



Newsletter: 6.3.20

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 187 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
31/31	28/29	26/26	21/21	32/34	29/31	20/20

**WELL DONE!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 97.4% and 19 late.  
Our attendance target for the year is 97%  
Year to date: 96.8%

Nursery  
98.6% 1 late

Reception  
96.2% 0 late

Class 1  
97.9% 8 late

Class 2  
97.9% 4 late

Class 3  
99.3% 2 late

Class 4  
7.1% 2 late

Class 5  
93.4% 2 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:**

C T, I C, A B and M S

Will it be you next time?

## Stars of the week

Nursery: E H

Reception: O H

Class 1: F B

Class 2: T R

Class 3: L Q

Class 4: L F and J G

Class 5: D R

**Well Done!**

## Up and Coming Key Dates

10 March 20	KS1 visit to Winterset
13 March 20	Sport relief – wear something sporty - £1
Sunday 15 March	Parkrun takeover 9am, Pontefract Racecourse
Week beg. 16 March 20	Book Fayre
17 March	Author visit (Maz Evans)
18, 19 March 20	Parents' evening
2 April 20	Easter discos
3 April 20	Parent voice 9am, break up for Easter
20 April 20	Return from Easter – reward assemblies KS2 9am, KS1 and EYFS 2.30pm
7 May 20	VE day celebration discos
8 May 20	School closed for VE day bank holiday
11 May 20	VE day afternoon tea party 2pm
21 May 20	Break up for half term
2 June 20	Return from half term – reward assemblies
22 May 20, 1 June 20, 20 July 20	<i>INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays</i>

**Safeguarding** Mill Dam School considers the welfare of all our pupils to be of great importance and we hope that you are confident about your children's health and safety at school. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school please contact our safeguarding leads Mrs Stevenson or Mrs Thompson. We have a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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## Nursery @MD\_EYFS

This week we have been looking at animals found in the African grasslands. This linked to our story for this week and next - Handa's Surprise. We talked about the animals that appeared in the story and the various exotic fruits the animals ate. We matched the animals to the fruits and to the habitats we have looked at so far. In our garden area outside, we lifted up a planter and found the habitat chosen by various insects, the children loved discovering and talking about the insects. World Book Day was the highlight of our week, we had great fun dressing up as book characters, sharing our favourite books and retelling the stories within our play.

## Reception @MD\_Reception

This week Reception have been exceptionally busy learning to sort animals to the correct habitat. We discovered that some animals can live in more than one kind of habitat as their species has evolved over time. We have also been active creating wax crayon pictures in art, these have represented different habitats and animals. We then used water colours to observe what happened as we painted over the wax. In phonics we have been working in our new groups and we have already learnt lots of new sounds. These are some of the sounds the groups have covered, ay, ee, sh, ch, aw and oi. Please keep practising these at home and encourage the children to look out for them in their home reading books.

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

As we wandered through the woods of the United Kingdom we researched which countries are actually in the U.K. and created a tourist leaflet telling visitors the capital cities, landmarks, flags and the symbols of these countries. We were surprised how small Ackworth was, in comparison, as we searched the atlases for our capital cities - and we even found where we will be visiting on Tuesday. So, just a quick reminder that it is our visit to Winterset and Haw Park Wood on Tuesday 10th March. Please remember to send your children with warm waterproof coats and sensible waterproof footwear - and don't forget that all important packed lunch. We look forward to a fantastic educational visit.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as a book character for World Book Day yesterday. There were characters from the Horrid Henry books, Harry Potter books, Roald Dahl books and fairy tales as well as a range of other books. All of the children looked fabulous. In maths we have been working on the two, five and ten times tables, reciting these to develop a quick recall of the multiplication facts. In literacy we are using the book "Into The Forest" by Anthony Browne to improve our skills in writing a recount. We have learnt the difference between human and physical geography in topic, identifying features of each. On Tuesday we shall be going on our educational visit to the Anglers Country Park at Winterset. Hopefully the weather will be fine, however the children will need waterproof coats and sensible shoes. The children will also need to wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. They do not need to bring any money. We are looking forward to an exciting day.

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

Another busy week for Team 3. Lots of both critical and creative thinking to help us with our learning.

We have continued with fractions and time in maths and some of us are getting pretty good. If you can find the time this weekend to practice reading an analogue close with your learner it would really help them. In English we have brought our first newspaper articles to a conclusion and next week we will be finding out what happened to the boy who went missing. Our topic work on climate has continued with both climate maps of the world and further developing our pencil skills to draw clouds. We have also found the time to start our Big Grow project for the year and plant some peas.

If you intend to volunteer for the Junior Parkrun takeover on the 15th please return the slip ASAP as the list of people who have told Mr W they are going to help is A LOT longer than the returned slips.

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

Another week has passed and Class 4 have continued to explore the properties of materials, focusing on thermal conductors and insulators. We are also working together on our scientific thinking and recording. Our work on fractions continues with most children achieving well. As part of our topic work, children will be chosen using lolly sticks to compose a question they would like to ask about the weather or the climate for our Twitter feed. To improve our behaviour for learning, in PSHCE we have worked through an activity to challenge the children to think about their actions and their affect on others. It would be appreciated if you could discuss this, in particular that talking (loudly or quietly) at the wrong time is disruptive to others' learning.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

This week in Maths we have been continuing to focus on shapes and angles. We have been using our knowledge of key facts for angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and around a point to solve various problems centred around missing angles. We have also extended this to consider polygons and have also revised the features of 3D shapes. In Literacy we have written a first and second draft on a newspaper report inspired by Cogheart. We have continued to revise passive and active sentences and direct and reported speech. Again I recommend that the children look at these areas of Maths and English in their revision books to consolidate understanding. In topic the class have learnt about the temperate climate zone and have begun learning how to draw and shade clouds. In PE the class have enjoyed table tennis and gymnastics. Finally it was fantastic seeing the class embracing World Book Day on Thursday - there were some fabulous costumes!

## Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson

It's been a great week - particularly yesterday when everyone was dressed for world book day. Thankyou for your support with events like these. If you have any costumes from previous world book days which you no longer have use for please donate them to school; they will be great for plays etc. The next few weeks are also exciting with a visit for KS1, sport relief day next Friday (wear something sporty for a £1 contribution towards the charity) and the book fayre and author visit the following week. Parents' evening is also coming up and a letter to book times for this will be sent home on Monday. Please look out for it. We have had more concerns over parking again this week and I have spoken to a number of parents about this. Please do not park on the yellow zig zags, on kerbs, pavements or grass verges, blocking residents' access or double parked; all of these present a danger and some are illegal. Police will be doing spot checks as we have reported this on many occasions. Please support us with this and park safely or walk to school whenever possible.

