

Newsletter 13/12/2024



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

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into our last week before we break for the Christmas holidays, I want to start by saying a massive thank you for all your support and contribution during a busy December so far. The Christmas Fayre on Wednesday was a massive success, raising lots of money for school fund, which will go into providing your child with trip and lots of other enriching experiences the rest of this school year. We also enjoyed KS1 and Early Years Christmas concerts and it was fantastic to see so many of you joining us for these – we hope you are feeling festive after them! We are looking forward to the year 3&4 concert on Tuesday and the year 5&6 concert on Wednesday. The children have been practising hard! We also have the panto in school on Monday for all year groups from Reception to Year 6 and look forward to Christmas jumper day on Wednesday. There's also a special surprise on Thursday for the children! A busy but exciting week ahead!

Upcoming Dates

--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- Everly. J! For pushing herself to try new things and build her confidence.

NURSERY PM - Leena. S! For being so kind, looking after her friends and making sure they are happy in class.

RRS- Jessie for fabulous label writing in Literacy. What a super star!

RJD- Francis for wonderful illustrations on his owl fact file.

1DP- Lincoln for such a positive attitude towards his learning.

1KR- Joseph for a fantastic week!

2KW/SE- Theo for contributing to lessons and brilliant presentation of his work.

2LR- Arlie for been so kind and thoughtful with his peers this week. When people have been feeling sad, he has offered to play with them and tried to cheer them up, which is such a lovely thing to see him do.

3ED- Taylor for being green and trying so hard in class.

3SM- Ruby for having a super week and contributing well in all lessons as well as showing excellent green behaviour.

4MM- Maddison for great MTC scores.

4NR- Blake for a great attitude to his learning and showing green behaviour.

5KR- Jackson for working hard in maths and during testing week!

5CT- Janelle M - for being determined to work independently and putting her hand up more and more! Well done :)

6SW- Max H for his great leadership when organising the Christmas Fayre.

6SC- Olivia for her positive response to feedback in Writing.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have created a story map for our new 'How to catch a star' book. The children have already been innovating it themselves in provision. Whilst playing they have been thinking back about the story and have come up with some wonderful ways that we might be able to catch that star. Noone has found one yet but I'm sure they will do it in time for Christmas! In phonics this week we have been learning about voice sounds. We have been using our voices to make different sounds, like animals, like environmental sounds. We have added extra intonation into our stories to emphasise what the characters are doing. We have played whisper games passing sounds to each other and seeing if we can replicate the sounds that others make. In Maths we have been having a go at making ABA patterns. It was hard at first to make a repeated pattern with objects but after lots of practice we have been able to notice when the pattern is not right, and we have fixed it.



Reception

This week the children have been writing owl fact files. We ended the week innovating our writing and made non-fiction texts on unicorns and reindeer!

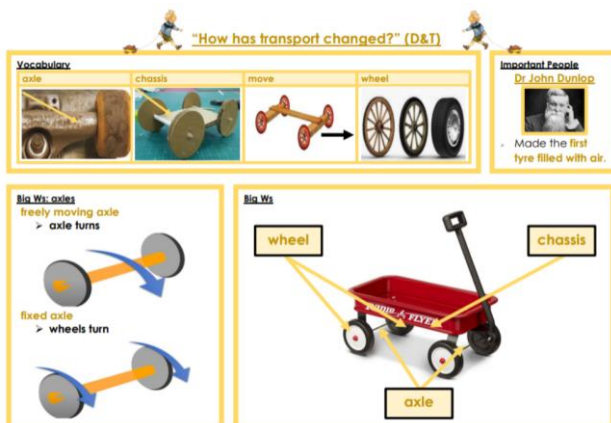
In Maths we focussed on shapes and explored the properties of squares and rectangles. We organised the shapes into groups and even arranged the shapes to create pictures.

In Phonics we have started writing simple three-letter words and in handwriting we are focussing on sitting our letters neatly on the line. I wonder if the children can talk about how they sit during handwriting lessons.



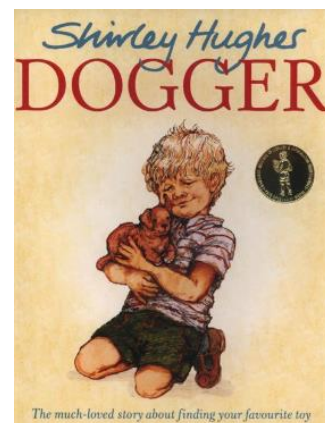
1DP

In Design and Technology this week the children have been exploring wheels and axels and looking at how these work together to make vehicles move. The children investigated whether more wheels make a vehicle go further or faster using a range of construction kits. The children also learnt about the important person Dr John Dunlop who made the first tyre filled with air. After further research and investigations, the children will be designing, building and evaluating their own carts for Dogger.



1KR

Well done year 1 for a fantastic Christmas concert! You were all super stars. Year 1 have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts this week and are so excited for all the festivities next week too! We are coming to the end of our whole class text 'Dogger' and are looking forward to finally finishing the book and finding out if Dogger will be reunited with Dave!



2KW/SE

This week in Year 2 the children have worked in small groups to finish constructing their model houses to look like the homes from London in 1666 during the time of the Great Fire of London. To complete their houses, they have layered some materials to make them more appealing. In Art, the children have revisited drawing lines from Year 1 and have practiced drawing different lines using charcoal and graphite. In Maths the children have learnt how to recognise quarters in preparation for finding a quarter of an amount next week.



2LR

This week in Year 2, we have looked at how people have reacted to the Great fire of London. In Writing, we have been looking at discussion texts and debating who was to blame for the starting the fire. It was lovely to hear all the children's opinions. In DT, we have recreated the streets of London and we will act out what happened in 1666 on Monday. The children cannot wait to do this. In French we have been counting to 10 and in RE, we have looked at the Nativity story. Also, I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone that came to the Christmas concert. It was lovely to see you all and the children loved performing for you!



3ED

In DT, we made our own Iron Age roundhouses. We used our knowledge of scoring and hidden joints to create these masterpieces!

We have continued exploring gymnastics in our PE lessons – we even had a go on the exciting apparatus.

We have been working hard practising our Christmas songs. We hope to see you all there next Tuesday afternoon.



3SM

This week has been non-stop for Year 3. They started the week with Forest School where they continued to develop their outdoor skills, they have continued to rehearse their Christmas songs ready for the big show next week.

In PE, the children have continued to develop their gymnastic skills by using apparatus in the hall to pose in different shapes and show how to perform shapes while balancing from different heights.

In French, the children have come to the end of their unit on 'Animals in French' and can confidently say and recognise a range of different farm animals.



4MM

This week 4MM have been busy exploring the Vikings and we have learnt all about Alfred the Great and how he helped gain back London for the Anglo- Saxon's. We have also been busy practising our Christmas concert ready for next week!



4NR

Another busy week 4NR completed their History unit deciding once and for all whether the Viking's deserved their vicious reputation they created their own performances which were fantastic! In Dt we completed our sculptures of Viking warriors and displayed them proudly in our classroom. In reading we have been looking at Christmas adverts and exploring the importance of family at Christmas, Well Done 4NR!!



5KR

This week has been packed full of tests! We have all done so well and worked so hard to see a big improvement this term! We have recently completed our times tables test again where we have achieved incredible scores! We also worked very hard on reading and writing tests! Also, this week, we have completed our Street Child novel. We have worked hard to create a summary and evaluate our novel fairly. Finally, we completed our e-safety topic where we looked at reasons we cannot trust everything we see online!

We also had our last WDH project of the year where we completed some fabulous Christmas crafts! It was so much fun during our very busy week!



5CT

The children have been busy this week. We started off with a festive WDH project which was an opportunity for the children to get creative. They enjoyed creating their stain glass painting, they were excited to get them home to show their adults. The children showed deep understanding of their geography unit and showcased their knowledge through different methods, the children were able to show off this and be proud of their learning. We have also finished our core text in reading this week; the children showed great understanding and interest in Jim's life. Whilst reflecting on this story, we looked at the bad and good experiences Jim faced and concluded that he did have a happy ending. We continue our learning of fractions, and the children have shown great understanding of converting and finding equivalent fractions when adding and subtracting. In our writing unit, we have been planning and writing our innovate write all looking at instructions and using those bossy imperative verbs!



6SW and 6SC

This week Year 6 have been incredibly busy getting ready for Wednesday's Christmas Fayre. They spent the week baking a range of goodies including cupcakes, flapjack, brownies, cookies and gingerbread. The mess in class was certainly something but it was well worth it to see them all packaged up in gift boxes with ribbon. Some children then stayed to help run the stalls - they were such a help and thoroughly enjoyed their payment of five free tombola goes!

WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To do 50 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)