

## WELCOME

### SCHOOL AWARDS

🏆 This week special mentions were awarded to:

**Reception:** Charley-Leigh, Bobby

**Year 1:** Addison, Ruben

**Year 2:** Kailyn, Jennifer

**Year 3:** Lydia, Phoebe

**Year 4:** Mason, Kye

**Year 5:** Kenzie, Ruby

**Year 6:** Ashton, Richie

🏆 This week 'Always' awards were given to:

**Reception:** Sophie

**Year 1:** Brooke

**Year 2:** Poppy

**Year 3:** Emily

**Year 4:** Amy

**Year 5:** Ebony

**Year 6:** Riley

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:** Sophie

**Year 1:** Holly

**Year 2:** Henley

**Year 3:** Scarlett

**Year 4:** Jack T

**Year 5:** Mckenzie

**Year 6:** Maddison F

## 🏆 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 WELL DONE!**

Nursery AM 91.5%,  
Nursery PM 96.8%,  
Reception 98.3%,  
Year 1 97.4%, Year 2 95.3%,  
Year 3 92.3%, Year 4 92.4%  
Year 5 96.6%, Year 6 94.6%

Our attendance target is **96%**

## 🏆 LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday awards for the previous week were given to:

**Reception:** Ronnie

**Year 1:** Emily

**Year 2:** Rio

**Year 3:** Ebony

**Year 4:** Alfie

**Year 5:** Kevin

**Year 6:** Graci



## FOUNDATION NEWS.... KIND KANDINSKY

### NURSERY

This week in nursery we have been looking at rhyming and trying to think of different words that rhyme. In Maths, we have continued looking at different patterns that we can make and patterns in the environment.

After Half Term, we will be looking at time

and talking about different time words that we can use in our everyday language.

## RECEPTION

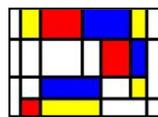
We have thoroughly enjoyed our PE sessions this week. On Tuesday afternoon we had our obstacle course for the NSPCC sponsored event. Thank you to all our children who have returned their sponsor forms. On Wednesday afternoon we had another fantastic gymnastics lesson with our visiting PE specialist teacher, Miss Prescott. All our children used a range of apparatus with skill and competence and have performed very well throughout the term. Miss Prescott and myself have been very impressed with their effort, attitude and progress throughout the term. Our PE lessons after half term will be on a Tuesday afternoon with Friday morning. In our Literacy and Topic sessions we have been focussing on our theme of journeys. We have enjoyed exploring a range of stories throughout the week. We have created our own story maps when re-telling key events in the correct order.

In our Maths we have been focussing on adding using a number line, we have been jumping forward along number lines solving simple addition problems, using the range of key vocabulary.

After the half term holiday we will start our topic 'Monsters, Dragons and Fairies'. In Maths we will be using number lines to help us subtract.

Picture of the week:  
**'My Story Map of Mr  
Grumpy's Outing'**

By Kol



## YEAR 1 NEWS....

### MARVELLOUS MONDRIAN

This week we have been really busy adding and subtracting, using objects, number lines or hundred squares to help us. After the holidays we will be using these skills to answer addition and subtraction problems.

In Literacy this week we have been carrying on with our fantastic poetry work. We worked together to create poems about sounds and touch. Some of our favourite lines written have been 'The tiniest sound in the world must be a tiny ant climbing up a tree' and 'The spookiest sound in the world'. After half term we will be developing our literacy skills through activities associated with the Random Acts of Kindness Week.

Our Big Read session involved a giant this week! 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. He had left lots of clues around our classroom and we used the character 'Rex' the retriever to find the answers to questions in the text. We also found the Giant's crown and some stickers 'Rex' had left us for working really hard.



## YEAR 2 NEWS....

### JACKSON POLLOCK

This week in year 2 we explored the Atlantic underwater world. We discussed what we would like explore in the ocean by pretending we were deep sea divers and made self portraits using different techniques. In Maths we have worked on multiplication and division and the relationship between the two. In Literacy we continued our poetry unit and looked at using exclamation marks. We will continue with this after the holidays.



### **YEAR 3 NEWS.... SUPER SEURATS**

This week in Literacy we have been writing fables based around Aesop's fables. In Maths we have been learning to tell time using the 24 hour clock. In Topic we learned all about rationing in WWII and how people overcame food being rationed. We enjoyed creating sequences of gymnastic movements in PE and using the apparatus.



### **YEAR 4 NEWS.... PERFECT PICASSO**

What a busy half term! We have learn lots about World War II including; why the war started, what it was like for evacuees, rationing and what it was like during the Blitz. We have produced some fab artwork using pastels and silhouettes showing the skyline of London during the Blitz and this week we followed a war recipe to make carrot cookies. After the half term break we will be writing reports about what we have learnt during our topic sessions and finding out who Ann Frank was.

In Literacy this week we have read another story with mythical creatures called Selkies, which are a mythological creatures found in Scottish, Irish, and Faroese folklore. Similar creatures are described in the Icelandic traditions. Selkies are said to live as seals in the sea but shed their skin to become human on land. The legend is apparently most common in Orkney and Shetland.

Everyone has enjoyed improving our cricket skills this half term in PE after the break our PE lessons will continue to be on a Monday and Wednesday so remember to bring kits on those days.

We are looking forward to our trip at the

end of next half term, where we will become an Evacuee for the day. In preparation for the trip, we would like to let parents know children that we will be

asked to dress up as a wartime evacuee for the trip to add to the effect of the day.



### **YEAR 5 NEWS.... BRILLIANT BANKSY**

This week in Maths we have added and multiplied fractions by whole numbers as well as looked at finding fraction of amounts of a whole. In Literacy we have planned and written our stories of Elya Yelnats from the novel 'Holes'. We wrote about what we thought would happen next after he travelled to America.

We have finished our unit of forces in Science which we have really enjoyed. After the holidays we will be moving on to changing materials. Well done to our reading hero's this half term who have enjoyed baking their cake as a reward for reading every day. Despite being a relatively short half term, we have worked really hard in all areas of the curriculum so really well done Year 5!



### **YEAR 6 NEWS .... LIBERAL LOWRY**

Year 6 have had a really busy week as our SATS prep has moved up a level. The children are improving rapidly at Arithmetic and the focus after the holidays will move towards reasoning and problem solving in Maths. In Literacy we have finalised our newspaper report and now have the job of publishing this in 'final copy' on the first week back at school. The children will bring 'some' work home which they can complete during the holidays. Please continue to support your children in their attendance at boosters - it really helps.

Enjoy the holiday - I look forward to seeing the children refreshed in a weeks time ☺

## WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness please ring school on the first day of absence to let us know the reason for their absence.

Unless you have notified us that your child will be absent for a number of days due to their illness (e.g. with chickenpox requiring several days absence) please also ensure that you call school daily to keep us updated.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FUTURE EVENTS

- 12.02.18 School closed all week - half term Holiday
- 19.02.18 School re-opens
- 22.02.18 Y5/6 Handball competition
- 09.03.18 Nursery closed for home visits
- 14.03.18 Y1/2 multi skills competition
- 15.03.18 Y3/4 multi skills competition
- 21.03.18 Y3 trip to Murton Park
- 22.03.18 Y4 trip to Murton Park
- 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
- 11.04.18 Robinwood Residential (3 days)
- 16.04.18 Y3 swimming lessons start
- 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
- 19.06.18 Y5 Music Festival (Metrodome)
- 20.07.18 Last day of Summer term for pupils
- 23.07.18 Inset day - school closed
- 24.07.18 Summer holiday starts

*If you ever miss an edition of our newsletter, you can find copies of them all on the **news & letters** page of our school website, or of course, you can request a copy from the school office.*

### ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL

There are still a few places available on our Robinwood residential trip which is open to pupils in years 3 to 6. If your child would like to go please return your form and deposit to the school office as soon as possible after the holidays.