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Friday 1st December 2017

WELCOME

Exciting news!!!!!! Work has finally started on the renovation and refurbishment of the empty caretaker's bungalow. The builders have started getting things ready this week and work starts in earnest next week. All building and decoration should be finished by the end of January.

SCHOOL AWARDS

This week special mentions were awarded to:

Reception: Daisy, Benjamin

Year 1: Evie, Gabriel

Year 2: Joshua, Kailyn

Year 3: Lydia, Blake

Year 4: Kye, Callum

Year 5: Macey, Lexi

Year 6: Ashton, Alfie

This week 'Always' awards were given to:

Reception: Betsy

Year 1: Oscar

Year 2: Kuba

Year 3: Rose

Year 4: Alfie

Year 5: Courtney

Year 6: Amelia

Our 'Always' children for the week get to spend special time with George on Friday mornings.

This weeks' Behaviour Raffle prizes were won by:

Reception: Amelia

Year 1: Lexi

Year 2: Lucy

Year 3: Rose

Year 4: Megan

Year 5: Kenzie

Year 6: Camron

ATTENDANCE

During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week. On Monday the attendance awards were presented to **Year 5 100% WELL DONE!**

Nursery AM 80%, Nursery PM 83.6%
Reception 90%,
Year 1 93.7%, Year 2 89.3%,
Year 3 94%, Year 4 97.2%
Year 5 100%, Year 6 95.7%

Our attendance target is **96%**



LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday awards for last week were given to:

Reception: Vinnie

Year 1: Holly

Year 2: Jake

Year 3: Emily

Year 4: Maddison

Year 5: Ruby

Year 6: Phoebe

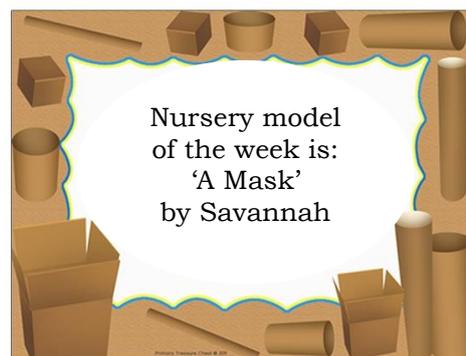


FOUNDATION NEWS.... KIND KANDINSKY

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been talking about the season of Winter by looking for signs of Winter in our outdoor learning area. In Maths we have continued to use different Mathematical language when talking about quantities of objects. We have been trying very hard to learn our songs for our Christmas Performance.

Next Week, we will start to look at Christmas and why we have Christmas. We will continue to practice our songs for our Christmas performance.



RECEPTION

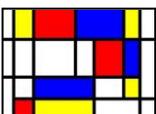
We have been using a selection of fiction and non-fiction books to find out about the seasonal changes that occur in the Winter. We have been talking about the things that we like to do and how we need to wrap up warm. We have created some wonderful winter collages and paintings. Please look at

our writing and art work on our seasons display board.

In our Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes. We have been noticing shapes in the environment and have been naming the 3D shapes that we found. We have been using shapes to build and construct models. Throughout the week we have been using a range of vocabulary when discussing the properties of shapes.



Next week we will be focussing on fictional stories on the theme of Winter. We will be using an extended range of vocabulary to describe Winter scenes, characters and events. In our Maths we will be focussing on adding 1 to numbers and amounts. We will be continuing to practise our Nativity play. We would like to say a huge well done to all our children for learning so many words, songs and actions. As we use our hall timetable slots for Nativity rehearsals, there will be no PE next week.



YEAR 1 NEWS....

MARVELLOUS MONDRIAN

In Maths we have been learning about money; recognising the coins and their value. We have been amounts of money in a 'purse' for example 12p, 57p or £1.35. Could you please ask your child to count any spare change that you have to help them develop these skills?

In Literacy we have been working on writing sentences with the correct punctuation, making sure that the capital letters, full stops and finger spaces are consistently in our writing. We have also been extending our sentences by using the word 'and' for example instead of two short sentences - Cinderella

washes the dishes. Cinderella sweeps the floors. Cinderella washes the dishes and sweeps the floors.

Our Big Read story this week was Cinderella. We enjoyed listening to the story, answering questions from the text, predicting what might happen next and thinking about why the characters felt a certain way. We enjoyed

wearing crowns and tiaras acting in role as Cinderella or Prince Charming.

In Phonics we have been busy learning to read and write the 'ue' and 'aw' sound along with learning some tricky words such as, said, so, have and like.

We have also been practising for our Nativity concert. Tickets are on sale now, and don't forget your dressing up clothes if you are in the choir.



YEAR 2 NEWS....

JACKSON POLLOCK

What a busy week we have had with so much learning going on! In maths we have been learning about fractions. We are getting really good at reading, writing and finding fractions of shapes and numbers. Keep practising at home because next week we will be moving onto something different and we don't want you to forget.

In grammar this week we have been learning about using an apostrophe but this time for contracted words like wouldn't and don't. We are learning how to write contractions and understand what they mean in their long form, for example would not and do not. What has been really pleasing to see is that when the children are reading they are spotting these words and understanding what they are and what they would be in their long form. When the children are reading at home see if they can spot them and tell you what they are.

Gymnastics and cricket have been the focus in PE for the past few weeks. We are learning lots of new shapes in gymnastics like straddle, pike, tuck and combining different shapes and moves into a mini routine. In cricket we are learning to throw and catch the ball and follow the ball with our eyes when batting. This has been to get us ready for our competition which took place on Friday. It was a fantastic afternoon enjoyed by all children in KS1.



YEAR 3 NEWS.... SUPER SEURATS

In year 3 we have had a huge push on column subtraction, which we found very tricky at first. Literacy work this week has centred upon non-chronological reports; we are working towards writing our own reports about stone-age animals. In Science we have learnt all about

light and how it is reflected. Next week we will be learning about the effects of UV light on our eyes and skin. From next week some of our PE lessons will hopefully take place outdoors so please ensure that your child brings a suitable PE kit e.g. with a sweatshirt, warm jogging bottoms (no jeans) and suitable footwear.



YEAR 4 NEWS.... PERFECT PICASSO

This week in Year 4 we have been writing our own fables. We tried to make this interesting to read as we described our characters and used a moral to our stories. In Maths we have been learning about fractions, everyone worked really hard and seemed to grasp this well. We have also been rehearsing for our Christmas performance this week and will continue to do this through next week.



YEAR 5 NEWS.... BRILLIANT BANKSY

This week in Year 5 we have created 'Keep Grimethorpe Clean' posters for a School Council competition. In Maths we have finally managed to master area of rectangular shapes. In Literacy we have continued to write letters from Harry retelling the main events of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone so far. These have been fantastic to read, with children using modal verbs, parenthesis and starting sentences in different ways. Next week is assessment week so it's an opportunity for everyone to show their teachers what they have learnt in Literacy and Maths this half term. We have also started our first aid this week and we will practise this in the coming weeks in small groups. On Thursday we had a visit from the fire service who gave an important assembly for the children in Years 5 and 6. They explained some of the consequences of anti-social behaviour in the local community. I hope the children found this beneficial and took everything that was said on board.

Finally, next week we will also be practising our lines for the Christmas performance as well as some Christmas songs



YEAR 6 NEWS LIBERAL LOWRY

This week the children have really enjoyed reading the Christmas story as part of our RE learning. In Maths we have focussed on time (converting between 12hr and 24hr clocks) and solving

associated problems. In SPAG we have finally tackled the subjunctive verb – which amazingly the children seem to have grasped! We have also found time to start working on sci-fi writing – the children can't wait to write our sci-fi stories. Year 6 were a credit to the school on the recent sportshall athletics competition – well done everyone! Keep up the hard work attending boosters! These winter efforts will give fantastic results in May!

KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE CRECHE AVAILABLE

I am pleased to let you know that we are able to offer a crèche for younger children (key stage 1 or early years Ladywood pupils) whilst parents attend the Key Stage 2 performance at 5pm on Thursday 14th December. So that we can plan how many staff are needed – if you would like your child to attend the crèche please inform the school office as soon as possible.



Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER** we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in support of Children in Need. Children may come to school in their festive jumpers on this day, which is also our Christmas Lunch day for a suggested donation of £1.

SANTA'S STORE



Don't forget - Santa's store will be open from Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th December. Children may bring a small amount of money to purchase a wrapped gift for mum, dad, grandma, grandad etc.

Prices will range from around £1 to £3

If anyone has any items that would like to donate to the store we would be extremely grateful, please bring them to the school office.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICES

Could we remind all pupils, parents and carers that:



Bikes and scooters etc. must not be ridden on school premises.

The school car park should not be used for dropping off and/or collecting children unless there is a specific need and this has been agreed with the school office in advance.

Please also note that there should be no parking in the immediate vicinity of the school gates or on the zig-zags in front of school

Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OTHER FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Performances

All remaining tickets are now on sale on a first come first served basis

- 05.12.17 Y5/6 Visit to Magna
- 12.12.17 Y1/2 Xmas performance 5pm
- 13.12.17 Y1/2 Xmas performance 10am

- 13.12.17 to 15.12.17 Santa's store open

- 14.12.17 EYFS Xmas performance 10am
- 14.12.17 Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Xmas performance 5pm (crèche available)
- 15.12.17 EYFS Xmas performance 1.30pm
- 19.12.17 Y1 to Y6 Panto @ Lamproom 1pm
- 19.12.17 EYFS Christmas parties
- 20.12.17 School Christmas Lunch
- 20.12.17 Christmas Jumper Day
- 22.12.17 Xmas Factor finals 10am
- 22.12.17 Last day of autumn term
- 25.12.17 School closed for 2 weeks for Christmas holidays

- 08.01.18 School re-opens
- 12.02.18 School closed all week – half term Holiday

- 19.02.18 School re-opens
- 23.03.18 Last day of Spring term
- 26.03.18 School closed for 2 weeks for Easter Holidays

- 09.04.18 School re-opens
- 03.05.18 Polling day – Nursery & Reception closed
- 07.05.18 May Day bank holiday – school closed
- 28.05.18 School closed all week – half term Holiday

- 04.06.18 School re-opens
- 20.07.18 Last day of Summer term for pupils
- 23.07.18 Inset day – school closed
- 24.07.18 Summer holiday starts

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Monday KS1 Ball Games 3pm to 3.45pm
- Tuesday KS2 Homework 3pm to 3.45pm
KS1 Cricket 3pm to 4pm
- Wednesday KS2 Athletics 3pm to 4pm
KS1/2 Lego Club 3pm to 3.45pm
- Thursday KS2 Multi-sports 3pm to 3.45pm
KS2 Dodgeball 3pm to 4.15pm