

Newsletter 18/10/2024

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

WELL DONE!



Dear parents

It has been another busy week in school, some of our year 3,4 children have enjoyed taking part in an interschool dodgeball competition and they did really well. We are very proud of them. Our year 5's have been busy out in the community planting to make our local area look fabulous and improve the conditions around Knottingley for us all. Year 4 have been up to the community shop to practise their cooking skills. It has been a busy week for some of our KS2 children!

I have been really impressed with the artwork year 1 and 2 have produced and it is lovely to see this showcased on the walls in the classroom. We are also studying Black History Month over these next 2 weeks and exploring areas of the curriculum linking to this.

Upcoming Dates

Tues 22/10 - EYFS Halloween Stay and Create (8.40)

Tues 22/10- Nursery Halloween Stay and Create (8.30)

Nursery Halloween Stay and Create (12.15)

Wed 23/10- 2LR Stay and Read

Thur 24/10- 3SM Stay and Read

Thur 24/10 – Halloween disco Years 1-6 Afterschool.

Friday 25/10 - EYFS Halloween Party (Children attend in costumes)

Friday 25/10 - Nursery Halloween Party (Children attend in costumes)

Fri 25/10- Break Up

Mon 04/11- Inset Day

Tue 05/11- Back to School

Wed 13/11 – Autumn term SEND coffee afternoon: Large sports Hall 1:15 until 2:45. The focus of this session will be around Needs in children with autism, sensory needs and anxiety. The afternoon will be run by Wakefield Inclusion Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Support Service (WISENDSS).

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Alessa. T! For trying so hard in group and always doing the right thing!

NURSERY PM - Liahla-Rae. D! For always trying her best and being the best she can be!

RRS- Korbyn for a fabulous effort in Phonics and handwriting.

RJD - Harvey for working extra hard in Phonics lessons.

1DP- Stanley for a great attitude to learning this week.

1KR- Nashe for being a fantastic role model to his peers

2KW/LH- Louie C for trying hard all week.

2LR- Pixie P. She has tried so hard in her reading and her expression when reading out loud is amazing.

3ED- Lara For fitting into our class so well and always being green

3SM- Jeona has settle well into 3SM and is growing in confidence every da

4MM- Charlie W for create MTC scores

4NR- Lily S for having a great attitude to her learning and helping others to make green choices making a great role model at Simpsons Lane.

5KR- Louella - for consistently being a superstar and a good role model in our class!

5CT- Esmay W for being green all week.

6SW -Lenny for his determination in Maths.

6SC- Charlie C for some super speedy Maths in fluency groups

Nursery

This week in Nursery have continued our learning with 'Dear Zoo' in Talk for Writing. The children have made a story map together and have been having a go at innovating it independently during their play. The children have been expressing their likes and dislikes with regards to different animals. Some children wanted to keep the lion at their house so watch out!

This week we have enjoyed exploring Autumn further and we used leaves from outside to make 'Leaf Man' and the children all learned about the wind at Autumn time and how it moves things around. They have been making links with their learning across the provision.

Reception

This week the children have been learning about instruction writing and have followed a recipe to make some delicious bread. The class created story maps and sang songs to learn the important steps we need to follow to make a perfect loaf.

In Maths the children have been exploring numbers from 1 to 3 and have concentrated on **one more** and **one less** than a number.

We're really looking forward to having our parents and carers in our classrooms next week for our **Halloween Stay and Create**. This will be on **Tuesday 22nd October at 8.40am**.



1DP

This month is Black History Month and in Year 1 this week we have been looking at the life of Floella Benjamin. We learnt all about her struggles as a child due to the colour of her skin and learnt that she was able to overcome these adversities to accomplish so much.

We linked this with our art work on collages and the children worked together to create their own collage of Floella using all the techniques they had learnt this half term. The end results were amazing!



1KR

This week 1KR have been busy learning how to write instructions in our writing lessons. We have learned the time connectives First, Next, After that and Finally. We created instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth! In Maths we have been learning number bonds within 10 and number bonds of 10. We had so much fun in PE using balloons to work as teams to keep them afloat.



2KW

This week we have enjoyed our classroom kitchen session in our DT lesson. We made fruit salad and it was delicious! We practised our cutting skills and then turned what we made into a fruit smoothie! We are trying really hard at remembering how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and are developing our addition skills by adding two, 2 digit numbers and then regrouping 10 ones into a ten and how this relates to the answer.

2LR

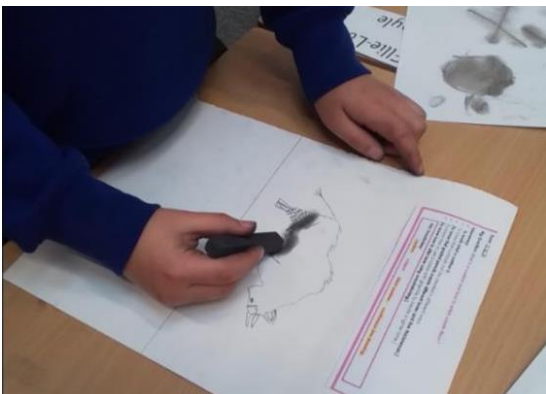
In reading, we have been developing our fluency when reading poems. We did this by changing the tone of our voices and adding actions. In Maths, we have been crossing 10 when adding two 2 digit numbers. In Geography, we have looked at why London is so special and in Art, we have completed a photocollage of the Shard.

3ED

We have been practising some more drawing skills this week in preparation for our Stone Age cave art pieces. We experimented with graphite pencil and charcoal.

In writing, we have been writing our very own explanation texts. We've written an array of texts about the Stone Age, exercise and even ice-cream!

We have been looking at E-Safety this week – we discussed different ways to stay safe online.

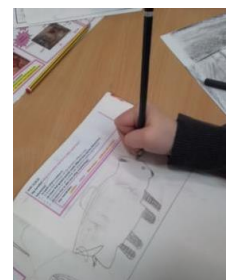


3SM

This week has been another busy week in Year 3, the children have written their own explanation text based on topic of their choice.

The children have continued to learn about the importance of staying safe online by knowing the difference between 'know' and 'no'. They have also discussed what they can do if they ever feel worried online and who some trusted adults are which they can speak to.

In art, the children have identified the difference between blind contours and continuous contours. They attempted to complete a version of each by drawing the outline of a bison without looking on their page and then tried again without taking their pencil off the paper.



4MM

This week we have taken part in Black History week where we explored Katherine Johnson and learnt all about how she is a human calculator and helped famous people travel into space! We have also been busy making pancakes in our community sessions.



4NR

This week we celebrated Black history week learning about the incredible Katherine Johnson, she inspired us to create some amazing NASA art. In reading Edward Tulane took us on a rollercoaster of emotions, the children were able to express his changing emotions as he met new characters. In Maths we have been rounding, the children and I have been practising the rounding rhyme to help us with successfully rounding to the nearest 100. Well done year 4!



5KR

This week, we have continued reading our class text, Street Child to explore character and develop our retrieval skills. In maths, we have been introduced to prime numbers, squared and cubed numbers, while also using our prior knowledge from year 4 to recap factors. In writing this week, we have almost finished our explanation text surrounding something we are interested in.

We also had the opportunity this week to complete our second session of our WDH project. We headed out onto Pinewood place to plant 5,200 bulbs to make the estate more colourful to improve people's mental health. We then came back to school where we had a workshop, to create our very own collage that will be used to create real life street art.

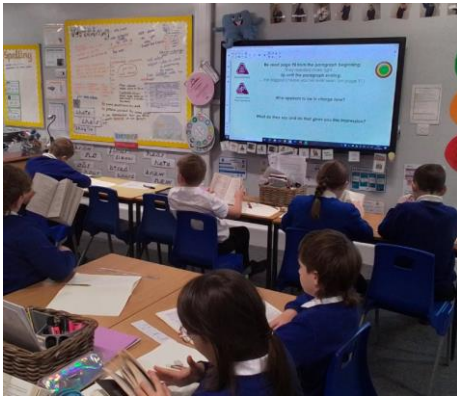


5CT

We have continued to explore our reading book of Street Child, and the children were relieved that Jim the main character has escaped the workhouse and found a trusted adult - Rosie. The children are excited to see what happens next. We have enjoyed our forest school activities this week as well and are looking forward to a lovely treat next week for our final forest school of Year 5. In addition to this, the children have begun to think about their hot writes for the explanation texts. Their innovates were fantastic this week and I can see they are challenging themselves to include more writing techniques in their work - this is brilliant to see! What a great week.

6SW

This week we have looked closely at our new character in Black Powder - the smuggler; we made inferences about him based on evidence we could find in the text. In Geography, we looked at maps in Antarctica and identified physical features using legends (and clarified that they are not just tales passed down as a few of us thought). In Maths, we worked through word problems involving the four operations. In Writing, we innovated our discussion text focusing on formality and connecting phrases. In our PSHE session this week we looked at what Hate Crime is and the impact it has on people impacted by it.



6SC

This week has been week 1 of our Delta Stars initiative. After last week's excitement building up to the big event and then the launch, everyone has been desperate to earn their first card for their folder. Year 6 didn't disappoint with 4 of them receiving theirs this week - well done to Heidi, Archie, Lily and Max! I'm sure they'll be plenty more to come! We've been working hard to tackle some tricky maths problems this week and it's been great to see everyone persevering with some complex word problems. In Geography, we started to look at the Antarctic landscape and used map reading skills to make inferences about the physical features. The highlight of the week had to be our music lesson. The kids loved the bungalow song. Ask them if you can give it a try at home - it's great fun!



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To complete 30 push-ups.

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)