

Newsletter 06/12/2024



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

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen two non-uniform days in the academy. The first 'Elf Day' saw us £212.99 For The Alzheimer's Society so thank you for your generosity. The second one means our Christmas Fair is really starting to take shape - we can't wait to see you all next Wednesday for some festive fun. We've also had Year 6 completing bikeability this week and they will continue this into next week as well. The children have been an asset to the school and the instructors have commented on just how great they were so well-done Year 6!

Kind regards,

Upcoming Dates

--Tue 10/12-KS1 Xmas Concert 2-3pm

--Wed 11/12-Recpetion Xmas Concert 9-10am

--Wed 11/12-Christmas Fayre

--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- Layla-Linda. W! For being the best she can be and always being green in everything she does!

NURSERY PM - Colby-Jay. W! For being so kind and sharing with peers!

RRS- Jacob for fantastic acting when learning about Buzz Aldrin.

RJD- Maja L for a beautiful illustration of Buzz Aldrin. Wow!

1DP- Layton for his fantastic Christmas writing.

1KR- Hazel for settling in so well to her new class.

2KW/SE- Reggie for trying hard to do his work and joining in with lessons.

2LR- Carter M. He has been so helpful in class, and he blew me away with his free-standing structure in DT.

3ED- Jacob for having a fabulously green week.

3SM- Kaiden for showing great desire when completing all his work this week, especially in maths.

4MM- Robert Z for amazing writing

4NR- Lilly p for always having a mature attitude to her learning and always being a great friend.

5KR- Nyla for doing extra work at home and working really hard!

5CT- Hayden for showing green behaviour all week and contributing well to class discussions.

6SW- Jasmine for her work in Maths.

6SC- Olivia for her great work and coaching this week.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have started our new story 'How to catch a star' in Talk for Writing. The children have been using their critical thinking and problem-solving skills to figure out how to catch the stars falling from the ceiling in our classroom. It has been very tricky. Our solution was 'we need a rocket ship like Buzz'. Together we made rocket ships and have had fun sending them off into space. This week we had a special visit from Mother Sharon at St Botolph's Church who came in to tell us the story of the first Christmas. We went on a journey around the classroom to find the characters in the story and in the end, everyone was in the stable together to celebrate Baby Jesus being born. The children made our very own stable for Jesus to stay in our classroom and they have been acting out what happened on this very special day. In Phonics this week we have been experimenting with Alliteration. The children find it so funny when all the words have the same sound. They have been coming up with their own non-sense words that match the sound to make it even funnier.



Reception

This week the children have been learning about Buzz Aldrin and the first landing on the moon. We dressed up as an astronaut and used our space station to pretend we were on the mission Apollo 11. In Maths we have been learning numbers 1-5 and began learning about squares and rectangles. In Literacy we are writing owl fact files and our words of the week are **nocturnal** and **talons**. I wonder if the children can tell you what these words mean.



1DP

This week in 1DP our writing has been based around the Christmas festivities. The children have written about Father Christmas, what he looks like, what his job role is and what happens during the Christmas period. They have also put themselves in the shoes of elves and wrote about what they would do if they were Santa's Little Helpers. To finish the week the children wrote their own letters to Santa and posted in our special post box. We are all very excited!! In RE the children have been learning about 'The First Christmas' and will act this out in Church next week.



1KR

This week 1KR have explored doubles in Maths and have been doubling numbers! In writing we have been using our everyday tool kit and remembering our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write all about Santa Clause! We finished our history on transport learning by finding out about space crafts and aeroplanes. We had so much fun on Elf Day and are really excited about all the festivities next week!



2KW/SE

This week Year 2 we have had Sir William Petty visit to teach the children about the Great Fire of London. The children created their own maps to send to the King so that he could see how the new houses should be built to prevent another fire from happening. The children have also completed their journey stories and have begun work on discussion texts. The children have been giving reasons for and against Thomas Farriner being responsible for the Great Fire of London. In PE we the children have used the skills that they have learnt over the last few weeks to balance, stretch and travel using the apparatus. Additionally, we have used construction materials and design briefs to construct a house from the year 1666.



2LR

This week in 2LR, we have started our new maths topic of multiplication and division. In DT, we have been making houses from nets. We will use these in the last week to reenact the burning of the houses during the Great Fire of London. In history, we had a visitor from William Petty, who told us all about the history of London and why the fire was so hard to stop. This links to our writing as we have been debating who is responsible for the fire and we will send our verdict to him at the end of the half term.

The children have been practicing so hard for the Christmas concert every afternoon this week and they cannot wait to share it with you on Tuesday afternoon.

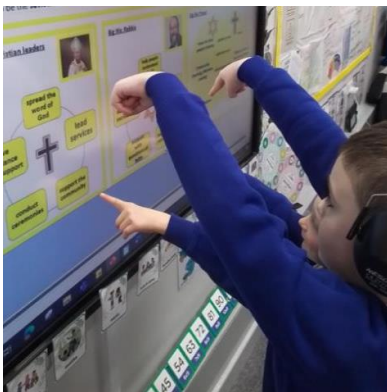


3ED

In writing, we have been looking at our class text 'How to Tame a Dragon'. We are planning to write our own exciting instructions very soon.

We continued looking at nutrition in our science lessons – we worked together to decide the amount and type of food for different breeds of dogs.

In computing, we made our very own stop motion animations. We created simple characters and moved them frame by frame to create a sequence.



3SM

It has been another busy week for Year 3. We started the week with creating instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. We then began to create some instructions of our own while focusing on commas in a list.

In French, the children have embedded their understanding of animals in French and can confidently say up to 10 animals.

In History, the children have come to the end of their Stone Age topic and were able to recap key points and facts as well as answer questions in a Stone Age quiz.



4MM

This week we have had so much fun during elf day where we all dressed up as elves. We looked so awesome! We have also had our first visits from our cheeky class elf who has been causing chaos in our class!



4NR

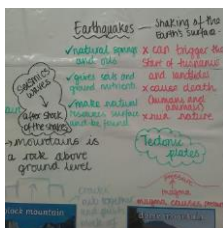
Year 4 have had a fantastic week; we completed our melting pot project the children were so excited to share the 3-course meal with their loved ones. We had a trip to our local church and learnt about sacred items. In art we completed our Viking sculptures which look fantastic, well-done Year 4!



5KR

This week we have had a really busy week. We have almost finished off our novel of Street Child, we have used prior events to predict what might happen in the end! In maths, we have continued with fractions comparing and ordering fractions with common and uncommon denominators. In writing, we have started our new unit where we have begun to look at instruction texts.

In REC, this week, we have looked at what happened in Pompeii when Mt. Versuvius erupted. We have drawn and labelled with facts the before and after of the eruption. This week, we had elf day on Wednesday where we dressed as elves to help raise money for Alzheimer.



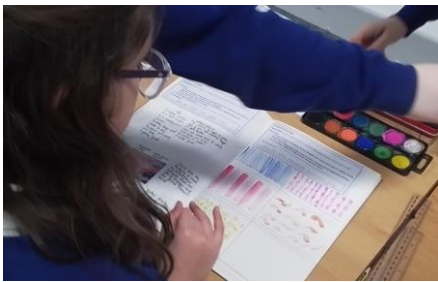
5CT

This week has been such a busy and exciting week! We have finished our Geography unit by looking at the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii and how it will affect the surrounding areas. We have continued our learning of fractions and have shown both determination and resilience when finding our learning challenging. We have been further looking at the life stages of the human life cycles. The children enjoyed sketches their 'old age' faces including wrinkles, grey hair and elasticated skin. Keep up the good work!



6SW

This week we have been calculating decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents in our Maths lessons. As for Writing, we have looked at formality of pieces and how this links to their purpose. Website design was our focus in Computing where we looked at how websites are made, and their features then had a go at our own - check out our work on Seesaw! We even began to start our Art unit looking at the work of George Marsden which was the artist aboard the Endurance ship with Earnest Shackleton. We looked at brush control and how to use different techniques for effect.



6SC

This week has been very exciting for Year 6 with bikability taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The children were exceptionally well-behaved, and the tutors were very impressed with their effort, enthusiasm and safety. They were all very proud to receive their certificates. In Writing, we've been looking at creating our own battle logs from different perspectives and we've started our art block this week by looking at our artist this term, George Edward Marsden.



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To do 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)