

## WELCOME

### SCHOOL AWARDS



#### SPECIAL MENTIONS

This week special mentions were awarded to:

Reception: Oscar, Gabriel

Year 1: Grace, Jasmine

Year 2: Marcel, Brandon

Year 3: Callum, Mariama

Year 4: Mckenzie, Jessica

Year 5: Alfie, Kyle

Year 6: Dylan, Libby



The Behaviour prizes this week were won by Jess (Y2) and Lana (Y5).



#### 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 award was presented to Nursery & Year 6, 100% WELL DONE!

Nursery AM 94.6%, Nursery PM 73.6%  
Reception 91.7%,  
Year 1 95.8%, Year 2 94.7%,  
Year 3 96.2%, Year 4 96%,  
Year 5 91.3%, Year 6 100%

Our new attendance target is **96%**



#### LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday, awards were given to:

Reception: Frankie

Year 1: Rio

Year 2: Marcel

Year 3: Kayla

Year 4: Bethany

Year 5: Lana

Year 6: Libby

## FOUNDATION NEWS....



### NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been learning about 'The Three Little Pigs'. We've been hunting for clues to work out who has been in our classroom and have drawn wanted posters to let everyone know what has happened. We have been trying to build houses so that the wolf cannot blow them down by working in different groups and encouraging each other. In Circle Time, we have been speaking about different types of jobs.

Next week, we will continue learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' by re-telling the story to our friends.

### RECEPTION

We have had a wonderful week re-telling the story 'The Three Little Pigs' we have been sequencing the main events and using our own pictures and words to re-tell the main events. We have been focussing on our sentence construction and have been verbalising our sentences ahead of writing it. We have then been re-reading our sentences to check that it makes sense.

Our mathematicians have been busy all week naming 2D and 3D shapes. We have been looking for shapes in our indoor and outdoor areas and using their correct names. We have also been using mathematical vocabulary when discussing the properties of shapes.

Next week we will be focussing on key characters from 'The Three Little Pigs' and using an extended range of vocabulary when writing character descriptions. In our Maths we will be focussing on halving and sharing.



Next week is quiz week where the children will be showing off everything they have learned so far. Please remind children to read their reading book at home. It is proving to be really successful, helping the children progress through the banded reading books.

#### YEAR 3 NEWS....



This week in Literacy we have written a story about a boy who survived on a desert island. We tried to write in paragraphs. In Maths we have learned how to use a number line to help us work out subtraction calculations. In Topic we learned about Viking family life and about igneous and sedimentary rocks in Science. Next week is assessment week and we will try to show our teacher how much we have learnt.

#### YEAR 4 NEWS....



This week we have written a shared legend about a dragon and a brave knight. We have applied all our SPAG knowledge including speech, fronted adverbials, paragraphs and commas. On Monday we will be planning and writing our own.

In Maths we have been counting, adding and finding change with money. In Topic we have been researching Longships and runes, we wrote our name using Viking runes and labelled a Longship. Next week is assessment week so we will be practising everything we have learnt over the last few weeks.

#### YEAR 5 NEWS....



We have had a great week in Year 5. In Literacy we have written a report about different rivers of the world. In Maths we have looked at answering worded problems. In Topic we have used knowledge of features of a river from last week and shown, in a diagram, the journey of a river from its 'source' to its 'mouth'.

Next week is assessment week so we will be showing what we have learnt this half term and since our last assessments. This will show us all if there are any areas we might

#### YEAR 1 NEWS....



We have had a really exciting week in year 1! On Tuesday we were visited by a real life scientist called Jules Howard. He brought lots of fossils for us to look at and touch. We found out even more about dinosaurs! He was really impressed with our questions and everything that we had already learnt!

Early next week some photos will be on the school website, please have a look. I'm sure that the children would love to tell you all about their experience. In the afternoon, we enjoyed making our own fossils and then on Wednesday we wrote instructions so that other children can make fossils too! we learnt a new word for the special words we need to use in instructions – ask your child what it was, I wonder if they can remember it?

#### YEAR 2 NEWS....



What a fantastic week we have had. The highlight of the week has to be the fossil workshop. We got the opportunity to uncover the mysteries of ancient life on Earth and discover what life as a scientist is really like! As well as holding fossilised bones and teeth of extinct crocodiles, sharks and dinosaurs, we got to search for our own ancient insects trapped in million year old amber, discovering more about ancient ecosystems and habitats. As promised, we then had a fantastic time making our very own fossils. Come and see our fossils in the classroom. They are amazing! In maths this week we have been sorting shapes into Venn Diagrams and Carroll diagrams. Although, not an easy task, the children worked extremely hard.

need to recap. Finally, we are still practising hard our Benchball team work ready for our competition.

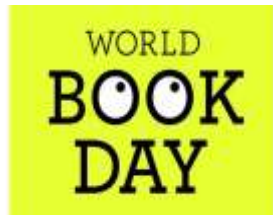
### YEAR 6 NEWS ....



The children have worked extremely hard this week. In Literacy we have focussed on reading comprehension skills whilst in SPAG we have looked at: direct and repeated speech, possessive apostrophes and modal verbs. Maths learning has centred around fractions, ratio and proportion. We made a fantastic 'river' landscape which will help the children understand the 'course' of a river from source to the sea. Well done everyone – keep up the hard work.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017** is World Book Day and all the children may come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on this day.



The School Council will also be deciding what fun World Book Day activities will be on offer in school during the day for the children to take part in.

**Who will you come as???**



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There are still a few prizes that haven't been claimed. If you've got any of the tickets below, please come and claim your prize before we break up for the holidays on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

- PINK 351
- PINK 59
- BLUE 80
- PINK 158

### PHARMACY FIRST



Last week Shafton Pharmacy staff came in to school and held an information session for parents about the Minor Ailments Scheme available at all chemists. There's a wide range of medicines you can get on prescription without seeing a doctor through the scheme. As they are on prescription, if you normally receive free medicines you won't have to pay for these either.

The service is really easy to use and the staff at Shafton Pharmacy are really helpful but if you can't get to Shafton, don't worry, you can ask about the scheme at Grimethorpe too.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FUTURE EVENTS

- 15.02.17 Y6 Handball competition @ Barnsley College
- 15.02.17 Robinwood residential (3 days)
- 17.02.17 Inset day – school closed
- 20.02.17 Half term holiday – school closed all Week
- 02.03.17 World Book Day
- Pupil/Parent Progress Meetings**
- 06.03.17 Y3 & Y4
- 07.03.17 Nursery & Reception
- 08.03.17 Y1 & Y2
- 09.03.17 Y5 & Y6
- 07.03.17 Y5 Benchball competition @ Carlton
- 09.03.17 Y3 Multi Skills competition @ Netherwood
- 13.03.17 Y2 Multi Skills competition @ Barnsley College
- 03.04.17 Y4 visit to the Cooper Gallery
- 04.04.17 Y5 visit to the Cooper Gallery
- 06.04.17 Y3/4 Viking visit to Danelaw Centre
- 10.04.17 School closed for Easter holidays (2 weeks)
- 01.05.17 Bank Holiday – school closed
- 29.05.17 Half term holiday – school closed 1wk
- 21.06.17 Y5 music concert @ Elsecar
- 21.07.17 Last day of term
- 24.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 25.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 26.07.17 Summer holidays

**Children's Craft Class**  
**The Acorn Centre, Grimethorpe**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**  
**10.30am – 12.00am**  
**Ages 4 – 8 years**  
 (All children must be accompanied by an adult)

**Mr & Mrs Cress Head**



Come along and make your very own seed pot.  
 When the cress grows green leaves on top of the stalks, you can eat it! Cut the tops off the stalks and try them in a sandwich or a salad.  
**Healthy Eating!**

Tel: 01225 712575 or call into Grimethorpe Library to book your place.

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