn't always realistic due to having no formal training or real-life experiences of the focuses of his pieces. We worked with charcoal and oil pastel to create texture and shadow to prepare us for our final pieces next week. We also had enterprise week this week where we were visited from HSBC who talked to us about the World of Work. We looked at payslips, deductions and budgeting in this session and asked questions about pensions. We then used our new knowledge to sell our ice pops! Everyone in our class has been on a transition day to high school at some point this week to either DeLacy, Ackworth or Castleford High.



6SC

Year 6 have had a very exciting week with their transition visit to DeLacy. The children were buzzing with excitement on their return to Simpson's Lane and I hope it has eased any anxieties the children may have had. September will come round quickly now so it's time to start enjoying our last two weeks in primary. This week has been Enterprise Week and we've had a workshop with HSBC, created our own 'washing machine business' as part of a class competition and then applied this to real business by selling ice pops over break times. There are definitely some budding entrepreneurs in Year 6, that's all I can say!



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To go on a 1-hour walk each day.

Take a video or picture of this and put it on X or Seesaw so we can show your teacher and class.

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)