



Newsletter: 08:11:2019

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
26/26	26/29	23/23	20/20	33/34	30/32	20/20

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 97.06% and 8 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 97.2%

Nursery
98.7% 0 late

Reception
98.85% 1 late

Class 1
97.06% 4 late

Class 2
92.86% 1 late

Class 3
95.13% 1 late

Class 4
98.62% 1 late

Class 5
98% 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:

B V F B, J R, S W

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: K M
Reception: O F
Class 1: L H
Class 2: A N
Class 3: H B
Class 4: H L
Class 5: S W

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

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	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
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 enjoyed making firework pictures, tin foil sparklers and splatter painting. We have been using our fine motor skills inside and our gross motor skills outside, making large lines and circles. We have welcomed a new starter into Nursery and everyone has made her feel welcome. We have had a new starter meeting for the children joining us after Christmas and we look forward to showing them our nursery on the stay and play sessions. We have really enjoyed our new book 'Lost in the toy museum,' are becoming familiar with the characters and acting out the story in our toy museum role play area. Despite the damp weather yesterday, we all managed to show off our bright smiles for our photographs.

Reception @MD_Reception

Boom! Bang! Crash! ... This week we have been learning about the history of bonfire night. We have been listening to the story of the gunpowder plot and we had a challenge set by King James, we had to draw and label a picture of Guy Fawkes. The next day Guy Fawkes came to visit us and he asked us to design a firework. In maths, we have been learning about 'more' and we have been reciting mathematical stories to work out one more. In phonics we have recapped the following sounds, m, a, s d and t. We are now learning to read tricky words such as 'the' and 'l' and recognise them in a text.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week it wasn't just the Prime Minister who saw the Queen; Year 1 did too, as we began our look into the history of different monarchs. We ordered pictures of some British monarchs on a timeline and then went on to identify the key roles of a monarch and write them in the form of a fun job description. Well done to all the children who have learnt their number bonds to 10. It certainly has made a magnificent impact on their maths work. Remember, you can practise this as you walk home from school by asking questions such as: "What do you add to 7 to make 10?" It even makes going to the supermarket a little more interesting. You could all reach the top of the Number Bonds League and - don't forget - prizes go to the top five!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Our topic this half term is 'The Royal Family' and we shall be looking at the lives and reigns of both Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. We have started by looking at the role of a monarch and the etiquette of how to behave in the presence of royalty. The children enjoyed taking on the role of the monarch as they discussed which rules and laws they would introduce if they were a king or queen. In maths we have been learning about 'Fact Families', using 3 numbers to get 4 addition and subtraction facts. For example, 20, 14, and 6: $14+6=20$, $6+14=20$, $20-6=14$ and $20-14=6$. This can be practised at home by adding any two numbers to find the third number to make the fact family. Then the children can be challenged to make the relevant number sentences in that family. Please note our PE days are now on a Wednesday and a Friday.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We have jumped straight back into our learning and lots of progress is being made by our team members. Our new topic on Benin has begun and has also informed our non-fiction writing in English where we have been creating non-chronological reports on archaeologists and stratigraphy. Our maths learning has continued with addition and subtraction and we have been applying our learning about inverse operations to find missing numbers and looking at shapes and patterns in African patterns. Because of the changes around school our timetable has been rejigged and PE will now be on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Take care in the rain and have a great weekend.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

We have got our first week off to a good start by getting straight back into our literacy and maths. In literacy we have been reviewing what makes a simple sentence before extending it with relative clauses. In maths we have continued our work on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 100,00 and 1,000,000. This half term's topic of Ancient Benin has really grabbed the children's interest as they have discovered which continent it was on, what the ruler was called as well as some of the key events. In the cold weather children need to remember to bring suitable clothing for the playground, also they must bring their P.E equipment on Monday and take it home on Friday. Hope you have a good weekend and the weather treats you well.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

The children have returned back to school in a positive frame of mind and have worked hard throughout the week. In Maths we have been learning how to divide and multiply with fractions. This can be a difficult area and the children have shown excellent understanding of both the concepts and methods. Remember to encourage your children to use TTRockstars at home to help their speed of recall of these key facts. In Literacy we have started a non-fiction unit, focussing on how to write balanced arguments. The skills they have learnt writing about whether it would be a good idea to have PE at school everyday will now be transferred to a balanced argument based on our topic - The Kingdom of Benin. Half the class have read 5 times at home in the week and can enjoy casual clothes day next Monday as the children need to wear school uniform for the trip to the high school today.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

What a very busy and damp week! The book fayre has been a great success and is still open today so please come and visit to see the lovely range of books available. Thank you to everyone for your attentiveness to changes during the wet weather yesterday - hopefully the worst of this has now subsided. Next Friday is Children in Need and we are inviting children to come dressed in pyjamas or Pudsey themed clothing. Please send £1 per child as a donation on that day. We also have Pudsey and Blush ears for sale all next week at £2.50 each and wristbands and badges at £1 each. Please support this brilliant cause. Finally, you will receive a bag today to donate old clothes etc for the 'bags for school' charity. Please return these on Wednesday 27th November.

