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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has certainly been another very busy one with each class settling into their learning for this half term. We have also been celebrating 'World Book Day' where we dressed up in costumes from our favourite book, we took part in a scavenger hunt to find QR codes around the playground, shared stories with our friends from other classes and participated in some fantastic book focussed activities. Please check our Twitter feed for some amazing photos of the day!

School choir

There are a few spaces available to join our Key Stage 2 choir. Choir is held on Wednesdays at lunch time and led by Miss Riley and Miss Pamment. If your child would like to join please speak to a member of staff in the office. Places are limited, once all available places have been filled a waiting list will be created and these children will be offered a place next term. Thank you.

Nut Free School

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut free school and children should not bring anything to school containing nuts due to allergies.

Wear Red Day

On Friday 17th March, children are invited to 'Wear Red' and or a red nose for Red Nose Day with a small donation which will go directly to Comic Relief. Parents/carers can also donate direct to comic relief by scanning the QR code on the posters on the classroom doors.



Easter Foodbank Collection

Our School Council will be collecting food and Easter eggs for the Resource Foodbank in Ossett. Any donations will be gratefully received and will be collected in the collection basket in our school hall.



PE Uniform

A polite reminder that children should attend school wearing full PE uniform on their designated PE day.

PE uniform includes: trainers, black/navy shorts, plain white t-shirt, plain navy jogging bottoms, plain navy jumper/zip-up top.

If children attend school on their designated PE day wearing different clothing, then a reminder will be sent home for parents.

	Event	Class
17.03.23	Red Nose Day (wear red)	Whole School
27.03.23	Parents Evening	Whole School
30.03.23	Parents Evening	Whole School
02.05.23	Class photos	Whole school
09.05.23 – 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS	Year 6



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.28% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery who achieved a fantastic 100%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Nursery	Nora	Jenson	Freya	Oliver G
F2	Zavia	Oscar	Paisley	Eden
F2/Year 1	Francesca	Olivia	Esmae	Harper
Year 1	Isabelle	Scarlet	Ellie	Mahdi
Year 2	Kody	Isabel	Oliver	Ivy

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been learning about the different forms of transport and how they have changed over the years, they particularly liked how the cars have changed and thought it was funny how 100 years ago they had bike wheels for tyres and no roof! Mrs Gordon also brought in some toys to show the children which belonged to her mum which the children found interesting. We had a visitor on Wednesday, Farmer Phil brought some wood chip for the school in his tractor, the children watched in amazement, we then asked him some questions and some children were invited to sit in the tractor!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception / Year 1

This week we have continued our learning about dinosaurs and prehistoric times. We have learnt about prehistoric landscapes and why it has more physical features than human features. We then went into provision and created our own prehistoric landscapes using construction, paint and crayons. On Wednesday we came to school to find muddy dinosaur footprints in the playground! We used this exciting discovery to write our own story about a dinosaur visiting school. We had some brilliant ideas about what to write in the beginning, middle and end of our story. We have also used the clay to create our own model dinosaurs – creating spikey plates for a Stegosaurus, a long neck and tail for a Brachiosaurus and sharp teeth for a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Another very exciting week for Reception and Reception/Year 1.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have explored lots of new learning. In English we know a verb is an action word and we can identify a verb in a sentence. We loved the song that helped us to remember this. We are also learning about Florence Nightingale in history as a significant figure and the impact she has had on medicine and nursing today. But also, in our English we are finding out about how she grew up and what inspired her to make a difference. In maths we have been continuing to learn about subtraction and we now know subtraction is not commutative - we cannot switch the numbers a round! In computing we are learning how to count and classify ready to input data into the computer. We understand that computers need human input to perform a task.

We loved World Book Day and all the fabulous activities we did to help learn and enjoy this day. Well done for all your amazing costumes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week; we have worked extremely hard writing their diary entries look out on twitter to hear our fabulous writing and fantastic vocabulary. In science this week we have been finding out how our eyes work and how we see things. We had a wonderful world book day. We completed a QR scavenger hunt and tried to guess the book being read. We held our own Towngate Masked Reader and got the children to guess who was reading. Year 2 was really lucky to have Year 5 come and read to us, we had a lovely afternoon sat together sharing stories.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have had 2 very exciting African drumming lessons with Mr Ellis, we have learnt how to write and read music. In English we have used our jamboards to help us plan and write our instructions for cleaning an elephant. In Maths we have explored unit fractions and have started to compare and order these. We have had a lovely World Book Day this week. We shared stories with Year 5 and 6 and enjoyed taking part in the Masked Reader and a QR treasure hunt. In Science we have learnt how to use a scientific diagram in our experiments. Well done on another fantastic week Year 3!

Miss Riley

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been writing a non-chronological report all about the Anglo-Saxons using our knowledge from last half term's learning and In Maths, we have been learning how to partition, compare and order mixed numbers in our fraction's topic. In Science, we have been learning all about the solar system and exactly what is flying around up there in the atmosphere and in Geography, we have been learning about how river's shape our landscape. In PSHE, we are learning about all the different people who help us and in PE, we took part in our first forest school session. On Thursday, we had a fantastic 'World Book Day' where we shared our favourite books, guessed the masked reader and shared a book with our friends in Year 6. We've had a super week - well done Year 4!

Mrs Schofiel



Year 5

What a wonderful week back we have had in Year 5! In English, we have written a non-chronological report all about Albert Einstein - we used our core text as a springboard which gave us lots of interesting facts about him. In maths, we have worked so hard to master finding the perimeter of polygons - we started with fluency questions then applied this knowledge to some super tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions. In History, we had a very intriguing lesson in which we investigated and debated who we believed was at fault for the death of Thomas Becket - we turned our classroom into a court and Miss Wilson decided (as the judge) who's argument was the most convincing. We finished the week with a lovely World Book Day: we started our day with a QR code hunt, using a map we searched the school grounds for QRs to scan. This took us to an audio blurb and we had to match it to the correct front cover. We then relaxed and enjoyed reading our favourite stories to our friends and also, to Year 2. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Year 5. Thank you for your hard work.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in year 5/6, we have been continuing our unit of learning on medieval Britain by learning who was responsible for the death of Thomas Becket. We identified the three main culprits in his murder: King Henry II, 4 knights or Thomas Becket himself. We discussed why each person - or group of people - may have taken some responsibility and made a final decision. We also learned about how turbulent Britain was at the time and how civil unrest fuelled the actions that were to follow. In science, we have been learning about how solids, liquids and gases expand and contract in relation to the amount of thermal energy they receive. We looked more closely at how bonds are formed between particles and how these are influenced by an increase or reduction in thermal energy. In DT, we have recapped why the seasonality of produce impacts on dishes that are available in restaurants and how chefs develop new dishes. We have thought about the aesthetics of food as well as its nutritional value, ready to develop our own dishes in the coming weeks.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

Once again, a great week in Year 6. In Maths, we have been calculating missing angles on a straight line, in a triangle and in a quadrilateral and using this knowledge to problem solve. In English, we have revised the different tenses: simple, progressive and perfect and applied this to our descriptive writing. In Science, we have continued to look at 'Heat' and how particles change when their thermal energy increases. On World Book Day, we enjoyed Towngate's 'Masked Reader', where we had to guess the teacher behind the mask. We also went on a Blurb Scavenger hunt around the school, finding and scanning QR codes to match blurbs to their book. Have a fabulous weekend, see you on Monday!

Miss Richardson

