

## Newsletter 29/11/2024



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

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been absolutely delighted to open our new EYFS outdoor area this week and it is safe to say the children (and staff) have had the best week learning all sorts of new experience through play. If you haven't already then taken a look round next time you are on pick up/drop off and see how lucky our early years children are to now have such wonderful provision to support their outdoor learning. We kick started our Christmas celebrations with hot chocolate day on Thursday and many of our children enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit in the hall with some festive music! We raised £165.70 for school funds so thank you so much for all your contributions. We are busy preparing for our Christmas Fayre and have a wonderful collection of sweets and chocolate for one of the stalls after our non-uniform day, so thank you for your contribution.

### Upcoming Dates

--Wed 4/12-Elf Day £1 Donation to Charity

--Wed 4/12- 2KW Stay and Read

--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

--Wed 11/12- 2LR Stay and Read

--Wed 11/12-Christmas Fayre

--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 20/12-Break Up for Christmas

--Mon 6/01-Back to School

### Stars of the week

**NURSERY AM-** Peniel. O! For taking care of our lovely new outside area and encouraging everyone else to do the same.

**NURSERY PM** - Andii-Raye. H! For being so kind and caring looking after her friends and teaching them how to be green.

**RRS-** Coby for fantastic mark-making in handwriting.

**RJD-** Eyston for showing confidence when giving answers during carpet time.

**1DP-** Lacey for super phonics work.

**1KR-** Ivy Leigh for superb behaviour.

**2KW/SE-** Aliza for brilliant green listening in lessons.

**2LR-** Jacob B for wowing me everyday this week in writing and he is trying so hard with his letter formation.

**3ED-** Layla for trying so hard to perfect their handwriting.

**3SM-** Evie for showing fantastic green behaviour this week as well as great presentation with her written work.

**4MM-** Salah for great work in maths.

**4NR-** Lilly P for always working hard and being a great role model to the class.

**5KR-** Emilie for always being a role model in class and working hard!

**5CT-** Connie it has been lovely to hear Connie's voice more in class discussions and see her confidence grow throughout her learning.

**6SW-** Miley for her positive attitude when responding to feedback in Writing.

**6SC-** Sophia for great ideas in writing.

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been finishing our 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' story. The children have been experimenting with their own versions of the story and creating a representation of what they want it to include. We have had a wide range of weird and wonderful animals in their stories from rainbow sharks to spotty dinosaurs. They have been so proud sharing their stories with each other. In Phonics this week we have been practicing our blending and segmenting. We have been able to use our robot arms to segment words by syllables and we have been listening carefully to the adults when they have been speaking to us to use our own blending skills and figure out what they have been saying. We have also enjoyed using body percussion to explore patterns of sound. Our favourite game to practice has been 'Copy me do'. In Maths this week we have been looking closely at the number 2. We have been recognising the quantity of 2 and the numeral 2. It has been lovely spending time with the children talking about Winter, wrapping up warm to play in our lovely outdoor area. Sharing hot chocolate together on Thursday to keep warm and decorating the classroom on Friday because on Monday we begin our class countdown to CHRISTMAS!



## Reception

The children had an amazing first week on the new playground and spent most of the week learning outdoors. We particularly enjoyed balancing along the new trim trail and climbing over our climbing wall. On Tuesday we had a visit from two owls called Frankie and Libby. We learnt about their diet and where they live. We also learnt the words 'talons' and 'nocturnal.' We continued our learning in the classroom where we used feathers in the playdough to make our own owls. In Maths we focussed on the composition of 5 and used double-sided counters to demonstrate our understanding.

Our focus sounds in Phonics this week: **ai ee igh oa**

Our harder to read and spell words: **was her**



## 1DP

This week in writing the children have been innovating their warning tales and have had a go at writing their own stories based around a character who has been warned not to do something or go somewhere. The children have taken all they have learnt over the past 3 weeks and put it into their story telling. We've had some amazing stories! In maths the children have been continuing recalling their number bonds to 10 and ordering numbers from the smallest to the greatest.

In our Modern Foreign language sessions, the children have been learning to say up to ten colours in French as well as beginning to recall numbers to 5.



## 1KR

Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about bikes and cars from the past and Karl Benz who invented the first motor vehicle. In music we have been singing and performing songs and learning all about our musician of the week 'Taylor Swift'. In Maths we are continuing to learn the number bonds to 10 and adding by counting on. Well year 1 a super week again.

### 2KW/SE

This week Year 2 have learnt how to make a net out of card in DT using a paper template. They have done this using their drawing and cutting skills. They then used their previous learning to join the net together using joining materials. In History the children have learnt about who Samuel Pepys was and why he was important during the Great Fire of London.



### 2LR

This week in Year 2, we have been looking at doubling and halving. In Writing, we have written our own warning story about a monster hiding. Everyone used such detailed description. In History, we have looked at why Samuel Pepys was so important in the Great Fire of London and in French, we have been counting to 5.

### 3ED

In reading, we have been looking at London Landmarks. We have been discussing how these compare to how they are portrayed in our class book, 'This Morning I Met a Whale'.

We created our own 'diamond 9s' to debate which prehistoric technology had the most influence on our modern lives. We all had different ideas - it was amazing to debate these with our peers.

We learnt all about the role of a Rabbi in our RE lesson. We created our own mind maps all about their Jewish faith, their responsibilities and their teachings.



### 3SM

This week has been extremely busy. The children have continued with Classroom Kitchen where they made quesadillas and guacamole. This had a focus on their cutting skills.

In DT, the children have expanded their understanding of buttresses and hidden joints and had to create their own hidden joints with a range of materials in the classroom.

In PE, the children stepped into different shapes using jumping apparatus. They focused on straight jumps; star jumps and tuck jumps.



### 4MM

This week we have been busy exploring Viking place names and looking at where in the United Kingdom they settled.

Did you know they settled in places like Whitby and Scunthorpe! We've had fun learning new skills in art when getting messy using Mod Roc!



### 4NR

This week year 4 began their new text in reading, the children have really enjoyed reading about Peter Pan and his adventures in Neverland. In art we created armatures and used them as the skeleton we then applied Modroc to create sculptures. At the community shop we made homemade healthy chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries and coleslaw we are very excited to share our menu with parents next week! Well done 4NR.



### 5KR

This week, we have been working more on our new topic of fractions. We have compared and ordered fractions under 1. We have also converted mixed numbers to improper fractions. In reading, we have almost finished our class text of street child. We have looked at the new settings introduced and predicted where our characters will end up next. In writing, we have finished our suspense texts. We are now moving onto an introduction text.

In RE, this week, we have looked at Exekias in art who was a potter. We investigated the amphoras he created and sketched our own designs for a print. In geography, we have learnt about earthquakes and mountains. We have now moved onto volcanoes, learning the features of volcanoes and what effects they can have.



### 5CT

The children have done so well this week with planning, writing and editing their hot writes based on a suspense short story. Most followed the structure of the story brilliantly and wrote fantastic, detailed stories. We celebrated this by sharing and reading out the stories with each other. In reading we have continued Jim's journey in 'Street Child' with the children getting more invested in Jim's life and wanting him to do well and find a home - their empathy from reading as the reader is amazing to see! We have started our fractions unit - but the children have smashed their first two weeks of fractions by adding and subtracting, comparing and ordering, converting mixed numbers and improper fractions. Let's keep this going! We have enjoyed learning about natural disasters in Geography focusing on earthquakes and volcanoes; the children have developed their knowledge of Richter scales and what causes these happening.

### 6SW

In Reading, we made predications about what Tom will choose to do based on the last chapter we read - will he save Cressida and escape or go along with Robin Cats plan. In our other reading lessons, we learnt about Lisa Clarke who told us all about caving and its dangers. We started our final piece of writing for our first unit this term which is a portal story with a time slip. In Geography, we looked at the impact humans have had on Antarctica - the positives and negatives. We even discussed findings of scientists and discussed how their research linked as they all said that there was previously a warmer climate there. In Music this week, we identified which songs were jazz and which were country! We also began practising our Christmas songs - sorry if you get sick of Michael Bublé whilst we practise at home!



### 6SC

This week we've been looking at how human impact is affecting the continent of Antarctica. We've plotted graphs to show the rate at which the polar ice caps are melting and found that the sea level is rising year on year. This is because of global warming and the impact we have on our planet. We've also been completing some mock tests this week and the children have done brilliantly, especially in their Maths! We'll be continuing working on fractions, decimals and percentages into next week as this is something we've been focussing on between the papers. In Music, we've been rehearsing it Christmas songs, read for our Christmas performance. Please remember next week is bikeability so please ensure your child has suitable clothing, particularly footwear.

### WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

***To go 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)