

Friday 8th October 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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Attendance	
Nursery	90.8%
Reception	94%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	90.3%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	96.1%

	Star of the Week	Superstar Learner
Reception	Jewel	Faysa
Year 1	Ibrahim	Jayden
Year 2	Adam	Gabrielle
Year 3	Victor	Oforiwah
Year 4	Cattleya	Aaron
Year 5	Osaru	Dawar
Year 6	Jahiem	Alya

## House Points this week

Don Bosco	329
<b>Joseph</b>	<b>336</b>
Martin	322
Therese	296



 Happy birthday to Melissa, Frankie, Kesean and Arafat who are celebrating their birthdays next week. Have a great time on your special day!

What a special honour we had in our Celebration Assembly this morning. We were joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Manchester. A huge thank you for visiting our incredible school and putting a smile on all our faces.



# In the classroom this week...

What a great week Nursery are having! We are settling beautifully into our daily routine and are continuing to welcome new children. This week our story focus has been 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' The children have been working on naming and recognising the animals in the story, then being able to join in with the repetitive phrases. Next week our focus will be on sequencing the main events and the children being able to retell the story in the correct order. During number time, we have been using unification bricks to count and match to the numicon tiles, fishing for numicon tiles in the water area and singing number rhymes to help us count forwards and backwards to 10. As part of the diocese initiative Hope for the Future, we discussed what our talents are and recorded these on leaves which will be displayed in the school foyer.

This week Reception have been working really hard on our Gingerbread Man story and can now retell the story with actions. In our Religion lessons we have talked about the importance of our names and how special we are to God. As part of our topic we have been painting self portraits and talking about our uniqueness. We are really settling into our school routines now and having lots of fun.

This week has been another busy, hardworking week for Year 1. They are all trying so hard to be the best they can and to learn new skills and knowledge in all of our lessons. In English we have begun our new book 'Lost and Found'. We made predictions about what we think will happen in the story. There were some great ideas. We have been introduced to nouns and used them to write sentences about the objects we can see and hear at the seaside. We have come to the end of our place value topic in Maths and have worked on putting objects and numbers in order from smallest to greatest and greatest to smallest. This week in Computing we used ipads to complete a basic programme using forwards, backwards, right and left. As part of our whole school Hope in the Future activities, the children wrote prayers to ask God to help them to reach their hopes and to continue to develop their talents. Well done Year 1 on another hard working week and not giving up!

As part of our whole school 'Hope in the Future' learning, Year 2 wrote prayers to thank God for their talents. We have begun to learn about expanded noun phrases in English to describe the troll in our new story. In Maths, we are using number bonds and fact families to add and subtract. Miss Sullivan is really happy with their effort and resilience when working independently. In Science, we talked about what animals, including humans, need to survive and discussed what food is consumed by different animals, including Louis the dog. We have been sharing stories by black authors to continue celebrating Black History month. Thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading.



The stunning 'Wave off Kanagawa', by the Nineteenth Century Japanese artist Hokusai, provided the inspiration for the Year 3 Art lesson. The children produced their own interpretations of the beautiful and brutal power of nature. In Maths we looked at the importance of 'Place Value' and patterns that could help to improve mental arithmetic and in English we looked at how to write contractions correctly - didn't we?! Autumn usually brings a long list of jobs for the keen gardener and Staff were impressed by Year Three's hard work in the school's vegetable patch. This linked well to our focus in R.E. which was 'The Parable of the Sower'.

This week Year 4 have used the ipads to do some excellent research on different African countries, this will be used to inform their factfile on African countries next week. In Maths, the class have been rounding to 10, 100, 1000 and also counting on from 25 from a given number. In Science, the class did a life-like model of the digestive system from the teeth, tongue, oesophagus, stomach and intestines. The class really enjoyed their learning. At swimming all the children completed deep water swimming. They were very brave and all swam a number of lengths and were able to get out of the pool. Well done!

This week in Year 5 we have had a fun and busy week. We really enjoyed Miss McIver's assembly for Hope in the Future and completing our own activities on the Parable of the Sower. In Maths we have begun our new topic on addition and subtraction. The children wowed us with their concentration and hard work when adding some large numbers. In English we have been concluding our work on 'Of Thee I Sing' with a focus on Martin Luther King. The children wrote their own brilliant versions of 'I have a dream' linking to our Religion focus on Hope in the Future. In Art we made our own pictures of the iconic Martin Luther King which I look forward to sharing with you. Keep up the great work Year 5!

Year 6 have had yet another exceptional week in school. On Monday afternoon, the children participated in a workshop with Manchester City legend, Alex Williams. They worked hard to think about their own qualities and traits that make them who they are. We are finishing our book, 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' in English and are in the middle of writing our own stories based on the book. We've really loved learning about the story behind the book and can't wait to start our new one on Monday. We've started looking at short multiplication and are looking forward to moving onto division next week. The children are all working so hard with their challenges and have been really pushing themselves to complete them independently.