

## Newsletter 14/11/25

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

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed celebrating a range of events this week – both anti-bullying week and children in need. We all came in our odd socks on Monday and have been learning about the importance of anti-bullying in some of our lessons. We then came in our non-uniform today to raise money for Children In Need so a massive thank you for all your kind donations towards this worthy charity. Some of our fabulous year 3 and 4 children went on a dance competition today and it was amazing to see them showcase all their super dance moves! Well done we are very proud of you all!

### Upcoming Dates

19/11 – 1JS Stay and Read

19/11 – Parents' Evening

20/11 – 6SC Stay and Read

20/11 – Flu Immunisations

25/11 – Nursery Stay and Read

8.30am and 12.15pm

26/11 – RRS Stay and Read

27/11 – 5CT stay and Read

28/11 -Non-Uniform Day in exchange for an

unopened packet of sweets or chocolate (no nuts)

03/12 – REH Stay and Read

04/12 – 5KR Stay and Read

05/12 – Non-Uniform Day in exchange with an

unopened bottle of anything (no alcohol)

09/12 – Reception Christmas Stay and Create @8.30am

09/12 – Nursery Christmas Stay and Create @8.30am and 12.15pm

10/12 – 2LR Stay and Read

10/12 - Christmas Fayre

11/12 – 4NR Stay and Read

11/12 – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Songs and Crafting @2pm

16/12 – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert and Crafts @2pm

17/12 – Bedtime Stories

17/12 – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert and Crafts @2pm

19/12 – Break Up

05/01 – Return to School

09/01 - Inset Day

### Stars of the week

**NURSERY AM-** All the children in Nursery! For a super busy week, we have all shown kindness to others and been so fantastic in our listening and engagement with lots of activities and learning taking place across the classroom. So proud of you all!!

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**RRS-** Skylar for impressive maths work.

**REH-** Ronnie Hunter-Smith for an amazing effort in Phonics.

**1KR-** Ryker for trying so hard with his writing and letter formation this week.

**1JS-** Zach for always being ready to learn.

**2KW-** Lucas for his contribution in French and RE lessons this week.

**2LR-** Lucas S. He has worked really hard when comparing number sentences in Maths this week. He has also whizzed through the challenge questions.

**3ED-** Poppy. For being an amazing role model to every child in Y3. Well done!

**3SF-** Charlie, for always showing such a positive attitude towards his learning and for being super green. Well done, Charlie!

**4EC-** Aiva S for being an excellent role model in 4EC! She is super kind and supportive of her peers. Well done, keep it up!

**4NR-** Rosie, for always adding amazing input during our lessons and showing year 4 what it means to be a true role model.

**5KR-** Alice for always working so hard and being a role model to the rest of the class.

**5CT-** Elizabeth M - for showing great concentration and motivation to others throughout the week. She constantly wants to do her best and help those around her! Well done!

**6SW-** Oscar for his fantastic writing.

**6SC-** Leah for pushing herself to do more and more in Reading lessons.

### Nursery

This week Nursery have celebrated 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. We have enjoyed tuning into our phonics knowledge to find the rhyming words in our songs. The children have experienced learning new rhymes and some of our favourites. We have been pirates on a ship and doctors, to help mend Humpty after he fell of the wall! We have been bakers making pies for the king and we have been weather people warning others about the thunder!

We are so proud of our nursery children following their learning about Remembrance and how well they listened to this very important bit of our history. The children all had a good understanding of why we created the poppies and what they meant to them and to others. We wore our poppies with pride on Tuesday and even Mr Colley joined in with us painting his hand wearing them of all to see.



### Reception

We started this week celebrating Odd Socks Day and decorated socks in the classroom. We took part in an anti-bullying discussion where we talked about how to be kind to each other and how to make sure our friends are happy in school. On Tuesday we made poppies as part of our Remembrance Day celebrations and displayed them in the art room as part of the Remembrance gallery. We ended the week celebrating Children In Need and made some spotty Pudsey headbands.

In Writing we completed our story of Whatever Next and drew pictures of our favourite character. In Maths we looked at the properties of circles and triangles and used these shapes to print patterns.

Our Phonics sounds this week are: **y z zz qu ch**

Our harder to read and spell words are: **me we be**

Our word of the week is: **longing**



### 1KR

This week 1KR have been busy learning all about numbers 10-20 and how to make and represent them using 10s frames, numicon, rekenrek and manipulatives. In History we explored how bikes and cars have changed over time and learned about the Penny Farthing and Tandems. In Computing we were learning what technology is and how it helps us.

On Tuesday we explored all of the super Remembrance Day artwork that the whole school had create and took part in the 2 minute silence.



### 1JS

This week we have started our writing unit on the Gruffalo's Child, creating a story map and rehearsing it. Maths has been all about numbers from 11-20 and the children have explored many different ways to represent these numbers. Most of our learning has been practical this week.

Our history topic this time is all about transport through the ages and we have focused on cars, boats and bikes as well as looking at Karl Benz as our significant person from the past. He invented the first motor car.

In RE lessons, we have begun learning about Christianity and in singing, we have started practising some festive songs ready for our concert in a few weeks. Keep a look out for the date of this.

In 1JS we are doing really well with our attendance, and the children are looking forward to getting more money on our tree in the hall. We plan to change reading books each Friday so please ensure we have all book bags in school as much as possible.



## 2KW

This week year 2 have done some work for anti-bullying week, they have created their own pair of odd socks and discussed what they could do if they know that someone is being bullied. As well as this they have talked about what qualities they have that would make them a good friend to someone. In PE the children have learnt how to put the balances that they learnt last week into a short routine and in French the children have started to learn how to say the names of different colours. Also, this week the children enjoyed looking at the Remembrance Day gallery and seeing all of the artwork created across school.



## 2LR

In Year 2, we have looked at why Samuel Pepys was important in the Great Fire of London. The children reenacted the events of the fire and next we will look at how it stopped. We then went into the immersive suite to help us imagine what it would be like in 1666. In Writing, we are looking at setting descriptions. In PE, we have been adding to our sequences and performing them on different level agility tables. Everyone looked at how to transition between different levels. In Year 2, we have also looked at the importance of Remembrance Day. We created a soldier collage using poppies. It was amazing to see how involved everyone became.



## 3ED

We came together as a year group to celebrate Remembrance Day, creating a beautiful piece of collaborative artwork that we proudly displayed in a whole-school gallery.

We were amazed to discover a golden dragon egg — which hatched right in Mr Colley's hands! This magical moment has inspired us as we begin our new writing unit all about dragons.

In maths, we've been mastering multiplication, and thanks to all our MTC practice, we've absolutely smashed it!



## 3SF

What a fantastic week it has been in Year 3! The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, effort and brilliant attitudes to learning. In reading, we have been making predictions about what the characters might do next in our story. The children also had great fun using their acting skills—changing their voice, pitch and tone to bring the characters to life during the scene where they discovered the whale on the beach. Their confidence and creativity have been wonderful to see. In maths, we have been practising multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4. Year 3 have been absolutely brilliant at this—I am so impressed with their focus and determination. Keep it up! In writing, we have begun learning our new text map, The Cobbler of Krakow and Smok the Dragon. The class are thoroughly enjoying this story already, and we even had a very special visit from the real King Krak himself! The children prepared excellent questions and loved the chance to speak to him. We are so proud of all the fantastic work Year 3 have done this week. Have a wonderful weekend

## 4EC

This week in 4EC, we have officially finished reading *The Iron Man*! We had a discussion about what we enjoyed about it and reflected on the Iron Man's growth throughout the story. In maths this week, we used shopping lists and food items to practise the skill of multiplying 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. In Geography, we looked at the difference between a county in the UK compared to a state in the US! We have also learnt more about Remembrance Day and why it is so important, we made our own poppies to display in the art room for the school to see. As well as that, we have focussed on Anti-Bullying week too and thinking about the impact kindness has on others! Have a lovely weekend!



## 4NR

A busy week in 4NR we attended an art gallery in support of Remembrance Day the children were very proud of their artwork. We looked at anti-bullying and this week's focus of power of good the children created some acrostic poems and wowed me and Mrs Wilkinson a very busy week well done 4NR!



## 5KR

This week, we have completed some drama in Reading, we were able to create our own script of events that we thought could happen in the book and perform it. In Maths, we have dedicated the whole week to practising a tricky skill of multiplying different number by 2 digits. We have all worked so hard and become very resilient when making small mistakes. In Writing, we have had the opportunity to complete some short burst writes using different skills, such as show not tell, similes and metaphors. In Geography, we have looked at different types of mountains and how they are formed. In Art, we have used poly block to create different prints and practise using ink. In French, we have looked at some more flavours of ice cream to add to our vocabulary.



## 5CT

The children have shown so much determination in their maths learning this week as we've been learning how to multiply a 4 digit number by a 2 digit number. They proved that practice makes perfect and should be proud of themselves. In Reading, we have been making predictions, looking at dialogue between characters and setting descriptions to show development within Elliot's story in 'Who let the Gods out?' In Writing, we created a text map of our model text 'Beowulf' which will be focusing of our description toolkit and raided the reading but exploring use of writing techniques in our model text. Our afternoons have been jam packed with exciting things this week. We looked at different types of mountains and even came up with different actions to remember them. We made fish cakes in our classroom kitchen session - some strong smells were drifting down our KS2 corridor! We created poppy artwork for Remembrance Day and spoke about why that day is important.



## 6SW

This week has been full of creativity, reflection, and new learning across all our subjects! In Maths, we focused on finding fractions and percentages of amounts, using real-life examples to help us understand how these calculations are used every day. Our fluency work also helped us practise applying these skills quickly and accurately. In Reading, we explored a range of texts linked to our topics of the week — Anti-Bullying and Remembrance. These texts encouraged thoughtful discussions about kindness, respect, and the importance of remembering those who have served.



## 6SC

This week, we took time to reflect and remember. On Monday, we visited the 'Academy Art Gallery', where our beautiful poppy artwork was displayed alongside creations from all other year groups. It was a moving experience to see how our whole school came together to honour those who served. In our immersive suite, we stepped back in time and explored the trenches — gaining a powerful insight into what life was like for soldiers during World War I. To conclude our reflections, we performed Wilfred Owen's poignant poem *Dulce et Decorum est*, which helped us to appreciate the realities of war and the bravery of those who fought. We also marked Anti-Bullying Week by celebrating our differences and reinforcing the importance of kindness and respect. Our playground role-play sessions encouraged us to think about how to stand up for others and how small actions can make a big difference. On Monday, the classroom was bursting with colour as we all wore our odd socks to show that it's okay to be unique!



### 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)