

## Newsletter 08/11/2024

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

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Just want to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who have been really understanding with the EYFS building work that is currently underway. We are still on track to have it fully completed in two weeks times which will be an exciting time for the children.

This week, we have added a lot of new dates for all the exciting upcoming dates that we will be having on the build up to Christmas. It would be great to see you all at them.

### Upcoming Dates

- Mon 11/11- School Photos
- 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).
- Thurs 14/11-6SW Stay & Read
- Fri 15/11-Children In Need Non-Uniform £1 Donation to Charity
- Weds 20/11- Parents Evening
- Thurs 21/11-6SC Stay & Read
- Thurs 28/11-Hot Chocolate Day
- Fri 29/11-Non-Uniform Bring an Unopened Sweets/Chocolates (NO NUTS)
- Thurs 28/11-5CT Stay & Read
- Wed 4/12-Elf Day £1 Donation to Charity
- Thurs 5/12-5KR Stay & Read
- Fri 6/12-Non-Uniform Bring an Unopened Bottle (No alcohol)
- Tue 10/12-KS1 Xmas Concert 2-3pm
- Wed 11/12-Recpetion Xmas Concert 9-10am
- Thurs 12/12 - 4NR Stay & Read
- Mon 16/12-Nursery Xmas Crafts 8.30-9.30am and 12.15-1.15pm
- Tue 17/12-Year 3 and 4 Xmas Concert 2-2.30pm
- Wed 18/12-Christmas Jumper Day £1 Donation to Charity
- Wed 18/12-Christmas Dinner Day
- Wed 18/12-Year 5 and 6 Xmas Concert 2-3pm
- Wed 18/12-Bedtime Stories 3.45-4.30pm (Nursery to Year2)
- Fri 19/12-Break Up for Christmas
- Mon 6/01-Back to School

### Stars of the week

**NURSERY AM-** Nina. W! For joining in with all the activities and encouraging her peers to be the best.

**NURSERY PM** - Hunter. M! For trying so hard to be green and celebrating his achievements.

**RRS-** Olivia for amazing Phonics and for super sitting at carpet time.

**RJD-** Ivy for excellent behaviour and a positive attitude.

**1DP-** Amelia for her positive attitude to learning.

**1KR-** Harley for a fantastic attitude towards learning.

**2KW/SE-** Ava for working hard to present her work beautifully in her books.

**2LR-** Scarlett W. She has put all her effort into Maths this week and her reading work has wowed me. It is amazing to see how happy she has come back to school after a week off as she is always smiling in every lesson.

**3ED-** Georgie for wowing us with her scientific knowledge.

**3SM-** Sienna for showing a great attitude towards her work and been able to contribute well during group work.

**4MM-** Destinee for supporting her peers and being kind all the time.

**4NR-** Riley-May for returning to school with a newfound confidence, raising her hand and sharing ideas and completing a fantastic cold write of a mysterious creature! Well done, Riley!

**5KR-** Hunter for getting involved in trips and extracurricular and being a star!

**5CT-** H for contributing ideas and thoughts with the class and using great language when speaking about the Geography and RE topic.

**6SW-** Henry for the respect he always shows to others in the classroom.

**6SC-** Ayrton for smashing his fraction work in Maths.

## Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been learning about Bonfire Night. We created our own bonfire pictures using leaves, the red and brown leaves made it look like fire! The children were all able to explain how to keep themselves safe when the fireworks were on and we practiced holding sparklers by making our own. We also made Diya lamps for Diwali. It was fun to squish the clay between our fingers but we have had to wait and wait and wait to make sure they were all dry before lighting the candles and join in with this special celebration with a festival of lights. This week has been a little bit strange for all the children as we have closed our outdoor area for the builders. But we are all super excited at what is happening and that soon we will be able to play there. The children have all been exceptional in adapting to this change and have not let it stop us in being the best we possibly can be. The children have been using the diggers and the construction to play at being builders and thinking about what our new outdoor classroom will look like.



## Reception

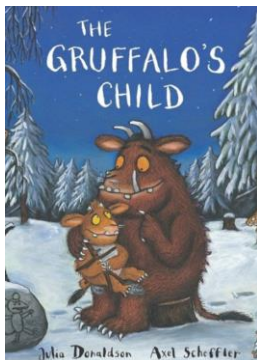
Wow! What a fantastic start to the half term. The children have been extremely excited about our new playground and we enjoyed having a sneak peek from the KS2 library. We can't wait to play in it in 2 weeks time! This week the children started learning about our new artist, Andy Goldsworthy, and we collected leaves from the playground to recreate his work. We spent some time talking about Bonfire Night and we created firework pictures. Towards the end of the week we learnt the story of Rama and Sita whilst exploring the festival of Diwali. We made lamps and coloured in rangoli patterns. In Phonics our new sounds are j v w and x. Our harder to read and spell words are 'he' and 'she'



## 1DP

This week in 1DP we have moved on to a new Talk for Writing Unit of work which is based around the story of 'The Gruffalo's Child'. The children will be developing their story language skills over the half term, focusing particular on openings and endings. In Maths we are continuing with subtraction and are using a range of manipulatives to subtract amounts within 10.

This week we have also started our new science topic, looking at 'everyday materials'. Yesterday the children had a go at describing an object just by touch and seeing if their friends could guess what the object was.



## 1KR

This week in year 1 we have been subtracting numbers on a number line in maths, we have started our new unit of writing and began by making our own story up and using adjectives to describe characters. In RE we learned about Christianity and who Christian's worship. On Wednesday afternoon we had our first gymnastics lesson with Elite Kids Coaching. Well done year 1!

## 2KW/SE

This week Year 2 have started looking at nets and mock-ups in DT to decide if they could make a stable, free-standing structure. We have learnt about the architect Sir Christopher Wrenn and have looked at two of the structures that he designed. We have linked this to our learning in History with our new topic about the Great Fire of London. In writing this week we have written a setting description for our cold write and have begun to work on the skills that we will develop on the run up to the hot write task. We have also had our first mood booster session which taught the children all about feelings and mental health.



## 2LR

## 3ED

What a great first week back! We have been looking at the poem 'The Tyger' during our reading lessons. We enjoyed spotting the old-fashioned language in the poem and discussing what it could mean.

We have started a brand-new topic in science all about the human body. We conducted an experiment which showed us the important job our skeleton does.

In PSHE, we looked at different types of families and what our families mean to us. We came together in a circle time to share our thoughts in a kind and respectful way.



## 3SM

A short first week back filled with plenty of action. The children started the term with a PE session from Elite where they practised different gymnastic poses such as pike, arch and star.

In writing, the children have identified difficult vocabulary within poems and created word banks to help them describe characters.

In science, they have been learning about what a skeleton is and how bones are vital to human life. We had a child dress up in a morph suit and looked at the comparison of a body with and without bones.



### 4MM

This week we have been busy starting our new topic in Art, we are looking at using live models to create sculptures. We learnt all about George Segal and his work and represented this by wrapping our live models in toilet paper. We have also started our new PE topic and we are learning how to play Hockey!



### 4NR

A busy first week back, in maths we started our division and multiplication unit. In writing the children are writing with suspense and have written some fantastic shadow creature stories, leaving their readers on the edge of their seat! We began our melting pot project and designing our menu which made for a very excited Year 4, we cannot wait to start making and tasting, well done 4NR enjoy your weekend!



### 5KR

This week, we have been back doing some hard work. In reading, we have looked at the impression that has been created of the antagonist in our class text, Street Child. We looked at how to give evidence in a text and what punctuation we may need to use when doing this. In writing, we have begun working on a suspense text. We recounted from previous years the toolkit that we had covered and incorporated this into our writing. In REC, this week we had the opportunity to visit a Gurdwara in Bradford. We recounted our amazing knowledge and impressed the guide. We had to cover our heads as a sign of respect and were allowed to enter the prayer room. This week, we have also explored our new computing topic of video production and launched our new personal, social, health and emotion topic of celebrating differences.



### 5CT

This first week back has been full of different things and the children have done really well to settle back into the routine of school. We visited the Gurdwara on Wednesday, the children really enjoyed exploring the place and asking questions about the religion that they have been learning about in their RE unit. Seeing their learning in physically developed deepened their learning and understanding. We were back at swimming, the children enjoyed being back and gave it their 100% effort. We explored a snake poem and what a calligram poem is, writing what we liked and disliked about the poem and the vocabulary. We have continued our reading of our core text 'Street Child' looking in depth at the character's actions, reactions and dialogue.

### 6SW

In our first week back, we dove right back into fractions with adding and subtracting mixed numbers and multiplying fractions. In reading, we looked at two fiction texts about the same time period and area and compared the similarities and differences between the setting and the atmosphere the authors, Ally Sherrick and Mary Hooper, created. We made veggie burgers in our cooking session this term and looked at the impact diet has on our fitness and ways we could, as a society, improve this. Our science lessons closely linked as we looked at the impact of exercise on the body and planned our experiment for next week. In our Writing sessions, we started our new unit of portal stories! We linked this to texts we have read before like Alice in Wonderland.



### 6SC

It doesn't feel like we've only been back 4 days. We've already achieved so much. In Maths, we consolidated adding and subtracting mixed numbers before moving onto multiplication. Our writing unit this half term is all about portal stories and the kids were very excited about creating stories based on different video games so I can't wait to see what they create. We had our Classroom Kitchen session for the half term too where we looked at alternative diets and followed a vegetarian recipe for bean burgers. Hopefully they made it home, so you were able to sample the tasty treats!

### WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

***To complete 100 Star Jumps.***

*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)