

Friday 1st October 2021

NEWSLETTER

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Attendance	
Nursery	91.5%
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	96.2%

	Star of the Week	Superstar Learner
Reception	Kai	Hadiyah
Year 1	Anaya	Dara
Year 2	Clement	Renee
Year 3	Adnan	Isaac
Year 4	Joan	Renee
Year 5	Emily	Jacob
Year 6	Alex	Fahad

House Points this week

Don Bosco	344
Joseph	278
Martin	314
Therese	349

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Happy birthday to Malak, Liliana, Alena-Mary, Nylah and Peter who are all celebrating their birthday's this week. Have a lovely time on your special day!

VIVA ESPANA!



Year 6 parents, by now you should have received a letter from Mr Regan about the proposed trip to Spain in May 2022. Please remember to return your form to Mr Regan and pay the £20 deposit by October 8th.

In the classroom this week...

Nursery is beginning to fill up and lots of our new starters are now attending full time. This week we have been discussing animals of the world, with a focus on naming and describing ocean creatures in the water area. During number time we were learning to count forwards and backwards to 10. Using a variety of number rhymes and our fingers to help us sing along. Nursery have been enjoying using letter mats to identify the initial sound of their name in the outdoor learning provision.

This week Reception have been working really hard on our phonics, recognising letters and saying the sounds they make. We have been practising using our robot voices to sound out words. In Maths we have been working on our touch counting skills and developing strategies to help us count accurately. We thoroughly enjoyed our PE lessons, pretending to be dinosaurs was great fun!

This week in Year 1 has been an extremely busy and hardworking week. The children have tried their very best to shine in all the activities and learning. In English we have come to the end of our book 'Look Up'. The children have enjoyed learning the story and are now great at helping to retell the story and discuss the character's feelings. This week we have sequenced the story and discussed what has made it a good story and the children have worked hard on their first big write to retell the story. In Maths we have been looking at comparing amounts. The children have used the vocabulary of greater than, less than and equal to. We have been introduced to the symbols and are beginning to use them practically. In our topic lesson we have learnt about the explorer Christopher Columbus and his travels to America. The children have created maps about his adventures across the Atlantic Ocean. Well done Year 1 for all your hard work. You are superstars.

In Year 2 the children have been celebrating God's creation and have painted pictures of a sunset with Miss Hackman. We read 'My two Grandads' in English and children made their own instruments out of recycled materials to be a part of Aston's band. Children used their learning of the Mastery Keys to write Alvina's diary describing a day with her two grannies. In Maths, children have been reading, ordering and comparing 2 digit numbers. Next week we will be learning about addition and subtraction. In Geography we compared the UK and the Caribbean by looking at food, houses and the beaches. We also looked at photos brought in by a child who has family in Jamaica and some of us learned what other islands make up the Caribbean. Finally we began coding using Scratch and chose a sailboat sprite, created an island sprite and selected a background. We were wonderful when working on the laptops and will soon write code to move our boat between the islands of the Caribbean that we have created.

Year 3 continue to impress with their positive attitudes to learning and to each other. House points aplenty have been awarded for excellent reading and for several instances of kindness and thoughtfulness. Year 3 have been 'finding the beat' in their Music lesson and finding and naming countries on a map of Europe in their Topic class. In Maths, the children have been comparing and ordering numbers and completing equations by using the correct mathematical symbols. In English, Year 3 have been writing letters to Sir Richard Branson, to ask for jobs as pilots, in order to practise their use of 'subordinating conjunctions'. For inspiration, the children watched a flight simulation – Fasten your seatbelts please!

Year 4 have done some excellent writing this week, they have put prepositions, adverbs and noun phrases into their writing, all whilst studying different countries in Africa. In Maths the children have been comparing numbers to a thousand using greater than and less than symbols. They have listened well and worked very hard. In Topic the class have been studying different biomes around the world with a particular focus on the tropical areas of South America, Africa and Asia. They researched information on the ipads and located these areas on a world map. Swimming was excellent this week, the instructors were impressed with the children's attitudes towards their lesson! Well Done!

This week in Year 5 we have been learning about the first African American Professional baseball player, Jackie Robinson. The children have been wowed by the courage and determination he showed in the face of discrimination and ignorance he faced. We did an activity where the children were really able to infer and relate to how he must have felt. We then wrote an account as if we were him using our skill we have been focussing on, possessive apostrophes. In Science we explored Sir Isaac Newton and how he discovered gravity. We wrote fantastic biographies adding all the facts we found out. In History we began to look at the development of the cotton industry in Lancashire and are really looking forward to our trip to a real working mill next term. We have completed our Maths topic on place value with some lessons on negative numbers and roman numerals. We are excited about beginning addition and subtraction next week.

Year Six have had another hard-working week. We are coming to the end of our book, 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' and are looking forward to reading the final few pages and writing our own stories based on the book. We've also moved onto our new unit in maths where we're looking at the four operations. We've worked on addition and subtraction this week and are ready to move onto multiplication and division next week. On Monday we are going to the Crucial Crew workshop to learn all about staying safe. We'll make sure to take lots of pictures and share them with you next week!