

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

This Half-Term's Value: Aspiration

## DIARY DATES

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March

Scholastic Book Fair in school (more information to follow)

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Year 6 Showcase Assembly 9:30am

(Families invited to watch)

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

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

## Attendance Updates

School attendance is a hot topic in the news at the moment, and as we know, regular attendance has a hugely positive impact of the children's learning and well-being.

As per government guidance, from the Summer Term 2024, parents **MUST** discuss requests for leave with the Headteacher **BEFORE** taking time off school and only then a form will need to be completed.

Penalty notices/Warning letters will be issued, to parents who take their children out of school during term time for **five consecutive days or more** without exceptional circumstances.

## ★ Stars of the Week! ★

Preschool: Alessia

Reception: Tommy and Anabiyah

Year 1: Ethan, Max and Jacob

Year 2: Isolde and Zac

Year 3: Esa and Joesph

Year 4: Dexter and Charlie

Year 5: Savannah and Cai

Year 6: Lucy S and Millie

★ **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:

Jaxon (Rec), Jeremy (Y1), Lucas (Y2), Alfie (Y3), Karen (Y4), Alice (Y5) and Jenson (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, March's edition is available on the website or by clicking here: [March Online Safety Newsletter](#)

## Break snack and packed lunches

Please remember that we are a healthy school, so breaktime snacks should not healthy options (fruit, cereal bars etc and not crisps and chocolate). The same applies to packed lunches too. Also for the children's safety, grapes must to cut in half before coming to school.



# This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

## PRESCHOOL



This week in Preschool we have focussed on numbers. Reciting numbers to five and beyond, learning to recognise numerals and match them to quantities of up to five objects. Some children have even been subitising up to three objects! Outdoors the children have really enjoyed our newly delivered sand, giving opportunity to talk about quantities full, half full, empty, during play. As well as using imagination to create seaside and desert island scenes.

Thursday the 7th of March is World Book Day! Along with the rest of the school, Preschool are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

## Reception



This week in Phonics, we have been learning two new sounds: 'ai' and 'ee'. The children have been working so hard to understand these digraphs, as well as our new tricky words 'her' and 'all'. In Literacy, we have read *The Enormous Turnip*. We stepped through a magic mirror which turned us into the old man and discussed his feelings throughout the story. In Maths, we looked at partitioning numbers, firstly up to 5 and then we looked at greater numbers, using the part-whole method. In Understanding the World, we have planted our own vegetables which will be ready to bring home in a few weeks time. In PE, we have focused on different ways of travelling such as hopping, skipping, sliding and jumping.

## Year 1



We have been working really hard this week in Year 1. It was lovely to share the children's books with some of you this week. In English, we have been answering questions about special events. We also wrote party invitations using capital letters for names, days, months and places. In Maths, we have been measuring length using ten rods and many of us started to use rulers. In Science, we have been describing properties of lots of materials. We also enjoyed the Mad Science assembly. In History, we learnt about outdoor games from the past and the children loved playing these. We also started designing our own robots to help us with a job. Well done Year 1.

## YEAR TWO



In English, we focused on the use of adjectives to create fantastic descriptions of Toad Hall and the Wild Wood from *The Wind in the Willows*. In maths, we practised exchanging tens and ones to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. In Science, we learnt how to identify things that are living or not, as well as things that have never been alive. In Geography, Year 2 worked in groups to create weather forecasts and did a fantastic job of using the UK map in their presentation- well done Year 2! In French, we practised the names for musical instruments and sorted them by their determiner: le, la and les.



## This week in Key Stage 2

### YEAR THREE



Year 3 have had a busy week this week. In Science, we have been investigating friction. The children enjoyed rolling cars down the ramps and investigating which surface allowed the car to travel the furthest. In Maths, they mastered division by using a vertical number line. In Computing, we explored the iMovie app and planned out our 'Iron Man' movie on paper. Next week we will be using the app to create it. Well done Year 3!

### YEAR FOUR



We have started our new book, *Gulliver's Travels*, this week after focusing on the assembly the week before. Wasn't it fantastic?! Great acting and performing from the class who wrote the script themselves. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting mentally with number line jottings. We've completed lots of work on our Geography topic - Italy this week, looking at modern day Italy after the work they have previously done on Romans. They should now be able to give the continent, say the countries around Italy, name the mountains, a lake and a river as well as some human landmarks.

### YEAR FIVE



In English we have been focussing more on our text, *Journey to the River Sea* and the children have worked really hard writing descriptions and using complex sentences. We have begun to look at our computing unit and have been familiarising ourselves with the program 'Scratch'. We will be creating some fabulous quizzes with our skills over the coming weeks. The children have also been practising their map skills in geography using globes and atlases to identify rainforests.

### YEAR SIX



We were visited by magistrates on Tuesday, who came to tell us about the justice system, and we held a mock trial in class. In Maths, we continued to strengthen our understanding of working with challenging fractions and we solved a mystery using all manner of problem-solving skills. In English, we honed our inference skills when reading and we looked at classic detectives Sherlock Holmes and Poirot in our detective fiction unit. In Science, we drew diagrams of circuits and connected bulbs and motors in real circuits. In Art, we compared three landscape paintings looking at the various methods, subjects, purpose, textures and colours used. A very busy, fun week!



Do you know a child aged 4-6 years old who loves singing and acting?

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