



NEWSLETTER

25th January 2019

Head of School Message

The British weather is something to behold! Thick ice that even the gritting couldn't melt at the start of the week to spring like weather at the end. It's not over. The snow is due to come back next week!

I have been dropping in to classes all week to look at children's work and talk to them about what they are learning. It is very important that our children retain the skills and knowledge they have learned to apply in different subject areas. In Y6 I was overjoyed to have an in depth discussion about their current book for English, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. The children were so knowledgeable and were able to make real life connections and predictions on how the story would evolve. I was so impressed with their enthusiasm for the story that I am reading it myself this weekend. Ask your children what their class novel is for English.



Jackie Williams
Head of School

Have a relaxing weekend

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's stars, we are very proud of you.

NURSERY: Dexter Scott
Luna O'Hare
RECEPTION: Amelia James
Heidi Campbell

YEAR 1: Harry Fitzgerald
YEAR 2: Honey Holt
YEAR 3: Grace Caton
YEAR 4: Georgia Barton
YEAR 5: Tilly Napier
YEAR 6: Josh Miller (Maths)
Frankie Fitzpatrick (English)
Mrs Williams: Niamh Bell

TERRIFIC TIMEKEEPERS

Our Terrific Timekeepers winners for last week were our Y5 pupils. We all run late sometimes. For your child, lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. Please be on time for when school starts.



If your child is absent from school, Parents must contact school by telephone only, staff will ask what the specific reason for their absence is i.e. headache, eye infection rather than sick or unwell. If we do not hear from you, you will receive a text message to contact school regarding your child's absence. You must ensure your child returns to school as soon as they are well.

Y5 REMINDER

If you have already paid for your child's Chocolate Workshop, please call into the school office to receive your refund.

SCHOOL MEALS

If your child stays for a school meal, please ensure you pay in advance for your meal, rather than be sent a text reminding you that you are in arrears.

| YEAR | % ATTENDANCE W/C 14/1/19 |
|-------|--------------------------|
| REC | 96.7% |
| Y1 | 97.3% |
| Y2 | 97.0% |
| Y3 | 100% |
| Y4 | 93.8% |
| Y5 | 87.5% |
| Y6 | 95.7% |
| TOTAL | 95.4% |

YEAR TO

DATE

96.3 %

WHAT DO I DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL?

Well done to Tom Glendenning from Y1. Tom attends swimming lessons and tennis lessons in David Lloyd, and wow isn't he doing fantastic with all these certificates. Michael Phelps and Roger Federer had better watch out, There's a new kid on the block.



AUSTRALIA DAY

Tomorrow is Australia Day. It marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British ships at Port Jackson, New South Wales, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain at Sydney Cove by Governor Arthur Phillip. So how will you celebrate, why not throw caution to the wind and ask Bruce to throw steaks on the Barbie, but don't forget your hats, scarf and gloves.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – Y6

Year 6 Curriculum Spring Term

Please find below an overview of the main topics that Year 6 will be studying in the Spring term.

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| Computing Programming Wearable technology | Science Electricity Evolution and inheritance | Art/DT Artist study- Frida Kahlo | R.E. Promises, prophecy and the Magi |
| SMSC Positivity/democracy/ appreciation/ Kindness/ empathy/courage and independence | History/ Geography WW2 Map skills | Music Rhythm Comparing music | P.E. Football Gymnastics |
| Reciprocal reading Daily group reading sessions and reading/ SPaG based activities. | Spelling Daily spelling lessons with continued weekly spelling tests. | Maths Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Measures. | English Mystery/Flashback Journalistic, Explanation texts. |

Year 6 have had a wonderful start to the New Year! We have been continuing to work extremely hard, challenge ourselves in class and maintain positive attitudes towards our work, each other and our friends around school. We continue to cover new objectives while recapping and revising previously taught ones in daily 'Booster' Basic skills sessions to continue to consolidate and extend our learning.

We have two 'Mock SATs weeks' on the horizon, with the first one being the week commencing 11th February. This will give us another opportunity to independently apply all that we have learned in a test style scenario and further highlight our strengths and any areas that require additional support.

Homework Club continues each Thursday from 2:30-3:10pm. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to undertake their homework with support on hand if needed. We cannot stress the importance of Homework enough, particularly in the build up to May, and it must be completed and returned each week, it is not optional.

A meeting will be arranged for after Half Term to discuss SATs week and the arrangements we will be making for Booster sessions etc. Please look out for this date on the newsletter.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation, as always it is much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 31st January: Y3/4 Girls football match (Kirkby)
- 11th February: Y2 and Y6 Mock SATs Week
- 13th February: Y4 trip to Lime Street Station
- 14th February: Y3/4 Girls football match (Kirkby)
- 14th February: PTA Valentines Disco
- 15th February: Y4 Class Assembly
- 15th February: Finish for Half Term
- 8th March: Y3 Class Assembly
- 11th March: British Science Week
- 1st April: Y6 mock SATs Week

