



Newsletter: 29:11:2019

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 178 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
25/25	28/29	22/23	20/20	32/34	32/32	20/20

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 93.88% and 10 late. Year to date 97%.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Nursery
84.62% 0 late

Reception
94.25% 1 late

Class 1
95.02% 2 late

Class 2
90.56% 4 late

Class 3
96.73% 2 late

Class 4
95.16% 1 late

Class 5
95.03% 0 late

Hot Choc Friday!

Children who show 'over and above' excellent behaviour can have hot chocolate on Fridays. [Follow us on twitter #HotChocFri.](#)

This week's #HotChocFri winners are:

S S-S, M W, H L

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: S S
Reception: A T
Class 1: K S
Class 2: B G
Class 3: H R
Class 4: C F
Class 5: E S

Well Done!

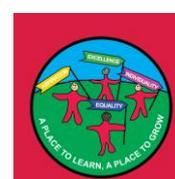
Up and Coming Key Dates

5 Dec 19	Christmas fayre
10 Dec 19	EYFS Christmas concerts 10am and 2 pm
11 Dec 19	KS1 Christmas concerts 2pm and 4.30pm
12 Dec 19	KS2 concert 5pm Reception and Nursery Inspire session 9.00 – 10.00 am.
13 Dec 19	KS2 concert 9.30 am, church Carol Concert 1pm choir to attend
Wk of 16 Dec 19	Christmas parties
17 Dec 19	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE.
20 Dec 19	Break up for Christmas
6 Jan 20	Return to school after Christmas
13 Jan 20	Choir to Young Voices
22 May 20, 1 June 20, 20 July 20	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays

Leadership Signposting: If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or the work of the school please speak to their class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team before or after school. If your question is more in depth please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Mrs Thompson, Mrs Stevenson, Ms Samuels and Mr West are happy to meet with any parents who would like to speak to us. If we are free we will see you immediately but if not please make an appointment with the office and we will meet with you as soon as possible.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

This week we have been concentrating on counting in maths through number rhymes. We loved making the speckled frogs jump in the pond and fishing for fish in the water tray whilst singing 1,2,3,4,5. In phonics we have been listening to Fred talk in sounds and some of us have used our knowledge of the sounds taught to begin to write words. A long time ago has led to work on dinosaurs this week and we enjoyed using the dinosaur moulds in the play dough and marking out their ribs with the tools.

Reception @MD_Reception

Did you know that the North Pole is made of ice not land? The ice is 6 to 9 feet thick! This week we have been learning about the North Pole in topic, we have been looking at pictures of the North Pole to describe the environment and how it is different to where we live. We have also been learning how to stay warm in such a cold place. Next week we will be learning some more facts about the North Pole and who discovered the North Pole. In literacy, we have been using the iPads to recall the places Bunting looked for the toys in our story, "Lost in the Toy Museum". In maths we have continued to learn about 'less', we have been sorting and comparing numbers to calculate which numbers are less or more. With less than two weeks until our Christmas performance we have begun to learn the songs, we will be sending home scripts for children who have speaking parts, please could you help your child to learn these.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

As we approach the Christian period of Advent, the children have been making Advent Candles. Each candle has 25 star stickers inside which the children place daily on the outside of the pot. They then must take out one of their Advent promises and, after reading it, complete their promise to you. Afterwards, they can enjoy one of their sweets, knowing that they have helped someone. Also, as the song goes, it's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas! We have it on good authority (the man in the red suit) that the elves may be busy this weekend. School will look very Christmassy for next week!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

As part of our work on the reign of Queen Victoria, we have been researching which countries formed part of the British Empire. We used iPads and old maps to discover that Queen Victoria ruled over many places, not only in Europe but also including some in Africa, North America and even as far away as Australia and New Zealand. In English we have been editing and redrafting our work to make improvements. We have also been composing a winter poem, using our imaginative skills, as we had to write a poem about snow, without using the word snow. In maths we have been adding and subtracting tens, making sure that the number in the ones column remained the same. We have also been learning about money, the value of each coin and note as well as counting both pounds and pence whilst remembering that both notes and coins can be used for pounds.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

Another excellent week of learning from our team, with persuasive writing, multiplication and DRUMMING! These team members could sell you any number of drums in the world. Our AR museum is now in place in the learning base all you have to do is point an iPad at the images and up pops the learners' writing.

Hopefully you have begun to notice the changes to the outdoor environment, we still need materials to help with this so if anyone has any paving slabs or sleepers they no longer need, they would be much appreciated.

Have a great weekend everyone, you've earned it.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

The week for Class 4 has finished with a bang during our drumming session linked to topic. We have also begun work on explanation texts using a print by Heath Robinson as inspiration. Alongside this Class 4 are using a technique called re-read, edit and re-write to improve, develop and extend their writing. Class 4 have taken maths into their topic work when looking at angles and using one type of angle to draw a parabola and fractals.

Each child needs bring in a water bottle to reduce the spreading of germs. If they bring in a small plastic bottle we will ensure they are labelled. These must be taken home on Friday and washed thoroughly, and brought back on Monday.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

Another busy week comes to a close. In Maths we have moved on from fractions and have started working with decimals. The children have shown a greater understanding of how to multiply and divide whole and decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In English we have been learning about the slave trade in Africa and Benin. The children have practised a range of skills, such as note making and summarising. They have also produced a non-chronological report about the 'middle passage' and a persuasive argument against slavery. Today the children have participated in and enjoyed a fabulous workshop of African drumming to tie in with our topic on the African Kingdom of Benin. A lovely and lively way to end the week!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

It's been another busy learning week this week with some wonderful experiences for the children. The next few weeks have lots of Christmas activities too, see dates on the front of this newsletter, and I can't wait to welcome you into school for these. As well as the exciting activities this time of year also brings germs and cold weather. Please make sure that you encourage your child to wash their hands thoroughly, especially if they have a cold, to help to prevent germs spreading. The 'bags for schools' collection was a great success and raised £160 for Friends of Mill Dam and the sponsorship for staff who ran the Leeds Abbey Dash raised £250. Thank you for your support with these. Finally, please remember that all drop offs and collections at normal school time must be from the classroom doors and not through main school reception or another classroom. This is for safeguarding reasons so please make sure you abide by this.

