

Friday 12th November 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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Attendance	
Nursery	80.3%
Reception	94.5%
Year 1	89.3%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	100%

	Star of the Week	Superstar Learner
Reception	Lujain	Naiara
Year 1	Tau	Tahara
Year 2	Aliyah	Maria
Year 3	Osamuyi	Zidann
Year 4	Kayon	Siya
Year 5	Tex	Ogoluwa
Year 6	Xavier	Arafat

## House Points this week

Don Bosco	288
<b>Joseph</b>	<b>346</b>
Martin	319
Therese	339

Lots of birthday's next week! Happy birthday to Jaice, Adnan, Xavier, Kaevon, Skhyllah, Faysa and Jewel. Have a great day when it comes!



## REMINDERS

- ⇒ Please bring in donations for harvest collection by Friday 19th November
- ⇒ Year 6 booster classes begin next week
- ⇒ Have you booked you parent's evening meeting? Any problems contact the office

# In the classroom this week...

This week Reception have been collecting interesting things for our Autumn table. We have been looking closely at how things change over the seasons. We have been reading "I'm going to eat this ant" and making predictions about the story. In Maths we have been making repeating patterns with colours shapes and action patterns with our bodies! In PE we pretended to be autumn leaves and explored the vocabulary rising and falling, and floating and fluttering. In our Religion lessons we have been looking at the signs of welcome and learning about Baptism. We really enjoyed role playing being a family in church having our baby Baptised.

Year 1 have had a busy and productive week. They have worked so hard in all their lessons and we are so proud of the progress everyone is making in their learning. In English we have begun our new book 'Nibbles the Book Monster'. The children have loved meeting Nibbles and discussing all the different things he has nibbled through in the classroom and all the books. They have worked on using adjectives to describe Nibbles and to create a wanted poster to help to find him. We have introduced the joining word 'and' into our writing and are trying really hard with our presentation, capital letters and full stops. In Maths this week we have introduced subtraction. We have worked on subtraction by crossing out and by finding a part from the whole number. We have looked at how to write subtraction sentences using numerals and words. The children tried really hard with their counting back and finding out how many are left. As part of our topic we have begun looking at books from the past and present. The children thought about how we can tell the difference and what makes a book old and new. They discussed about their favourite books and when they were written. We have completed so much more this week in our Science, ICT, music and art. Well done Year 1 on all your great work this week.

In Guided Reading this week, Year 2 have been predicting, clarifying vocabulary, retrieving information and looking at the features of a nonfiction book. In English we have been sharing our knowledge of owls to write statements and questions. We then used our learning to write sentences using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. In Religion, we are continuing to learn about the sacrament of Baptism and why white garments and a candle are used. We are continuing to add in Maths and many of us are using the column method. We use equipment to show crossing the tens boundary so we can explain how we set out our learning. In History, we went back in time to 1666 and the Great Fire of London to describe what happened. We learned a rap in Music and listened to different rhythms. In Science, we are looking at habitats and began with researching what plants and animals live in our oceans which linked back to our reading activities. Most children are practising their reading at home - please continue to support your child with this.

Another hard-working week has been delivered by Year 3 pupils. In Maths they looked at how 'counting on' could be an effective strategy for mental subtraction. In Spanish they played the 'Meet and Greet Game' to help with conversational practice and in English they looked at how to use speech marks correctly in reported speech. "Sobresaliente trabajo a todas!" "Excellent work everyone!" said Miss Pugh.

We have been very busy in Year 4 this week. In Literacy we have been drafting, editing and writing our final first person, diary extracts from the point of view of the characters Leon or the magician, Abdul Kazam from the story 'Leon and the Place Between'. It has been lovely to see the children applying all their skills taught this half term (literacy keys) in their writing. In Maths this week we have been diving into subtraction. We have been learning and considering different ways to solve subtraction problems, including the column method. The children have been learning how to solve subtractions when they need to exchange. In science we have been investigating sound and vibrations and how sound travels. The children made their own telephones using cups and string. They were amazed that they actually worked! In history we have been learning more about black History and using books and the iPads the children have been researching the Wind Rush.

This week in Year 5 we have been working hard learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers in Maths. In English we were using our summarising skills to draw a story map of Annie's adventure in her barrel down Niagara Falls. We were delighted to find out the ending of the story and had a great class debate on whether she had been successful or not. In our guided reading we have been reading about other rebel women similar to Annie who refused to let others tell them that they couldn't do something. We particularly liked reading about the Choilta Climbers and Maya Angelou. In science we carried out an investigation about water resistance being able to make predications and compare our findings. In history we learned about Robert Peel and how he established the police force.

What a week we've had in Year 6! We have been working exceptionally hard in Maths and have started our new unit about fractions. This week we have looked at equivalent fractions and how to simplify them. Everyone has pushed themselves and we've even used the cuisenaire rods to show how fractions work. In English, we've completed our final piece of writing for this unit and are looking forward to starting our new book next week. We've also been speaking a lot about the importance of reading and how it helps in all areas of work. The children all had their meetings to find out their targets for the next half-term and we've discussed what their individual goals are. It's so important to work towards small, achievable targets and that's something we're making a priority in Year 6. *A quick reminder that boosters start next week (15.11.21) and will be every Monday and Wednesday. I hope that everyone will be able to make it! (Miss Michael)*