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WELCOME

SCHOOL AWARDS

This week special mentions were awarded to:

Reception: Isabelle, Emily

Year 1: Kailyn, Ethan

Year 2: Amelia, Lewis

Year 3: Harvie, Callum

Year 4: Olivia, Kevin

Year 5: Casey, Lili-Sue

Year 6: Elizabete, Codie

This week 'Always' awards were given to:

Reception: Brodie

Year 1: Grace

Year 2: Tyler

Year 3: Kayla

Year 4: Lexie

Year 5: Graci

Year 6: Thomas

This weeks' Behaviour Raffle prizes were won by:

Reception Charlotte

Year 1 Jaime-Lea

Year 2 Archie-Ray

Year 3 Maddison

Year 4 Morgan

Year 5 Dylan

Year 6 Keisha

ATTENDANCE

During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week.

We've had a lot of children away poorly with Chicken Pox over the last couple of weeks and this has affected our levels of attendance, on Monday the attendance award was presented to **Year 5 WELL DONE!**

Nursery AM 88.5%, Nursery PM 88.5%

Reception 92%,

Year 1 78.7%, Year 2 84%,

Year 3 98.3%, Year 4 93.1%,

Year 5 99.7%, Year 6 97.9%

Our new attendance target is **96%**

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday awards were given to:

Reception: Isabelle

Year 1: Jennifer

Year 2: Archie-Ray

Year 3: Oliver

Year 4: Kevin

Year 5: Maddison

Year 6: Ruby

FOUNDATION NEWS....



NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have learnt lots of the words from the story and have remembered some of the characters that chased the Gingerbread Man. We have looked at what has happened to our plants and learnt what plants need to grow. In Maths, we have learnt different shape names and made some fantastic shape pictures.

We've had lots of fun in the forest too, using a polaroid camera to take pictures of flowers that we liked. We enjoyed watching our pictures appear. We'll get some of these on to the school website soon for you to have a look at.

After Half Term, we will be starting our new topic of 'Animals' and we will be looking forward to our school trip to Cannon Hall. In Maths, we will continue to practise our counting.

RECEPTION

Our Mathematicians have been exploring 3D shapes and patterns this week. We have been naming 3D shapes and have used an excellent range of vocabulary when discussing the properties of shapes. We have also been exploring patterns. We have used a range of resources to create our own repeating patterns and symmetrical patterns. We have also been noticing patterns in the environment.

In our Literacy and Topic work sessions we have focussed on the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have sequenced key events and wrote our own sentences to re-tell the story.

We particularly enjoyed making our own gingerbread men. We wrote a shopping list of ingredients we needed and followed the instructions of how to make our own gingerbread men – we'll get some photos on the school website soon.

After the half term holiday we will begin our transition arrangements for our Reception children. Our children will be playing out on the big playground at lunchtime. This will enable the children to become familiar and confident with the wider school environment before moving in to Year 1. Our children feel excited about moving up and we are confident that lunchtimes will continue to be a positive experience. If you have any queries about this please speak to a member of our staff. After the half term holiday we will begin our topic on animals. In our Maths we will be exploring money.



YEAR 1 NEWS....



This week in Year 1 we have been enjoying our computing unit "We are treasure hunters". First we went outside to guide our partners to the treasure. We could only use the words forwards, backwards, left and right. After that we went back into the classroom and used a toy to find treasure on a map. Finally we moved onto programming a bee-bot to find Blackbeard's treasure. Have a look on our website to see us enjoying these activities. In Literacy we have been continuing to use time conjunctions to help us order events in a story.

After the half term holidays Mrs Hancock will be back with us on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She came for a visit this week and is really looking forward to teaching Class 1. A big thank you to Mrs Hall and all the fantastic parents who have supported and helped us this term. We hope you have a fantastic holiday and hope that the children enjoy a well deserved rest as they have all worked incredibly hard this half term.

YEAR 2 NEWS....



I am so impressed with the children's attitude towards their 'quizzes' this week. Each and every child has made all the adults so incredibly proud with their determination to show off all their skills which have produced some very good results. Thank you from all of us for your hard work. It has definitely been a week to remember with a mixture of work and play. They have now mastered cricket and rounders skills, making the most of the beautiful weather. We hope you all have a fantastic holiday and come back refreshed for the last half term.

YEAR 3 NEWS....



What a short but packed half term it has been in year 3. It hardly seems that long ago that it was the Easter break. This week in Literacy we have been planning and writing an adventure story based on Dick King Smith's 'The Hodgeheg'. We were very creative with our stories. In Maths we consolidated our knowledge of column addition and then focused on improving our subtraction skills. In Science we learnt about reproduction in plants.

Have a lovely rest over the holidays, we look forward to seeing you back in school and ready to work in our final half term.

YEAR 4 NEWS....



What a fantastic week to close this half term. All the children who took part in the cricket had a fantastic time and Mr Bowering was so impressed with the skills they have built up over the past weeks. Everyone gave 100% in the competition, well done! We can all now find the area and perimeter of shapes in Maths, in Literacy we have loved reading the 'Mr Gum' books and have written a character description of Mr Gum. After the holidays, in Topic we will be preparing for our enterprise project.

YEAR 5 NEWS....



Wow, what did I walk into on Wednesday after a wonderful day at the cricket competition! It looked like a paint fight had taken place until I saw all the fabulous team paintings in the style of Jackson Pollark. I hope we can sell them for as much as he did! In Literacy we have written a recount of last week's trip and improved it through a Big Write. In Maths we have looked at arithmetic and worded problems looking at one step and two step problems in addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. In Topic we have used the green screen to film our news reports; we will edit these after the holidays. Speaking of holidays.... Have a great break ready for a final half term full of hard work ready for Year 6. We also have our transition and sports week in the next half term so lots of fun and interesting things to look forward to!

YEAR 6 NEWS



We have had a wonderful week in Year 6. The children have started to do some work around transition to secondary school which has proved very valuable – please encourage your children to voice any concerns or worries in school so that we can support them through what can sometimes be a challenging time! Our Topic work has focussed upon the Iron Age and we have been really busy making roundhouses – the children really enjoyed this. In Literacy we have written a Marie Celeste inspired story which has really got the children's imagination working. Maths has focussed on ration and proportion which the majority of the children have now grasped. Have a great holiday everyone!

WARMER WEATHER

We've had some lovely weather this week and seen the first real glimpse of Summer. Could I take this opportunity to remind parents that children should still attend in school uniform, including appropriate school shoes during the summer months. Black/grey school shorts and blue checked school dresses are acceptable uniform.

When the weather is hot, please also ensure that your child has a sun hat and has a high factor sun cream applied before they come to school. If you would like your child to be able to re-apply sun cream during the day, you may send a bottle of cream to school clearly labelled with their full name. In line with the school's sun protection policy; staff will supervise children to apply their own cream during the day (with the exception of Early Years staff who will help apply cream for their children).

A copy of the school's sun protection policy has also been sent to parents today.

ALL STARS CRICKET (AGE 5-8 YEARS)

All stars cricket is an initiative by the English Cricket Board to encourage young children aged 5-8 years to take up the game. Children get the opportunity to attend 8 training sessions at a local cricket club. They also get a bat, ball, hat, cricket shirt, rucksack and water bottle as part of the sign-up fee.

Check out allstarscricket.co.uk for more details. It really is a wonderful opportunity for our young children.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FUTURE EVENTS

- 29.05.17 Half term holiday – school closed 1wk
- 05.06.17 School opens after the half term Holiday
- 06.06.17 Y6 Rounders tournament
- 08.06.17 Nursery and Reception classes closed due to Parliamentary Election
- 08.06.17 Home visits for September Nursery starters
- 12.06.17 Y6 bikeability training this week
- 15.06.17 Y5 Athletics competition
- 20.06.17 Nursery trip with parents to Cannon Hall Farm
- 21.06.17 Reception trip to Tropical World
- 21.06.17 Y5 music concert @ Elsecar
- 22.06.17 Y1 Multi skills competition
- 23.06.17 Y2 Hoopball competition
- 27.06.17 Y1 & 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 06.07.17 Y3 Athletics competition
- 19.07.17 Y2 & Y5 Drumming assembly – parents invited (9.15-10.15am)
- 19.07.17 Y6 Prom
- 24.07.17 Last day of term (children to attend)
- 25.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 26.07.17 Summer holidays

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After the half term holiday all our clubs will change. If your child has a place in the new clubs which start from Monday 5th June you should have received a confirmation message/slip. These clubs will run up and including Thursday 13th July:

Monday

KS1 Running Club 3.00 – 3.45pm

Tuesday

KS1 Lego Club 3.00 – 3.45pm

KS1 Multi Sports 3.00 – 4.00pm

Wednesday

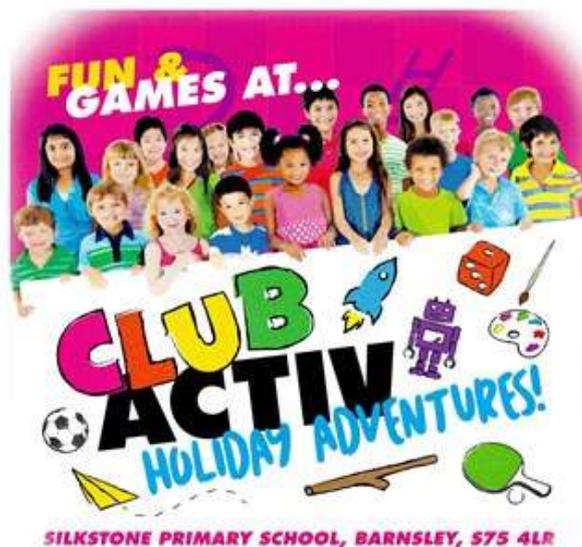
KS2 Athletics 3.00 – 4.00pm

KS2 Art 3.00 – 3.45pm

Thursday

KS2 Running Club 3.00 – 3.45pm

ADVERTISEMENTS



Come along to our fantastic Spring Bank Holiday Club this May and June, filled with lots of outdoor challenges, adventures, crafts and much more! Book in for half days or full days. A guaranteed action-packed, fun-filled experience for your child.

*DATES - Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June
TIMES - 8:30-3:30pm (with the option of 4:30 pick up). Half days also available: 8.30am - 12 or 1pm - 3.30pm*

VENUE - Silkstone Primary School

To book your child onto the club please visit the Team Activ Website -

<http://www.events.teamactiv.org/events/spring-bank-holiday-club/>