



Newsletter: 8.2.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 149 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	29/30	28/29	12/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 94.5% and 2 lates.
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.6%

Nursery
86.9% 0 late

Reception
96.6% 1 late

Class 1
95.9% 0 late

Class 2
99.4% 0 late

Class 3
93.6% 0 late

Class 4
93.2% 1 late

Class 5
91.5% 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:

A M B, E W, B J and G H,
Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: C H
Reception: F B
Class 1: R MC
Class 2: H B
Class 3: H L
Class 4: L F
Class 5: G H

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

8 Feb + 8 Mar '19	Parent voice 9am
11 Feb 2019	Waterton's Greater Show at Wakefield Theatre Royal
13 Feb 2019	Valentine's Disco – 3-4pm: EYFS and KS1, 4.30-6: KS2
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
15 March 2019	Comic Relief Day – details to follow.
Week beg: 18 March 2019	Book fayre and author visit
20 + 21 March 19	Parents' evenings
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
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

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

What a week we have had - from celebrating the Chinese New Year to our Superhero Day! We've eaten prawn crackers and noodles and looked at how you can write the numbers 1-10 in Chinese. On Superhero Day we caught Evil Pea in jelly and ice, sequenced the story of Supertato, rescued the vegetables tethered to the tuff tray, made and counted Evil Peas from playdough, made lollipop superheroes and finished off with Superhero obstacle course, dance and a catwalk parade. A big thank you to all the parents who really made all your children the best superheroes in the universe.

Reception @MD_Reception

Celebrations all round!!! What a wonderful week we've had! We started the week learning the Chinese story and we have been working hard to recall the story with the use of actions and a story map. The children have made some pigs to celebrate the new year as well as Chinese lanterns. Wednesday was truly amazing for us, we all enjoyed participating in our superhero day. We did excellent speaking and listening in circle time and we learnt about the importance of a healthy diet by making fruit kebabs. Finally, we completed a challenging obstacle course fit for only a superhero!

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we have been working with numbers to 50, concentrating on our presentation to help us work out how many tens and ones are in each number. In Literacy we have begun looking at poems, working out the features we could see and two of us had a go at writing a poem of their own. We have looked at technology beyond school and we have put our DT plans into action, making models of our toys.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

In maths the children have been working on division, learning to make equal groups from a larger number to see how many groups there are. The children were then asked to count how many groups they have made in order to find the answer to a problem. By the end of Year 2 children are expected to be able to recall division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children are learning to apply their multiplication skills as they solve division problems and to recognize that division is the inverse, or opposite, of multiplication. In literacy, the children are continuing to work on their storytelling skills, using adjectives and adverbs to add further detail. It is important that their narratives are coherent and organised into a logical order.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We are closing in on half way through the year and the children in Class 3 are going from strength to strength. We have been learning about narrative poems in English through 'The Highwayman' and have been focusing on using similes and metaphors in our writing. I have been very impressed by the children's work using formal vertical method to solve multiplication problems. We have also tried our hands at Islamic calligraphy and learned about what soil is made of and how it is formed.

We have a lot of jumpers and cardigans in our lost property box which have been left in the classroom at the end of the day, it is the children's responsibility to look after their things so if they are missing any garments please ensure they have checked the lost property.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

This week Class 4 have been exploring the world of poetry in literacy. Looking at how poets use language in a range of poems, as well as using published poems as an inspiration for their own. In maths we have been using practical as well as written methods to understand volume and capacity. As part of our topic work the children have been comparing Ackworth with Baghdad. They have also listened to a variety of music to decide which would best represent the main characters in our guided reading book 'The Eye of the Wolf'. In swimming Y5 are working hard and continuing to make good progress. They are also in good voice when they spontaneously break into song on most return trips.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

The class produced some very impressive writing at the start of the week, inspired by the narrative poem 'The Highwayman'. The quality of the writing in general in this term's narrative unit has been of a really high standard and the children are showing progress and a growing maturity.

We have been looking at the perimeter and area of rectangles and triangles this week in Maths with lots of good thinking on display. This week 9 children have read 5 times at home (an increase again!). Can we get 100% next week?

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

Thankyou for all of the returned questionnaires. We have had over 40 responses which is excellent. I will analyse them shortly and let you know which areas we will be developing further as a result of this.

The valentine's disco (organised by Friends of Mill Dam) is next Wednesday. If your child usually attends after school club please note they MUST still register for the disco and pay for this in advance. Tickets will not be given but only children who are on the attendance list will be able to attend the disco. The £2.50 entrance fee includes a hot dog and drink. Please send money for extra refreshments into school in advance for EYFS and KS1 as well to minimise problems with change and lost money during the disco itself. KS2 may bring additional money but please avoid notes if at all possible.

