



Newsletter: 21.6.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 155 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
25/26	19/23	16/19	16/17	33/35	30/32	11/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 94.9% and 12 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.5%

Nursery
91.3% 2 late

Reception
100% 2 late

Class 1
86.2% 1 late

Class 2
100% 2 late

Class 3
92.4% 5 late

Class 4
98.6% 0 late

Class 5
97.3% 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 W, A B and C K
Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: J B
Reception: R W
Class 1: M W
Class 2: M B
Class 3: L R B
Class 4: N L
Class 5: L M T

Well Done!

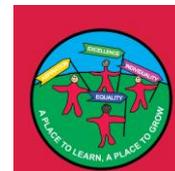
Up and Coming Key Dates

27 June 2019	Year 5 to Hemsworth Science event – no swimming
27 June 2019	Arts evening 6pm – details sent as needed
28 June 2019	Race for life at school – details to follow
1 July 2019 – Note date change	Sports days – KS1 and EYFS am, KS2 pm Summer fayre and BBQ 3pm
4 July 2019	KS2 visit to Filey
8 July 2019	KS1 visit to Filey
8 July 2019	Y6 SATs reward trip
11 July 2019	KS1 and EYFS inspire session 9am Summer show 1.30pm and 6pm
12 July 2019	Reports sent home
17 July 2019	Parents' evening
18 July 2019	Reward assemblies – KS2 9am, KS1 and EYFS 2.30pm
18 July 2019	Y6 prom 7pm
19 July 2019	Leavers' assembly 9am – break up for summer.
22 & 23 Jul 2019	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
2 & 3 Sept 2019, 22 May 2020, 1 June 2020, 20 July 2020	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
20 to 22 Sept	Castleton residential

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

Continuing our theme of the sea, we dived to the hidden depths of the ocean passing a small sparkly Rainbow Fish. As part of Science Share, we looked at why the scales on the Rainbow Fish were not sparkling deep in the ocean. We covered our fish with sparkly glitter and hid it in the dark only to find that the scales no longer shone. Armed with a torch, the children shone their beams upon the scales and once more the scales began to shine. Our conclusion was that the scales needed light to glitter and unfortunately there was not a great deal of light beneath the waves. We certainly have some budding scientists in Nursery!

Reception @MD_Reception

This week we have enjoyed investigating whether sharks sink or float in water. We used water, eggs and salt to explore our ideas. We discovered that an egg will sink in water, float in salt water and to get the egg to stay under water we needed to use less salt. We shared our experiment with Nursery for the Great Science Share and we learnt about glitter and reflection from them. In maths we have been working on position and distance and we have been estimating how many steps it would take us to retrieve a ball. In literacy and topic we have been learning to write about the lifecycle of a sea turtle. A polite reminder, all contributions for the seaside day are due in next week.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we thoroughly enjoyed our bath bomb experiment and then explaining what we had done to class two as part of the great Science share. In maths we have been working on ten more, ten less and ordering numbers, all within 100. In literacy we have been looking at the book 'Rainbow Fish' and we are beginning to think about ideas for our own story next week. In reading we have discussed how Willy feels when he is called Willy the Wimp. In topic we have been talking about the seaside, please could you send in a list of seaside towns your child has visited and any souvenirs they may have, thank you. We did a great job with year 2 playing Scatterball and came 3rd and 4th, well done everyone and thank you to the parents who supported us.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Well done to those children who attended the Waterton Trust Scatterball tournament this week. Everyone represented our school proudly and succeeded in being placed third and fourth. The children in Key Stage 1 should have brought home a letter this week about our trip to Filey. This educational visit takes place on Monday 8th July. If you have not received your letter please see Mrs. Stevenson. In the Great Science Share, the children presented their work on helicopter seeds to Class 1, explaining how seeds were dispersed by the wind. They had to use their maths skills to measure accurately to see how far the seed had spread. All of the children were keen to share what they found out by taking part in the discussion about the experiment.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

Another week of super of super learning for Team 3. We had a fantastic Great Science Share, demonstrating and explaining our investigations to our peers. In English we have continued with our work on writing balanced arguments and discussion texts. Maths has seen us working out time differences and practicing using analogue clocks.

Our Vikings have reached Lindisfarne and we have written about our experiences, mapped our journey and worked out the mass of our loot. What would be the best things to take when you have limited space? We will be visiting Jorvik on the 4th July so get those slips in soon.

Class 4 @MD_Class4+

Welcome all Angles, we the Vikings have had another busy week exploring your green and pleasant land. Looking for places to settle, grow crops and raise sheep, some of which we will send back to our families in Norway. We will also be sending back the gold treasure we have found in the monastery at Lindisfarne. Many of our number want to travel on from Lindisfarne and go to such places as Jorvik, Selby and Derby. Our Berserkers have gone ahead to find out what you Angles are getting up to. Our merchants are also trading with yours as well as other things (ask your Viking what they may be asking).

If you have any old grow bags that you no longer want then we can make use of them to develop our growing areas. Thank you.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

Another week flashes past! The first part of the week was again spent focussing on writing. The children produced some pleasing work based on our current classroom novel: The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. We looked at different scenes and combined some of them to retell the early part of the story. The class were challenged with integrating dialogue into their narratives which not only followed all the correct grammar and punctuation conventions for direct speech, but also conveyed character and advanced the action. In the second half of the week we have enjoyed doing practical lessons in both science and maths, as well as practising rounders and athletics in PE. Remember to bring back the slips for the Viking trip to York if you haven't done so already.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

Let's hope the weather is going to continue improving as we finish the summer term. Next Friday we have our own, in school, Race for Life which will be run in the same way as last year; a letter with a sponsor form will be with this newsletter. All proceeds from this sponsorship will go to cancer research. We are still in the lead for junior park run. The competition concludes at the end of June but please keep attending and running. There is no run at Pontefract this week due to the races and the final one will be on Sunday 30th June. Let's make this a bumper turn out and finish in style! This week we have participated in the great science share and have shared our child, led science work across school. It has been fantastic.

