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Friday 24th March 2017

WELCOME

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported school at our Red Nose Day coffee morning today and donated cakes & buns for us to sell. It was a fantastic event and a lovely end to a very busy week.

SCHOOL AWARDS

There were no special mentions or behaviour prizes awarded this week due to our Red Nose Day activities.

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 **Year 6 WELL DONE!**

It is well worth noting though that with only 1 exception, all our classes achieved the attendance target of 96% last week - WELL DONE EVERYONE!!!

Nursery AM 94.6%, Nursery PM 98.1%
Reception 96%,
Year 1 97.2%, Year 2 96%,
Year 3 97.2%, Year 4 97.7%,
Year 5 98.6%, Year 6 99.3%

Our new attendance target is **96%**

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday, awards were given to:

Reception: Lily Sue
Year 1: Poppy
Year 2: Brooke
Year 3: Bladen
Year 4: Minnie
Year 5: Cavan
Year 6: Shannon

FOUNDATION NEWS....



NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been looking at different dragon books and have been trying to guess what will happen at the end of the stories. We made some fantastic predictions. We have also been looking at 2D shapes and have been counting how many sides they have. We have noticed different objects with these shapes on.

Next week, we will be looking at dragons and re-capping what we can see in Spring. In Maths, we will be practising all the maths skills that we have learnt so far in Nursery.

RECEPTION

We have had an amazing week creating our own dragon stories. As usual our children have blown us away with their use of vocabulary and imaginative ideas. Our children have been using some amazing words to describe their dragons and have thought of their own ideas for their stories. We have also seen lots of wonderful artists hard at work creating, painting and drawing their own dragons. We will be sharing some of our dragon work with you on our school website soon. Our mathematicians have been exploring 3D shapes this week. We have been naming the shape and talking about their properties. We have also been naming the solid shapes we can see around us.

Next week we will continue to use our dragon ideas to write our own stories. In Maths we will be using a number line and a 100 square to find the number that is 1 more/1 less than a given number.

Finally, we would also like to praise the lovely manner in which our children walk into school each morning. It is a pleasure to see so many beautiful smiles and to hear a polite good morning being said. We do appreciate we have a large number of parents and children entering through one door each morning. However, we do open our door 5

minutes earlier every morning to accommodate for this and believe our children have a calm and well-ordered entry into their classroom each morning. If you do have any comments or queries regarding any aspects of EYFS please speak to a member of our team instead of airing any issues over social media. Thank you for your cooperation.



YEAR 1 NEWS....



It's been a busy week in Year 1. In Maths we been learning about subtraction using a number line. In Literacy we have continued to look at fairy tales and we have been working very hard to use exclamation marks in our own writing. We have also been very creative this week designing red nose biscuits for our coffee morning tomorrow and making Mother's Day cards. Next week is assessment week and we are looking forward to showing our teacher everything we have learnt. We are also looking forward to seeing Mrs Hall again; Mrs Hall will now be working in our class at the end of the week.

YEAR 2 NEWS....



In Maths this week we have been learning about multiplication. We made our own multiplications and drew arrays to describe them. We then had lots of fun making our own word problems to match our arrays. After that we learnt about inverse and how this can be used to check our answers. We are getting very good now at solving multiplication and division problems. In grammar we continued to learn about homophones and wrote some silly sentences using lots of different homophones.

This week we have a new member of staff, Miss Williams, who is training to be a teacher. It has been lovely to have another adult in class and the children are looking forward to hearing maths lessons next week when they will be getting very wet whilst learning about capacity!

YEAR 3 NEWS....



This week in Literacy we have enjoyed reading and performing free verse poetry. We particularly liked the ones by Michael Rosen. We learned about using standard and non-standard English. In Maths we learnt about money and enjoyed learning about Viking art and carvings in Topic. Next week is assessment week and we will try to show our teacher how much we have learned over the Spring term.

YEAR 4 NEWS....



This week in Literacy we have been looking at different types of poetry including Haikus, Kennings and Couplets. We then wrote our own couplets which you may see for yourself on Sunday!

In Maths we have been rounding whole numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Science has been lots of fun! We pretended that we were particles and acted in different ways depending whether we were changing from a solid to a liquid or to a gas. We then drew a diagram of this in our Science books. Next week is assessment week so we will all be working hard to show Miss Horner what we have learnt this term.

YEAR 5 NEWS....



This week has been great learning all about new words in SPAG. We have looked at hyphens and modal verbs. We have also consolidated our learning of putting spoken text in inverted commas. In Maths we have plotted line and bar graphs. In Science we have started our new topic of 'Changing Materials' and are really enjoying this. Next week is assessment week so I'm looking forward to seeing all the new things we have looked at used through these. Please remember your PE kits next week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday as we extremely lucky to have our usual dance teacher in as well as a cricket afternoon next week. Please make sure that home work is completed and handed in by Tuesday.

YEAR 6 NEWS



It has been a busy week in Year 6. Thursday saw a welcome break from our SATs prep with an afternoon of cricket which the children really enjoyed. In Maths we have revisited percentages, unit conversions and equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages. In Literacy we have revisited: punctuation between clauses and commands where the first word in the sentence is not an imperative verb. Well done everyone keep up the hard work and the booster sessions – we are nearly there ☺ Next week we will focus on: written methods in arithmetic, suffixes and prefixes in SPAG and summarising in reading comprehension.

SCHOOL CLOSURE-MONDAY 27TH MARCH

Further to our letter at the beginning of the week regarding the planned closure on Monday 27th March. I would like to remind all parents that school will open as normal at 9am and will close at 11am to enable staff to attend the funeral of Chris Sykes, the former Chair of Governors at Ladywood Primary for some 15 years.

The gates to the playground will be unlocked at 10:55am and all children should be collected and signed out by a known adult at 11am.

In order to ensure that all children who would be eligible for a free school meal on this day receive their entitlement, packed lunch/grab bags will be available for these children to take home at 11am – this includes all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are entitled to Universal Free School Meals and any children higher up school who are also eligible for a free meal.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT VISIT

As you will be aware we have a visit planned to the Houses of Parliament on 28th April and places have now been allocated. Text messages will be sent home as soon as possible to confirm whether or not your child has got a place. One or two parents of the younger children who were going have, in the light of the dreadful events in London on Wednesday, decided that they would prefer their child not to go this year and we will happily refund money where parents make this decision.

At this point in time we still expect the visit to go ahead as planned but we will take advice in the coming days and will update parents accordingly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FUTURE EVENTS

- 27.03.17 School closed from 11am
- 03.04.17 Y5 visit to the Cooper Gallery
- 04.04.17 Y4 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)
- 28.04.17 Houses of Parliament visit
- 01.05.17 Bank Holiday – school closed
- 17.05.17 Y3/4 Cricket competition
- 17.05.17 Y5 Hear my Voice/Elsecar visit
- 29.05.17 Half term holiday – school closed 1wk
- 21.06.17 Y5 music concert @ Elsecar
- 21.07.17 Last day of term
- 25.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 26.07.17 Summer holidays

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Mon 10th to Thu 13th April
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9:30-3:30pm (w/aftern of 4:30pm pick up)