



Newsletter: 2.7.21

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 201 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Excellent behaviour this week!

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2
34/36	23/25	28/28	24/24

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
31/32	29/32	32/32

Well done everyone!

Stars of the week

Nursery: EE

Reception: SLO

Class 1: OH

Class 2: OW

Class 3: HG

Class 4: DD

Class 5: PW

Well Done!

Attendance and Lates

This week 94.7% and 19 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 96.2%

Nursery
93.3% 1 late

Reception
88.6% 7 late

Class 1
98.5% 2 late

Class 2
99.2% 1 late

Class 3
97.9% 5 late

Class 4
90.9% 2 late

Class 5
94.3% 1 late

Up and Coming Key Dates

16 July 21	Reports sent home
Week beginning 19 July 21	Bikeability for Y6 – details have been sent
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.

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. 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. Take care with Tik Tok. Remember that Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and many games are not recommended for children below age 12.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

This week the nursery children have been investigating sunken pirate shipwrecks. We recovered a treasure chest and identified a pearl necklace, diamonds, rubies and gold coins. The children created their own Pirate flags with skulls and crossbones and enjoyed role play pirate games. In provision the children explored a sensory, ocean foam tray and polished sea shells with brushes. Our book this week is "Lucy and Tom at the Seaside" and we've enjoyed story sequencing as part of our literacy work. Well done Nursery, a fantastic week full of learning.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

The rain in Ackworth falls mainly on the field - or that is what Class One were hoping for as we made our rain gauges to measure the amount of rain that falls outside. Excitement grew as it began to rain but we soon realised that maybe our discussion about climate change could be the reason why it hadn't rained for the rest of the week and our gauges were bone-dry. So, we began looking at finding our water elsewhere and looked at the islands around our coastline. The children used atlases to locate and name the different islands that can be found and how many different ways we can travel to reach them. Again, many thanks for listening to your children read and for the super support they are getting in learning those weekly spellings. Amazing results in both areas. Thank you so much. And, last but not least, the children voted for '#Goldilocks' by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross as their favourite book in Book Week.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We have completed another week of learning together and our teammates have produced some excellent outcomes. Coordinates and translation have kept us thinking in maths and we have been creating super descriptions of monsters and heroes in English ready for writing our own Ancient Greek style myths next week. As part of our history learning we have discovered that school in Ancient Greece was very different. NO GIRLS ALLOWED! The team's home learning projects have also started to arrive and are impressing us all. Keep an eye on our Twitter (@MD_Class3) to see them. Preparations for our KS2 sports day have been going well and we have discovered that Team 3 are amazing at different types of throwing in athletics. Just 15 more school days until the Summer, let's keep up the super learning and go out with a bang.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

This week year 5 have produced some really impressive writing, bringing together all the grammar, punctuation and writing techniques that we have covered recently while studying the Greek myth - Theseus and the Minotaur. I have been impressed with the quality of work produced, their adventurous language choices and their use of a wide range of different sentence types. Well done! We were also excited to receive a letter from the local MP, John Trickett from the House of Commons who replied to a letter the class sent him a few weeks ago about the litter problem in the local area! The class have also learnt about the origin of the Olympics and how they compare to the modern Olympics, as well the differences in the great city states of Athens and Sparta. In Maths they have studied pie charts and the mean average and in PE they have enjoyed athletics. Another busy week!

Reception @MD_Reception

Up, down, left, right, forwards, backwards Can you guess what we have been learning about this week? Directions! We have been exploring what a map is and how to draw them as well as give directions through mazes and around the classroom. The children have worked hard on recalling specific vocabulary as well as using arrows to indicate a direction. In literacy we have been learning to segment words and count the number of sounds in a word in order to label a pirate. This has been a big focus this half term and the children are becoming much more confident when writing independently. Keep it up superstars! Next week we will be reading The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch and we will be writing a shopping list for the characters. We will also be learning about lighthouses and making our own in the creative area.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

As part of our topic on the seaside, we have been learning about keeping safe in the sun and we were lucky enough to have a visit from the school nurse to talk to us about how important it is to protect ourselves from the strong sun's rays. We learnt that we need to stay out of the sun, or in the shade, when there is a risk of sunburn, as well as using a sunscreen, covering up with a long-sleeved top, a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses. It is also important to drink lots of water so that you don't dehydrate.

Sadly we were unable to have our tennis lesson this week with Alice from Ackworth School; although she will be back with us next week. Please make sure your PE kit is in school on Monday and stays in school until Friday as we may have an extra PE lesson in preparation for our Key Stage 1 sports day before the summer. Due to the current circumstances, we are unable to invite family members in to watch this exciting event. After the occasion, there will be images on Twitter though.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

This week the children have continued to develop their descriptive writing by looking in detail at a setting. We have had a big focus on planning what the children will be writing in each of their paragraphs. To do this children have focused on the five senses of a character, writing three basic sentences for each sense. These have then been developed using the grammar and vocabulary we have been exploring to produce a piece of writing. In our work on electricity the children have looked at circuits, predicted if they would work and then carried out experiments to see if their predictions were correct. They followed this up by drawing their own circuits and testing them. In topic we have begun to look at Ancient Greek city-states and how they were organized. In maths we have been using two-way tables to answer questions. The children have enjoyed competing against themselves when seeing how far they could jump from a standing start.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to the school building this week. I hope that we don't need to ask any other classes to isolate before the summer but, if we do, please be assured that these decisions are always made following guidance and with the health and wellbeing of the full school community at heart. With this in mind I hope that you all understand our decision not to hold sports days or end of year productions in the usual way. We don't want to risk groups mingling on the school premises and so each phase of school will be holding their own sports day type events and plenty of pictures will be uploaded to help you share in these. Year 6 won't have a prom again this year but we have planned some in school surprises to mark the end of their time at primary school. Thankyou for your support with all of this.

