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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

COVID19 cases, Wakefield

We wish to share a reminder of what parents need to do in the following scenarios:

- If a child has ANY symptoms of illness, please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test (not a lateral flow test).
- If any family members are exhibiting symptoms please keep children at home unless test results confirm a negative result.
- Children who have been sent home should isolate at home and should not play with other children. If a bubble is closed, remote learning will resume. There will be a Teams register and input from the teacher. Work will be uploaded onto Seesaw.
- If we find that a child is ill in nursery/school we will send all members of the family home.
- If your child receives a negative test, email TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk with details so that the child can return to school.

Reporting COVID19 Cases

Please make sure you let us know immediately if your child has tested positive as we need to act quickly to inform Public Health England as well as inform parents and staff of any necessary closures and isolation requirements.

Please email TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk.

Parents/Carers on site

Please can we remind parents/carers that face coverings should still be worn whilst on site, unless exempt. It is also important to remind parents and carers that staggered start and end times remain in place and that parents should avoid waiting on site to avoid congestion. In some classes – such as Early Years – it takes the pupils a longer time to enter the building and therefore we ask that if parents are queueing, a 2m distance is followed with face coverings in order to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Transition Days

Due to the significant rise in COVID cases within Ossett and Wakefield, our transition days will now be run virtually, in line with the Multi Academy Trust. We will be holding two sessions where the children will meet their new teachers: one will be a pre-recorded video introduction by the class teacher and the second will be a virtual transition session through Teams. We acknowledge that this transition is not how we would all wish for the children to meet their new teaching staff, however it is important that we do what we can to ensure the safety of all children, staff and parents. Thank you for your understanding.

Parking

Please can we ask parents to be mindful of where they park their cars when dropping off and picking up their children. The main entrance is situated in a residential area, please take care not to block any drives or park on the kerb making it dangerous for pedestrians. If you park at the rear of the school on Milner Way, please be mindful that this is a busy industrial estate and ensure you are not parking in front of or blocking the entrances of the warehouses and factories, restricting access and vision.

Free School Meals

Should any parents'/carers' working or financial circumstances have changed, your child may be eligible for free school meals. Please contact the office for a Free School Meals form and return to school for this to be submitted.



Reception and Nursery Places

We still have Early Years places available for families looking for a school place for a September start, please spread the word with friends and family members who are looking for a school place for their children.



Race for Life

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent their sponsor money in for our Race for Life. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generous support after such a difficult year. At the moment we have raised almost £2,000 which is just fantastic! Could anyone still to send in their sponsor money please do this by next Friday then we can let you all know the final total. Once again, thank you soooooo much!

The School Council



Stars of the Week

Well done to our fantastic stars of the week who have been celebrated during our Celebration Assembly in school. Your hard work and determination this week has been noticed by your teachers – we are very proud of you!

Class	Name
F1 - Nursery	Holly B & Archie M
F2 – Reception	Isabelle C & Kyrena R
Year 1	Latisha S & Sarah S
Year 2	Lily B & Emma B
Year 3	Kiera M & Niamh W
Year 3/4	Isabelle W & Thomas C
Year 4	PJ & Molly T
Year 5	Ben F & Aila R
Year 5/6	Scarlet N & Ashleigh M
Year 6	Layla C & Brandon P

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 97.27%

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another week spent learning alongside each and every one of our pupils.

Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke
Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher
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What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

This week we have enjoyed reading our new class story, Bright Stanley. We have been using excellent language to discuss and describe how Stanley is feeling at different parts of the story. We are enjoying our phonics lessons and trying really hard to develop our reading skills through the challenges Fred the Frog keeps leaving us! We have created some excellent art work as we have all printed fish, seaweed and starfish on to our under the sea paintings. Well done Nursery for another super week!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have enjoyed learning about different animals which live under the sea and finding out some interesting facts. We have continued to use the story "Billy's Bucket" to inspire our literacy work and we have been practising our adding and subtracting skills in our maths work. We have also been working very hard in our gymnastics lesson with Mrs Allen, who is very impressed with how we are using the apparatus in our lessons. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week Year 1 been very busy planting and looking after our new Key Stage 1 garden, it is looking amazing! In English the children have been exploring rhyming words to make an under the sea poem. In maths they have been finding out about the value of coins and how to make an amount. In Science we went onto the field for a tree hunt to see what kind of trees have in our school environment. Well done Year 1 for working hard! Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Haigh & Miss Hanley

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been revising place value in maths and comparing numbers by looking at the tens and ones. We have also been practising arithmetic skills and have been working really hard on our times tables. In English we looked at a poem about cobwebs and answered comprehension questions about the content. Outdoors we have been developing our KS 1 garden and it is really starting to come together now. In science we have been learning about crops and how a farmer keeps crops healthy and strong. Miles was able to help the class with this, his knowledge of looking after crops was amazing and we all found out lots of new things. In geography we visited St Ives (virtually using a web cam) and explored the seaside town. We had to find places of interest to visit and we used compass directions to plan routes around the town. Well done Year 2, you have all worked very hard this week.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

We've had a fantastic week in Year 3. The children have been amazing and have worked really hard during their assessments this week - well done! We also had a visit to the school library where we looked at our wonderful book selection. In English, we wrote a persuasive advert to encourage people to experience the magic of chariot racing at the 'Circus Maximus'. In French, we learned prepositions and combined this learning with our knowledge of fruits and colours. In History, we learned about why The Romans invaded Britain - we are loving this topic so far! Well done for a super week Year 3!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Broadbent



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 / 4

It has been a super week in year 3/4! We had a wonderful time in science where we furthered our knowledge of the digestive system by creating a digestive system made out of tights, orange juice and water! It was extremely fun when we pushed the mushy biscuits through the intestines (tights!) and we discovered some interesting facts. In PE, we have continued practising our batting skills and we played an exciting game of rounders! In maths, year 3 have been looking at money they have added, subtracted money and recognised coins - well done year 3! Year 4 have been looking at finding the whole number by adding decimals together and recognising decimals on a place value chart - well done year 4! In History, we had an extremely interesting lesson and learned more about Boudicca and the Roman invasion. In music, we learned about crotchets and quavers and we even wrote our own composition. Keep up the fabulous work everyone! Well done!

Miss Marston & Mrs Bailey

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4

In Year 4 this week the children have worked extremely hard during our test week for English and Maths and have all shown great resilience. In PE we have continued to work on our fielding and batting skills and all children are now able to understand the strategy involved with a game of rounders. In history this week we have looked at the story of Boudicca and we have evaluated the reliability of the sources written about her as they were all written by Romans many years after her death. In Maths we have continued to work on comparing and identifying angles in tricky contexts. We are now beginning to look at the size of angles and how we can identify angles through knowing this. In IT the children created their own surveys which will be completed by other classes next week. Then we will analyse the data and hopefully create some graphs to help use present our findings.

Mr Hellam & Miss Kilbride

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have had a brilliant time creating and participating in our own geographical survey of the school grounds. We have used the information gathered to put together a plan for ways in which we can improve the environment and physical features around school, in order to provide more suitable habitats for wildlife. In maths, we have continued our work on decimals and have solved problems by adding and subtracting decimals to the thousandth-place value column. In design and technology, we have developed our initial ideas and have created prototypes of our bee hotels ready to begin making these soon! We have perfected our fielding technique in rounders to ensure we can effectively stop a ball and accurately throw it to our team mates to get people out!

Mr Adlington & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 / 6

This week, class 5/6 have been busy in maths measuring and calculating angles. We have worked hard to use protractors accurately when measuring angles. As part of our geography learning, we have used our fieldwork skills to carry out a survey of our school environment to inform our research question, focusing on how our school supports wildlife to thrive. As part of our assembly this week, we enjoyed discussing the groups we belong to, our roles within those groups and inclusion. Well done everyone.

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Drury

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been taking advantage of the nice weather and doing lesson's outside, in geography we completed a survey of the grounds and collated our results into a bar chart to clearly identify areas that need improving. In science we sat outside to investigate how strong gravity by testing if we could float a paper clip in the air using a magnet. We had another wonderful luggage for life workshop with children taking photos and writing a poem about themselves. Thank you to our visitor this week who came in to give a really useful talk on road safety and planning our journeys to high school.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment





Picture News

5th-11th July

Are some places around the world more important than others?

