

Friday 17th September 2021

NEWSLETTER

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Attendance	
Nursery	100%
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%

	Star of the Week	Superstar Learner
Reception	Jidenna	Eldana
Year 1	Zeelan	Liliana
Year 2	Taylor-Rose	Durrah
Year 3	Hollie	Hanna
Year 4	Anith	Kamiyah
Year 5	Rayel	Tex
Year 6	Abigail	Piaget

House Points this week

Don Bosco	347
Joseph	318
Martin	344
Therese	344

Birthday's next week



Happy birthday to Tau and Amy who are both celebrating their birthdays next week. Have a fantastic day when it arrives!

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed your Summer and managed to find some sunshine somewhere! We send a very warm welcome to the many new children across the school and their families. Everyone is very busy getting to know each other! A special thank you to you all for quickly adjusting to and following the new arrangements and routines at drop off and pick up times. This has enabled all of the children to have a calm, smooth start and finish at the beginning and end of each school day. A reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Enjoy a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

In the classroom this week...

Welcome back to our returning Nursery children after a fabulous Summer. We are really pleased to see each other and settling into our daily routine beautifully. The children are helping our new friends to settle and explore our activities. We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters over the next few weeks.

What an amazing week! Reception children have settled in beautifully and are getting used to our routines. This week we began our English topic based on the Gingerbread Man and we had lots of fun making some of our own gingerbread men and eating them before they ran away! We have been exploring with our Numicon resources becoming familiar with the number shapes and how to use them, we really enjoyed playing a missing numbers game with our friends. We also enjoyed our first session with our City in the Community coach, Chad, we played at being different farm animals and moving in different ways.

This week in Year 1 has been another hard working week and the children are all trying their best to develop their fantastic knowledge and understanding. In English this week the children have really looked at the book Toys in Space. They have used verbs to think about what activities they will carry out with Hootopize and how they can help to cheer him up. We have really worked on our letter writing skills this week thinking about how we give the information we need using adjectives, past tense verbs, suffixes and the joining word 'and'. In Maths we have worked on our money topic. The children had fun working with coins to tell their partner about the different coins and their value sorting them from the smallest to the greatest coins. They then looked at counting coins and have had fun in our shop buying and selling items to each other. Our topic lesson this week looked at the famous astronaut Neil Armstrong and why he is famous for being the first person to walk on the moon. We had fun learning his famous saying 'one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind'. Well done Year 1 on another great week.

Year 2 have been learning about mass in Maths this week. We know that there are 1000g in 1kg and can add and solve problems. In English, we have been writing directions using homophones. We have also been discussing why trees are important. In Geography, we found where wolves, lynxes and bears live then used this knowledge to describe where places are using positional language and directions. We have also been busy showing all of our learning in the end of year tests. All of this and there was still time to play with the Lego!

Year 3 are enjoying a great start to the new academic year! They are settling back into school life and working hard. By way of introduction to Key Stage 2, they played their first game of 'Golden Runner' in PE, a much-loved Holy Name tradition. In Geography we are starting with the countries of the United Kingdom and the seas surrounding the British Isles. In Science we are examining the importance of nutrition and healthy lifestyles. This is a busy term with lots of exciting dates for the diary - more will be revealed as the term progresses.

This week, Year 4 have been working hard on their end of term Reading, Writing and Maths tests. They have shown excellent concentration and their scores show that they have made excellent progress in their Maths since Spring Term! Swimming this week included more safety training and some pupils were being tested for their metres! In English, we have been reading Blue John by Berlie Doherty. The children have shown a great interest in the history of Treak Cliff Caverns where Blue John stone is found and they have been learning a lot of technical vocabulary about caves such as stalactites and stalagmites. Awesome work Year 4!

Year 5 have been writing very formal letters to the Minister for Environment urging him to act fast to combat the problem of plastic waste. They were able to put their point across very eloquently and produced some incredible letters which we hope may spur him into action! In Maths we have been working on reflection and working out new co-ordinate points after reflection has occurred. We then took our Maths learning into our Art lesson and created some awesome pictures of some famous faces and animals. Please check out the photos on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Year Six have made an incredible start to the school year. I have been blown away by their determination, resilience and commitment to their learning already! We started looking at place value in maths and are working with numbers up to ten million! We are all trying to push ourselves to complete the daily challenges independently to show our deeper understanding of the task. In English, we've started our new book, '*Star of Fear, Star of Hope*' and have started planning and writing our own short story this week. We are trying to show off all the skills that we've learnt in previous years and getting into a good routine of editing and improving our work. We're looking forward to reading more of the book next week. In Topic, we are focusing on World War Two and the early events from the war. We have looked closely at why the war started and look forward to learning more about it in the following weeks. Lastly, in Science, we're covering Light. Everyone impressed me with their knowledge of natural and man-made light sources and we now understand that light travels in straight lines. We're going to be creating our own presentation all about light next lesson so keep your eye on our class page!