

Friday 17th September 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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Attendance	
Nursery	100%
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%

	Star of the Week	Superstar Learner
Reception	Jidenna	Eldana
Year 1	Zeelan	Liliana
Year 2	Taylor-Rose	Durrah
Year 3	Hollie	Hanna
Year 4	Anith	Kamiyah
Year 5	Rayel	Tex
Year 6	Abigail	Piaget

## House Points this week

<b>Don Bosco</b>	<b>347</b>
Joseph	318
Martin	344
Therese	344

## Birthday's next week



Happy birthday to Tau and Amy who are both celebrating their birthdays next week. Have a fantastic day when it arrives!

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed your Summer and managed to find some sunshine somewhere! We send a very warm welcome to the many new children across the school and their families. Everyone is very busy getting to know each other! A special thank you to you all for quickly adjusting to and following the new arrangements and routines at drop off and pick up times. This has enabled all of the children to have a calm, smooth start and finish at the beginning and end of each school day. A reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Enjoy a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

# In the classroom this week...

Welcome back to our returning Nursery children after a fabulous Summer. We are really pleased to see each other and settling into our daily routine beautifully. The children are helping our new friends to settle and explore our activities. We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters over the next few weeks.

What an amazing week! Reception children have settled in beautifully and are getting used to our routines. This week we began our English topic based on the Gingerbread Man and we had lots of fun making some of our own gingerbread men and eating them before they ran away! We have been exploring with our Numicon resources becoming familiar with the number shapes and how to use them, we really enjoyed playing a missing numbers game with our friends. We also enjoyed our first session with our City in the Community coach, Chad, we played at being different farm animals and moving in different ways.

This week Year 1 have worked really hard to settle into our busy routine and timetable in Year 1. They are trying really hard with all their work and to follow our school rules. In English we have begun our book 'Look Up' and the children have been labelling all they can see in the pictures. We wrote short sentences and are trying really hard to use our phonics. In Maths we have been working on sorting into groups and thinking about how we can sort and count objects up to 10. We have begun to use a tens frame to help us to count and represent objects up to 10. We have been learning in our topic about Mae Jemison as part of our black history. The children have learnt lots of facts about her life and journey in space and created fantastic portraits of Mae Jemison and the space rocket Endeavour. Well done Year 1 on a great first full week in our Year 1 class.

What a super start to Year 2! We are reading stories in English where the child's grandparents come from England and Trinidad. In Geography we have compared the two countries using geographical words. In Computing, we wrote algorithms (steps to follow) for a partner. Our singing about God's creation: our world was beautiful in Religion. We have been counting to 100 in Maths and learning about tens and ones. Miss Sullivan and Miss Fallon are very excited about the year ahead.

Year 3 are enjoying a great start to the new academic year! They are settling back into school life and working hard. By way of introduction to Key Stage 2, they played their first game of 'Golden Runner' in PE, a much-loved Holy Name tradition. In Geography we are starting with the countries of the United Kingdom and the seas surrounding the British Isles. In Science we are examining the importance of nutrition and healthy lifestyles. This is a busy term with lots of exciting dates for the diary - more will be revealed as the term progresses.

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the year! They have worked very hard this week enjoying Maths and English lessons. In Maths we have been studying place value and rounding. In English the class have started to study a new book 'Africa is not a country'. The class have been really excited about swimming and made an excellent start to their lesson. Well done Year 4!

Well done to Year 5 for an incredible start to the year. They have worked so hard and shown great resilience with the work they have been given in class. In Maths we have been working on place value and been reading, writing and rounding numbers. In English we have enjoyed reading our new book 'Of Thee I Sing' by Barrack Obama and 'Young, Gifted and Black'. We used our retrieval skills to make our own presentations to the class about their favourite role model from the book. This linked to our history topic where we will be studying black history and the children completed a lesson on slavery looking at the Trade Triangle and using sources from the past to interpret and infer what happened during this time. In PE we had a creative movement session and enjoyed our session with Paco on Friday.

Year Six have made an incredible start to the school year. I have been blown away by their determination, resilience and commitment to their learning already! We started looking at place value in maths and are working with numbers up to ten million! We are all trying to push ourselves to complete the daily challenges independently to show our deeper understanding of the task. In English, we've started our new book, '*Star of Fear, Star of Hope*' and have started planning and writing our own short story this week. We are trying to show off all the skills that we've learnt in previous years and getting into a good routine of editing and improving our work. We're looking forward to reading more of the book next week. In Topic, we are focusing on World War Two and the early events from the war. We have looked closely at why the war started and look forward to learning more about it in the following weeks. Lastly, in Science, we're covering Light. Everyone impressed me with their knowledge of natural and man-made light sources and we now understand that light travels in straight lines. We're going to be creating our own presentation all about light next lesson so keep your eye on our class page!