

Friday 15th October 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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Attendance	
Nursery	79.9%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	95.9%

	Star of the Week	Superstar Learner
Reception	Janna	Avar
Year 1	Zeney	Haider
Year 2	Melissa	Mmachukwu
Year 3	Zidann	Yusuf
Year 4	Mikayla	Tinashe
Year 5	Danielle	Noah and Annaliegh
Year 6	Shenika	Mateus

## House Points this week

Don Bosco 309

**Joseph 345**

Martin 320

Therese 283



Happy birthday to Billy, Zeney, Jayden and Tinashe who are all celebrating their birthdays next week. Have a great time on your special day!

## Important Dates for your diary!



The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 16th November for individual and sibling photos.

Nasal Flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 6 are on 22nd November—please ensure you return your form to the office whether it is a Yes or a No!



# In the classroom this week...

This week Nursery have been retelling the story in sequence of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What can you see?" They have been putting the characters in order and orally retelling the story independently. We have been video recording their efforts. In Number, we are finding and matching the Numicon shapes by colour and by their number shape. We are making progress with this every day. As part of our Topic, we have been beginning to look at the signs of Autumn, describing the colours of the leaves and what we can see happening.

This week Reception have been finding one more, we have been looking at the number line and seeing how the numbers grow by 1. In English we have been sequencing pictures from The Gingerbread Man and having a go at adding captions to them. In Religion we talked about how we are held safely in God's hands and made our own hand prints in clay. As part of our Topic we made pictures of our most special things and talked about why they are precious to us.

This week has been a great week in Year 1. We have worked hard in all our lessons. In English we delved further into our book Lost and Found and have been thinking about how we can use information to create a guide about a lost animal. The children were fantastic at giving information and facts about the different animals. In Maths we have begun our addition topic. The children have been introduced to the whole and part model showing what the whole number is up to 10 and how it can be broken down into different parts. It has been fun practicing this using our Numicon and cubes and we are beginning to record it using objects and counters. In our topic we have learnt about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and the children have been giving great information about his exploration and journey to try and reach the South Pole. They could tell that he lived on Elephant Island for two years before returning home. It was great to watch their knowledge as they compared Christopher Columbus to Ernest Shackleton saying what was the same and different in their journeys. Well done year one on another great week!

Year 2 have shown what fabulous artists they are this week. Using our book 'Troll Swap' for inspiration, children added a colour to white to make different tints to paint their troll. On Thursday, we learned about Spanish artist Joan Miró and created surrealist pieces inspired by him. We drew pictures using symbols and painted by mixing the primary colours to make orange, green and purple. In English we began using subordination to extend sentences by using the conjunction 'because.' In Maths, we have been checking calculations, comparing number sentences and using related facts. We always use equipment in Maths to prove our ideas. In History, we remembered Mary Seacole and learned about another nurse who helped in the Crimean War, the Lady with the Lamp: Florence Nightingale. In P.E. we continued learning about pathways and practised moving in curved, straight and zigzag positions on the mats and apparatus. Miss Sullivan is super impressed with all of our efforts!



"The orange and golden leaves fell slowly from the trees, creating a patchwork carpet of Autumn colours." Year 3 worked on their 'expanded noun phrases' in English as they were introduced to their new class reader 'The Seal Surfer'. The weather has indeed changed but that did not stop the children from getting out on to the Sports Field to practise their 'catching and passing' with Paco. In Art the children created beautiful stained glass windows and in Maths they continued to develop strategies for 'crossing the 10s'. A wonderful week's work where the children have risen to the challenge of KS2 yet again!

This week, Year 4 have started to study a new book 'Leon and the Place In Between'. The class have been using their inference skills to determine what the characters are thinking, feeling and their motives within the story. This work has gone cross curricular as the children have been completing self portraits of different expressions be it , happy, angry, anxious, serious, their pictures are fantastic! In Maths the children have been working on Negative Numbers and counting through zero and also working on Roman Numerals which they have very much enjoyed. Unfortunately we were unable to attend swimming due to COVID cases in school but we hope to be able to attend after the half term. I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes in regards to the paternity leave that I am taking in the upcoming months. Well done Year 4—Keep up the good work!

Year 5 have had another busy week and are continuing to impress Miss Lynch and Mrs Crossley with their hard work. In Maths we have been finishing our topic on Addition and Subtraction. Working on the RUCSAC method to solve multi-step word problems. Even managing to write some challenging word problems of our own for Miss Lynch. In English we have started our new book 'Queen of the Falls' producing some excellent pieces of writing describing the features of Niagara Falls in first person. We also used our retrieval and inference skills to find out more about Annie Edison Taylor. In science we conducted an investigation about air resistance, collecting data and identifying trends in our findings. In history we have explored the Industrial Revolution and how this impacted our local area. We looked at how children were forced to work in factories and how the subsequent laws tried to improve conditions. Keep up the good work Year 5

We've had another exceptional week in Year Six. The children have been working extremely hard in Maths working with the four operations. We have moved onto long multiplication and short division and the children are now aware of the importance of knowing the times tables. Next week, we are going to be working with long division so the children will have to practise their tables over the weekend! In English, we've started a new book 'Henry's Freedom Box' and have enjoyed reading the first part of the story and learning about Henry 'Box Brown. The children had to write a letter to Henry explaining why he's such an inspiration. We learnt all about his ingenious idea and how he escaped slavery in a small crate. We can't wait to read more next week! Finally, on Thursday we had a Zoom lesson with Donovan Christopher, known as the Rappaman, who read poems from his books. He taught us about the start of Black History and how incredible Carter G Woodson was. It was an incredible lesson and everyone loved hearing the poems!