



Newsletter: 18.1.19

## 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
22/23	21/23	18/19	17/17	29/31	27/29	13/13

**WELL DONE!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 96.9% and 4 late  
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%  
Year to date: 96.8%

Nursery  
94.6% 1 late

Reception  
96.7% 2 late

Class 1  
97.9% 1 late

Class 2  
98.8% 0 late

Class 3  
99.4% 0 late

Class 4  
91.4% 0 late

Class 5  
100% 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 W, P J and E L

Will it be you next time?

## Stars of the week

Nursery: B V

Reception: J B H

Class 1: T R

Class 2: H B

Class 3: J M

Class 4: G S, L J

Class 5: C G

**Well Done!**

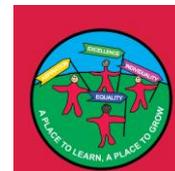
## Up and Coming Key Dates

8 Feb 2019, 8 Mar 2019	Parent voice 9am
11 Feb 2019	Waterton Academy Trust Musical Extravaganza at Wakefield Theatre Royal – details to follow
14 Feb 2019	Inspire day KS1 and EYFS am, KS2 pm
15 Feb 2019	Break up for half term
25 Feb 2019	Return from half term Rewards assembly KS1 and EYFS 9am KS2 2.30pm
Week beg: 15 March 2019	Book fayre and author visit
20 + 21 March 2019	Parents' evenings
4 April 2019	Inspire day KS1 and EYFS am. KS2 pm
5 April 2019	Break up for Easter
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

**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

As a new venture and in order for us to know more about your child, we are starting a 'Marvellous Me' bag. Your child, throughout the weeks, will be coming home with a small bag which they can decorate at home. When completed, we would like them to place three small items, that have a special meaning to them, into the bag. This could be a toy, photograph, in fact anything that they could talk about to the rest of the class. The children will take the bag home on a Monday, when it is their turn, and we ask them to return with it, to talk to the rest of the class, on the following Monday. All children will be given a bag during the course of the year - and don't worry if your child is not at school on the Monday; we will give them one on the day they are in. We are really looking forward to hearing and seeing their special items.

## Reception @MD\_Reception

Is it a bird? ... a plane? ... a spaceship? NO! It's SUPERWORM!  
This week we have been reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson in guided reading. We were fascinated with the different things Superworm turns into. We have been thinking of things he could also be, we thought he could be a headband, or a bracelet or even a shoelace. We have been trying to learn the chant in the story and we can now say it without help from the teachers! In literacy, we have been describing our favourite superheroes and we have been using lots of adjectives, we particularly liked the word 'amazing'. We will be looking at different occupations next week and discussing who is a superhero.

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

This week we have been working on subtraction in maths and innovating the Gingerbread man story in Literacy. We have learnt a new technique in art - pointillism - and drew pictures of toys, then coloured them in using this technique. The children then designed a 3D toy, labelling the materials they were going to use to make it and then began making their model using recycled items.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

We have continued working with money in maths this week, comparing, adding and subtracting amounts of money. They then had to use these skills to find change and solve problems. In literacy, we have been looking at adverbs and varying our sentence openings in order to add detail and make our writing more interesting to read. We are learning to reread our sentences to make sure they make sense. In science we have been looking at the properties of materials to decide what the material can be used for and why a material is a good choice for a particular use. In topic we have been thinking about the importance of teamwork as well as looking at the various uses of IT outside school.

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

This week we have been busy working towards our next hot write creating a children's book as part of our unit on 'Writing to Entertain'. We have also been busy multiplying and dividing in maths in different ways. In topic we have started to learn about Islam and the influence it has had on the world.

Please can you ensure that children bring their PE kits on a Monday and leave it in school for the week, we have had a number of children forgetting their kit recently.

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

This week we have been working on cube and square numbers as well as perimeter. This has enabled the children to put into practice their times tables knowledge. In literacy, we have been practicing opening sentences in 6 different ways, as well as using modal verbs and contractions. They have brought all this together into their hot write. Peering over their shoulders, it looks as if I am going to read some fantastic writing. In science, we are continuing our work on electricity and Islam in R.E and history to give the children an understanding of the wider world. It has been a real pleasure to see that the impact of our trip to London is continuing with the children giving me snippets about what is going on with Brexit and what Mrs. May has been saying. Well done to those children who bring I their home reader. Please remember that it has to be in on Thursday ready to be signed.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

The mock SATs week this week was really pleasing. The children conducted themselves admirably and displayed resilience and a positive 'growth mindset' throughout the week. As a result, they have displayed improved test technique and application of the skills and knowledge that they learn on a daily basis; leading to improved scores! I will be analysing the test responses and arranging further work and support in areas where the children have weaknesses over the coming weeks, but really want to say well done to every child for their efforts and progress over the week! Well done!

## Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson

The term is progressing well and the weather is becoming more wintery. Please make sure that your child has sensible shoes for playtimes and plenty of warm clothing. If we do have snow we will text and tweet to let you know whether school is open and will also contact the radio station and the local authority. We will try to keep school open unless it is unsafe to do so. If you don't hear anything – we are open.

We are progressing well with our Tesco bags of help collection. Please collect blue tokens for us and deposit them at Pontefract Tesco before the end of February. The tokens can be collected at any branch of Tesco.

