

Friday 23rd February 2024

This Half-Term's Value: Aspiration

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 27th February

Year 4 parents information sessions for the Year 5 PGL residential trip.

Thursday 29th February

Year 4 Showcase Assembly 9:30am
(Families invited to watch)

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Parents Evening

Tuesday 5th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day (dress up as a character from a book!)

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Wednesday 20th – 27th March

Scholastic Book Fair in school (more information to follow)

Thursday 21st March

Year 6 Showcase Assembly 9:30am
(Families invited to watch)

Thursday 28th March

End of Term – Easter Holidays – 1:30pm finish

Attendance

Your child's regular school attendance and punctuality are paramount to their success and development. By sending your child to school each day, you are giving them the opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for a bright future.

This week's attendance – whole school: 96% 😊

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
91%	95%	94%	94%	98%	97%	97%

The [2024.25 Term and Holiday dates](#) are now on Harris website are via this link.

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: Lili-Anne

Reception: Edward & William

Year 1: Amalie & Bailey

Year 2: Harry & Serena

Year 3: Etta & Cecilia

Year 4: Oscar & Scarlett

Year 5: Jackson & Junayd

Year 6: Casey & Charlie

★ **Writers of the Week!** ★ Each week the teachers choose an impressive piece of writing, from a child in their class, to go on display in the school entrance and receive the Star Writer award.

This week our Star Writers are:

Mollie (Rec), Lily (Y1), Elias (Y2), Joshua (Y3), Leo (Y4), William S (Y5) and Isabelle (Y6)

Online Safety Newsletter

The online safety section of our school website has lots of information to support parents and children with staying safe online:

<https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/140624>

Each month we issue an online safety newsletter, February's edition is available on the website or by clicking here: [February Online Safety Newsletter](#)

Mental Health & Wellbeing

The [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section of our school website is now live and has a range of great suggestions and activities to improve childrens' mental health. You will also find links to local services and agencies that can offer support to families for all areas of life from money, employment, bereavement and more.

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



This week we returned to Preschool to find that a Pirate had been in our room and stolen all our dinosaurs! The cheeky pirate had left us a ransom note and a map we had to follow if we wanted our toys back. Teamwork, listening and communication skills were used to find the dinosaurs, as well as map reading! We have had a go at making our own old treasure maps, using tea bags and water to stain the paper, before we marked our own route and 'X' marks the spot. We even had a go at singing, clapping, and stomping along to 'The Weller man' sea shanty!

Reception



In Literacy, we have been exploring vegetables and using our phonics skills to label them. In Maths, we have been comparing teen numbers using ten frames, mathematical language and estimation skills. In PE, we have been working on our balance for jumping, hopping and standing on one leg. We also had our first session with John from Didi Rugby, the children enjoyed showing off their fundamental movement skills and learning how to play Didi-rugby. In Understanding the World, we were looking at states of matter by carrying out puddle observations over the week.

Year 1



We have had a busy first week back and the children have been working hard. In English, we have been reading recounts about special family events and answering questions about what we have read. In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and creating arrays to solve problems. In Science, we have started to learn about materials and created a materials collage on the iPad which we labelled. In History, we learnt about toys our parents and grandparents played with. Well done Year 1 for a great first week back!

YEAR TWO



I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. In English this week, we have really enjoyed reading the story *The Wind in the Willows*. Year 2 created Wanted posters for Mr Toad and wrote some fantastic character descriptions using point and evidence. In maths, Year 2 practised recording measurements and solving real-life problems using centimetres and metres. In PSHE, we talked about how we can manage feelings out and what we can do when we are feeling big emotions. In RE, we started looking at the five pillars of Islam, focusing on the importance of prayer. We have also been learning the song *Zootime* in music. Keep up the brilliant work Year 2!

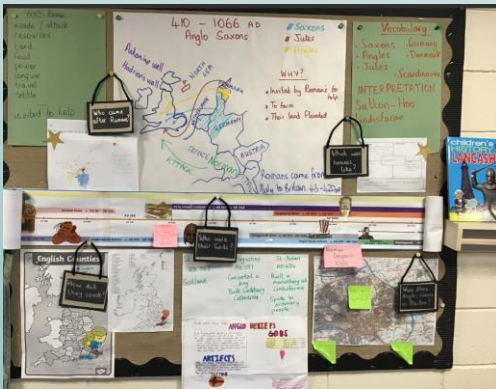
This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



Welcome back! Year 3 have settled back into their routines brilliantly. In English, we read the beginning of our book 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and explored similes. We created our own characters and read out our character descriptions to our partners; they then had to draw out what they imagined in their books. In Maths, we used a bar model to find fractions of a set of objects. In Science, we started our new topic 'Magnets and Forces' and explored push and pull. Well Done Year 3!

YEAR FOUR



The class have been given their assembly parts this week and made a note of the colour T-shirt they need to bring on their script. Please help them to learn their lines at home. We are really looking forward to performing the play that the class have written themselves during the play script unit last term. In Maths we are dividing by chunking using known facts to help us. Keep practising times table facts at home to aid them. We have learnt about Jesus' temptation during his 40 days in the wilderness in RE and we have continued to practise numbers in French.

YEAR FIVE



Year 5 have had a busy week this week getting to know their new theme and topics. They have been introduced to their focus text in English - Journey to the River Sea - which links in well with our topic of Amazon Adventures. The children have had a brain workout measuring, drawing and estimating angles and have really tried their best with this tricky area of maths! We have also begun to ask questions about rainforests for geography and started to explore our artist for this half term - Frida Kahlo.

YEAR SIX



Year 6 have had a great week back after half-term; we've had lots of smiles and lots of grafting - just the way we like it! In Maths, we boosted our knowledge of multiplying fractions and working on a range of place value reasoning questions. In English, we used prediction and inference to boost our reading skills as well as starting our new detective fiction topic. In Science, shockingly we began our new unit by investigating static electricity using balloons and in Geography we looked at maps of North America to locate know all 23 countries - ask a Y6 pupil how many they can remember!

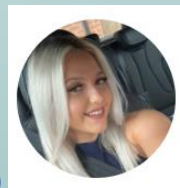
Winter Illness Government advice

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are reminding parents of back to school advice amid rising levels of winter illness. Schools have been advised to forward the following link to parents:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily

Charity Fundraising

One of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Miss Marsh, will be running the **London Marathon on the 21st April 2024**. She is raising money for the charity Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to donate and support Miss Marsh, please do so via this link:



[Prostate Cancer UK: London Marathon 2024 FundraisingGB🇬🇧♀ \(enthuse.com\)](#)

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