



Newsletter: 22.3.19

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 151 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	21/23	19/19	17/17	30/31	28/29	11/12

**WELL DONE!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 95.5% and 5 late.  
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%  
Year to date: 96.7%

Nursery  
95.4% 2 late

Reception  
98.7% 1 late

Class 1  
95.4% 0 late

Class 2  
99.4% 2 late

Class 3  
90.8% 0 late

Class 4  
95.4% 0 late

Class 5  
91.7% 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:**

E G, L D and K F

Will it be you next time?

## Stars of the week

Nursery: S B

Reception: T W

Class 1: H P

Class 2: J E

Class 3: A M

Class 4: A W, E M

Class 5: L M T

**Well Done!**

## Up and Coming Key Dates

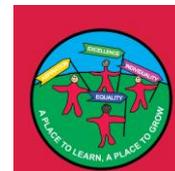
25 March 2019	Y5 to Hemsworth Academy
26 March 2019	KS1 to Cannon Hall – details to follow
28 March 2019	Non uniform day - £1 or chocolate donations for Easter fayre
29 March 2019	Y4 to Ackworth School Forest School Day
3 April 2019	Easter fayre 3pm
4 April 2019	Inspire day KS1 and EYSF am. KS2 pm NOTE following this there will be one Inspire per half term not two.
5 April 2019	Break up for Easter Parent voice 2pm
23 April 2019	Return from Easter Rewards assemblies KS2 9am, EYFS and KS1 2.30pm
13-17 May 2019	Y6 SATs week
3 Jun, 22 & 23 Jul	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
20-22 Sept 2019	ADVANCE NOTICE: Castleton residential for KS2

## 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](http://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

At last, Spring has sprung and we started the week investigating our ever-changing outside area. Three new areas have been developed and we now have a fully stocked cafe, providing a variety of goodies; though, at the moment, our prices do vary a little with hot dogs ranging from a price-busting 20p to an eye-watering £15. We also have a mark-making shed and a wonderful water area. Our seeds have been planted in the garden area and we are tending to them with plenty of water and a lot of conversation. On a separate note, a big thank you for such positive feedback on Parents' Evening. You all have wonderful children, of whom you should be very proud. They are all little stars!

## Reception @MD\_Reception

A big thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week! It has been a tremendous week! We started by sharing our favourite stories and talking about lots of different characters. We've been writing about the characters we came dressed up as and we very much enjoyed the visit from Lisa Thompson. In maths, the children have been exploring 3D shapes and we have been learning the names of each shape as well as grouping them in different ways. Next week we will be exploring the book 'If the dinosaurs came back' by Bernard Most.

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

Class one have had another brilliant week with lots of hard work. They really enjoyed our book day and we had some wonderful costumes! We worked on 'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson and wrote letters to Lisa to tell her all about the work we had done. It was lovely to hear her talk in assembly about how she became a writer.

We have also been working on our phonics this week and the children are showing brilliant progress here. Keep up the great work.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

The children looked fantastic in their World Book Day costumes. There were some very creative ideas. All of the children were able to share something about their favourite book. In maths the children have been using their knowledge of quarters to find three quarters of a quantity and counting in fractions. Please continue to support your child as they learn their 2x, 5x and 10x tables as they will help them with this. In literacy the children have been using some of the traditional tales to write a newspaper report. We have looked at microhabitats in science, finding out where minibeasts live in the outdoor environment.

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

We have had lots of impressive attitudes for learning this week with everyone dealing well with test week and having to tackle the written tests independently, as a class we have applied the skills that we have learned well and demonstrated a desire to do well. Well done everyone. It's starting to look like a forest in our classroom with all the plants shooting up, now that the better weather has started to arrive we should be able to start moving these outside soon and have an amazing learning garden for the children.

Next week we have our forest schools experience for Year 4, this is a very exciting opportunity so please get those form returned ASAP. See you next week.

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

As a class we have started planting our seeds given to us by BigGrow (some have already started sprouting) as well as some pumpkin and squash seeds. The flowers we planted late last year are making a beautiful show and lovely perfume. We have tackled maths and reading tests this week applying the knowledge and skills learnt over the past two terms. Well done everyone for your hard work. The class have shown great resilience as well team work throughout the week with some children being nominated by a class member for ClassDojo's.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

We have had another busy week in year 6. The children have shown great critical and creative thinking when solving algebra problems in Maths. We have continued to fine tune reading skills and techniques in preparation for the national tests and also enjoyed meeting a modern children's author at the beginning of the week! They have also shown good team work and skills in PE when learning a new game - Korfbal! Thank you everyone who attended parent's evening. It was lovely to be able to tell you about your children and the progress they are making this year!

## Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson

It has been an absolutely fantastic week, full of books and reading. Thankyou for supporting our delayed world book day with some wonderful costumes; at least the vouchers arrived before the book fayre was collected. If you haven't spent yours yet you can do so at any book shop. The visit of Lisa Thompson on Monday was also fabulous. She worked with all of the KS2 classes and opened our library officially. We are hoping that we will hear from Tesco soon about the bags of help scheme too – this will be used to improve the library even further. Please note the extx today about a uniform sale at brigade.com. Why not take advantage of this to get some new uniform for your children?

