



Newsletter: 25.10.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 181 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
26/26	28/29	23/23	20/20	33/34	31/32	20/20

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 97.5% and 5 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 97.4%

Nursery
100% 1 late

Reception
98.7% 1 late

Class 1
99.5% 1 late

Class 2
92.8% 2 late

Class 3
99.3% 0 late

Class 4
97.9% 0 late

Class 5
93.9% 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:

T S, S S and A W
Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: R J
Reception: J B
Class 1: O E
Class 2: H P
Class 3: E M
Class 4: E and M A
Class 5: S M

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

4 Nov 19	Return to school Reward assemblies KS1 and EYFS 9am, KS2 2.30pm
15 Nov 19	Children in need
22 Nov 19	Parent voice 9am
25 Nov 19	Non uniform day for Christmas fayre
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	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and KS2 concert 5pm
13 Dec 19	KS2 concert 9.30 am, church carol concert 1pm choir to attend
Wk of 16 Dec 19	Christmas parties
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

E-safety

Remember to check your parental controls on all online devices your children use in order to keep them safe online. If you have any concerns over online safety look at the CEOP website www.ceop.police.uk. Their YouTube clips are very useful and interesting. Please also make sure that your children are not using apps and sites that have age restrictions above their age and that you supervise their use of any online forums. Remember that snapchat, Instagram, facebook and many games are not recommended for children below age 12.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

We have had a lovely half term and have all settled in well. All the children are now used to the nursery routines and are showing what they have learnt. The children showed how well they now know the story of the Gingerbread man and they can all tell parts of the story independently, especially the infamous rhyme 'run, run as fast as you can.' The children are joining in with counting rhymes and phonics each day. We have enjoyed our topic 'ourselves' and it has been lovely getting to know each child and their interests.

Reception @MD_Reception

We've had a fabulous week celebrating and learning about Harvest. We have been extremely busy learning how farmers cut their crops and gather the crops using different machinery. We have made white and wholemeal bread and the children remembered wheat was the crop the farmers grew and harvested. In literacy we have been writing our own stories based on Funnybones. We have now reached the end of our sounds in phonics, we have learnt single sounds such as m, a, s and t and some digraphs such as sh, ch, th and nk. Please keep practising these as much as possible at home, this will help the children's reading and writing greatly.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

What an end to the half term with a marvellous Grandparents' Tea Party that was attended by so many family and friends. It all finished with a wonderful rendition of 'Stop' from the Spice Girls- and we danced to entertain our audience. At the Halloween Disco, we also danced to more modern music as we donned our scary outfits. Remember to keep reading throughout the break and keep learning those number bonds to 10. You can even learn these as you walk round the streets scaring the neighbourhood!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

The children have had a super half term and are working hard now they are settled in class 2. In maths, this half term, we have worked on knowing the value of each digit in a number and now know how these can be represented and applied in different ways. Place value knowledge is important in order to access more complex maths. In literacy we have worked on narrative, story telling and using adjectives for description. The children are extending this knowledge by using expanded noun phrases in their writing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed afternoon tea with their families at our inspire session this week. Thankyou to everyone who came and for your patience. It was wonderful to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed it.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We did it!!! 6000 dojos earned by our team in the first eight weeks of the school year. That's some seriously good attitudes for learning. We have had a super half term and have learned lots about the history of our local area and some of the important events that happened around us.

When we return we will begin learning about Benin, comparing and contrasting this civilisation to our own. The teachers are all very excited and we think our learners will definitely enjoy this new learning.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Our last week of this half term has whizzed past and everyone is ready for a break to recharge our batteries ready for an exciting second half term. This week in Literacy Class 4 has been building up to writing a time-slip story as part of our hot-write. The children have been able to use some of the skills they have been practicing to produce some interesting writing. We have also been getting to know the characters in our guided reading book in great detail, making some insightful comments about the characters' feelings and actions. Well done to everyone who has returned their spellings and home readers. In maths Class 4 have been extending their understanding of rounding to 10, 100 or 1,000; any support you can give at home will help reinforce how useful rounding is. Class 4 has also really enjoyed developing their programming skills using Pyonkee. Last but not least, thank you for supporting your child in learning their spellings and times tables.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

We are at the end of an incredibly busy half term. The children have worked very hard all term and have made progress in many ways. In this last week the children have enjoyed producing a narrative with flashbacks linked to Pontefract Castle. 60% of children are in casual clothes today after reading 5 times or more in the week. In maths we have looked at fractions and time linked to our topic (problems based on a local bus timetable). Twelve children have used Timestable Rockstars at home in the week. Thank you for your support in this and other matters this half term. Enjoy the week break!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

It has been a fantastic week to end a brilliant half term. The Halloween discos, KS1 inspire and harvest festivals were all really well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Please join me in thanking the Friends of Mill Dam and all the school staff who work to make these events so successful. The children have all made fabulous progress with their learning this half term. I have been looking at their books this week and am astounded by the continually improving quality of their work. The attendance levels this half term have also been tremendous. Well done everyone. Have a great half term.

