



Newsletter: 21.6.21

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 199 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Excellent behaviour this week!

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2
32/36	24/25	28/28	23/24

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
30/32	31/32	31/32

Well done everyone!

Stars of the week

Nursery: NH

Reception: EB

Class 1: WH

Class 2: KS

Class 3: CC

Class 4: HR

Class 5: EW

Well Done!

Attendance and Lates

This week 95.4% and late.

Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Year to date: 96.5%

Nursery
90% 1 late

Reception
94.8% 2 late

Class 1
97.1% 1 late

Class 2
98.2% 0 late

Class 3
96.5% 0 late

Class 4
98.6% 1 late

Class 5
95.7% 1 late

Up and Coming Key Dates

Week beg: 21 June 21	Book week including Mill Dam book awards and virtual author visit by Maz Evans postponed from last spring. Further details have been sent.
16 July 21	Reports sent home
21 July 21	Summer term drop in parents' evening
23 July 21	Break up for the summer
26 July 21	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
6 Sept 21, 13 Sept 21, 6 June 22, 25 +26 July 22	NEXT YEAR'S INSET DAYS Please use these to plan ahead for holidays.

Leadership Signposting: If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or the work of the school please speak to their class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team before or after school. If your question is more in depth please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Mrs Thompson, Mrs Stevenson, Ms Samuels and Mr West are happy to meet with any parents who would like to speak to us. If we are free we will see you immediately but if not please make an appointment with the office and we will meet with you as soon as possible.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

Nursery have really enjoyed learning about Killer Whales this week, we listened to the sounds of the whales and tried to work out how they might be feeling. We learned that if an Orca has a tall fin they are happy, but if they feel sad they have a floppy fin. In P.E this week, we had an under the sea yoga adventure and said "Hello!" to a shark. The children have been thinking about father's day throughout the week and have enjoyed speaking about why their dads and grandads are special to them.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

As the weather became increasingly warm, Year One turned to being weather forecasters. They thought about what we already know about weather and looked at how weather forecasters tell us what weather to expect. Taking on the role of the weather presenters, they gave a report about the weather at school and, using weather symbols they made an 'on location' forecast in the playground. Later in the week we looked at climate change and discussed how we can take care of our planet. Just a quick reminder to end with - P.E. is on a Tuesday, where we are taking part in tennis sessions with a coach from Ackworth School. Please remember to check that your child has brought their P.E kit to school. Many, many thanks - and enjoy the sunshine!

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We have been flying high this week with our writing but haven't melted the wax on our wings, some fantastic vocabulary being used in our retelling of the story of Daedalus and Icarus, watch our on Twitter for our stories being shared. Lots of learning about the properties of 3D shapes in maths this week, we now know our edges from our vertices from our faces. Why not see which shapes you can find while you are out and about? Remember we have our Ancient Greece home learning projects to keep us busy as well, what will your urn be like? How will you decorate it? For more details of our learning this topic and our home learning project check out our page on the school website.

Next week we have our book week and author day, we will be enjoying additional reading based activities and having a workshop with a real life writer, Maz Evans who wrote 'Who let the Gods out'. Is there anything you have always wanted to ask an author? Now is your chance.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

We have had a fabulous week in class 5. The children have worked really hard and shown a great attitude to school each day. In English the class wrote some fantastic descriptive passages of the view which Theseus would have seen on the ship when on his voyage to Crete. We have also spent time thinking about how to improve dialogue, adding more description and detail as well as working with semi colons. In Maths the children have broadened and deepened their knowledge of work with angles. In Science they have made electric circuits and learnt how to draw and annotate them scientifically. In art they have practised blending and mixing water colours and in PE they have played hockey and ran sprint relays.

Reception @MD_Reception

Ahoy there me hearties! This week we have been reading 'How I became a pirate' by Melinda Long and David Shannon. We noticed pirates speak differently and we have been practising some of their phrases as well as changing our expression. We have found this very funny, and we have been trying this out during our choosing time. In maths we have begun looking at odd and even numbers and we had to pair the pirates together to find their treasure. Unfortunately, we noticed some pirates didn't have a partner and they were odd number. We have continued making posters to inform people how to put their rubbish away safely to protect sea life. The children have been very passionate about this and they want sea life to be protected and live happily. This week has been extremely hot, please remember to apply sun cream to the children BEFORE school and send them with water bottles and hats.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

It has been another exciting week in class this week. In English we have started to learn about discussion writing and how to present two sides of an argument. Our discussion is about whether plastic should be banned as it pollutes our oceans and harms the plants and animals that live there. In maths we have been describing and comparing 2D and 3D shapes, investigating which 2D shapes can be found in a 3D shape. In topic we have been finding out the difference between human and physical geography and identifying features of both of these in coastal locations. The children are continuing to enjoy tennis, in their PE lessons, with Alice from Ackworth School. Please make sure your child brings their PE to school on a Monday morning and that it is left in school until Friday, should the timetable change. At the moment our regular PE day is Tuesday, whilst we have the fabulous opportunity to learn tennis.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

In maths we have been developing our skills in reading and interpreting information on a variety of charts. The children have also drawn line graphs and then used them to answer questions. In English we have been developing our ability to describe a setting focusing on our use of adverbials and synonyms. The children have enjoyed looking at electricity in science. Some children have been surprised to learn about some of the primary sources of electricity but have a good knowledge of other sources. They have also been experimenting with watercolour paintings using techniques such as wet on wet and dry on wet. We are developing our computing skills by programming Scratch and Lego Wedo2 to respond to a sensory stimulus.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

It's been another very busy, hard working week. I love dropping into classes to see the range of learning taking place. I hope you can appreciate that from this newsletter. Next week we have our book week. During this the children will be taking part in a range of story and book based activities in addition to their normal timetable. Part of this will be the launch of our Mill Dam Book Awards for 2021 and part of it will include a virtual visit by author Max Evans. She will only be able to work with the KS2 classes due to the limitations of the virtual visit but there will also be plenty of activities for KS1 and EYFS.

Unfortunately, we have had some incidents outside of school which have impacted on learning and behaviour within school again this week. Please remind your children of the importance of self discipline and control when they are out playing in the evenings and at weekends and encourage them to treat each other with respect and kindness.

Have a safe and happy weekend – see you for book week.

