

Friday 8th March 2024

This Half-Term's Value: Aspiration

DIARY DATES

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day (Wear something Red for a £1 donation)

Tuesday 19th March

EYFS and KS1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

Wednesday 20th – 27th March

Scholastic Book Fair in school

Thursday 21st March

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

Thursday 28th March

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

Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 17th April

Life Education sessions for all classes
(Parent session 8:55 – 9:10am on Wednesday)

★ 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 in assembly.

This week our Star Writers are:

Reception: Lillie

Year 1: Laiba

Year 2: Harry

Year 3: Olivia

Year 4: Ethan

Year 5: Jack

Year 6: All of Year 6.

Book Fair Competition

To promote a love of reading and creativity we are running a book review competition. For the winning pupils, we are giving away **£25 worth of book vouchers** to use at our Book Fair! To enter, send an amazing book review of a book you have read recently, to your class teacher by Monday 18th March. The winner will be announced in assembly on Wednesday 20th March.

Attendance

Attendance is a hot topic in the news at the moment. 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.

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

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	94%	96%	95%	96%	96%	97%

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: Roger

Reception: Louie & Nelly

Year 1: Jeremy & Arthur R

Year 2: Lola & Marlee

Year 3: Lewi and Oriana

Year 4: Savannah & Frankie

Year 5: Aroush & Omar

Year 6: Alfie & Ellie

Sporting Achievements

Well done to our wonderful team of KS2 swimmers, who represented Harris at the Swimming Gala this week.

They competed in a range of different individual races and the team relay. We are very proud of the team's ambition and resilience.

Swimming Clubs in the area

Information about swimming lessons locally can be found at:

Swim Central - <https://www.swim-central.uk/learn-to-swim/childrens-swimming-lessons/>

Glovers Swim School - <https://www.gloverswimschool.co.uk/book>

Better Fulwood and West View - <https://www.better.org.uk/what-we-offer/lessons-and-courses/swimming>

If your child would like to swim competitively, please visit Preston Swimming Club - <https://www.swimpreston.co.uk>

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



This week in Preschool, we have made the most of the lovely weather and spent lots of time outdoors. Snack time picnics, building sandcastles, games of skittles and enjoying building our own obstacle courses. The children have also spent time thinking about their lovely mummy's and what makes them special, ready for Mothering Sunday. We shared lots of books together this week and finished off by celebrating World Book Day in some fabulous costumes!

Reception



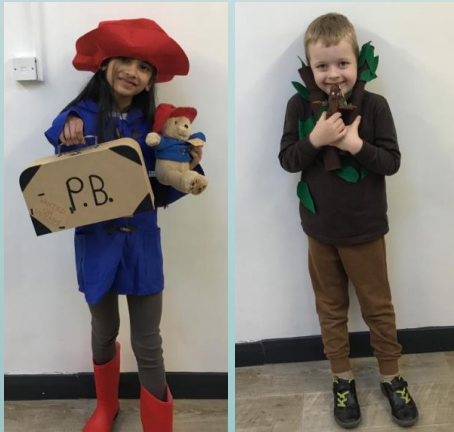
This week in Phonics, we have been learning two new sounds: 'igh' and 'oa', as well as our new tricky words 'like' and 'are'. In Literacy, we have changed our original story into The Enormous Beet and have written some sentences, breaking it down into beginning, middle and end. In Maths, we looked sharing and doubling numbers. In Understanding the World, we looked at carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and sorted them into a Venn diagram. In Art, we have been exploring watercolours and seeing what happens when you add more or less water.

Year 1



, we all celebrated World Book Day and enjoyed sharing lots of books, making bookmarks and bunting. In Maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 20 and measuring using rulers. In English, we have been writing recounts about birthday parties and lots of children are putting extra effort into their handwriting. In DT, we learnt about robots that help us at home and the children have designed their own robot to make next week. In Computing, we've been using Scratch to create robot mazes and writing codes to move characters through the maze. In History, we learnt about how TVs and films have changed over the decades and created black and white images of our favourite films.

YEAR TWO



In English, we have been writing our exciting animal adventure stories, inspired by *The Wind in the Willows*. Year 2 have done a fantastic job so far, keep it up! In maths, we have been exploring 2D shape and finding lines of symmetry. In Geography, we have been learning about what clouds are and what happens during the four seasons. Year 2 also practised the song *Zootime* in music and we revisited the different names of instruments in French. We all had a brilliant World Book Day on Thursday and the Year 2 team loved seeing you all dressed as your favourite characters. Well done Year 2 for a super week!

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



Kids having a blast
in their costumes!

Year 3 have had another busy week this week. In English, we have been reading the Iron Man and creating newspaper reports using direct speech and reported speech. I was really impressed with their writing- well done everyone. In Maths, they looked at subtracting three-digit numbers using the column method. For world book day, we enjoyed reading Harriet versus the Galaxy and creating our very own front covers.

YEAR FOUR



World Book Day this week! Well done on some fantastic costumes! Our book was The Funniest Boy in the World - which we read extracts from and completed some activities on. The whole school focuses on a book where the main character had a potential handicap which in this book is celebrated and used as a strength. In Maths we added and subtracted fractions. In English we have begun to plan an alternative version of the chapters we read from Gulliver's Travels. In Science we have begun our Electricity topic.

Please start bringing in cardboard boxes, tubes, tubs ... for DT light making.

YEAR FIVE



What a busy week it has been! The children have been continuing to read and explore their text in English and have written some amazing diary entries and used some fantastic complex sentences. They will be moving on to planning and writing their own stories next week! In maths, we have tackled adding and subtracting fractions. We have found it tricky but have shown real perseverance with it. And finally, what a fantastic effort has been made for World Book Day, the costumes and enthusiasm has been incredible - thank you!

YEAR SIX



Year 6 had a superb World Book Day on Thursday; we saw lots of wonderful costumes and did a book swap! In Maths, we boosted our knowledge of the properties of number and solving problems using all four operations. In English, we read more of our detective fiction novel Skulduggery Pleasant and boosted our grammatical terms and word classes knowledge. In Science, we investigated ways in which the brightness of a bulb can be changed and in PE we practised our batting skills in rounders and passing skills in rugby. Brilliant

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](#)

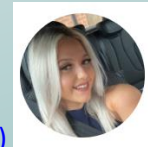
Break snack and packed lunches

Please remember that we are a healthy school, so breaktime snacks should not be unhealthy 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 be cut in half before coming to school.



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 Fundraising](https://www.prostatecanceruk.org/charity-fundraising/london-marathon-2024)    ([enthuse.com](https://www.enthuse.com))



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