

Week 5 Newsletter 22/3/2024

### Behaviour - Well Done!

At the Academy we use the reward and consequence system to warn children if their behaviour is not of the acceptable standard. Children should follow the school rules; Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week,



FS1	FS2	У1	Y2BB	Y2LB	У3	У4	У5	У6
20/20	21/21	23/23	15/16	18/18	25/26	29/31	30/30	32/32

FS1

98.7% & 0 lates

FS2 98.1% & 1 late Attendance & Lates

Whole School: 95.5% & 12 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96.5%

Year to date is: 95.3%

У6

97.8% & 0 lates

**Y5** 

89.3% & 3 lates

У1

93.4% & 4 lates

**Y2BB** 

98.7% & 0 lates

Y2LB

97.7% & 3 lates

У3

99.2% & 0 lates

**Y4** 

91.3% & 1 late

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FS2— Austin

Y1 – Noah

Y2BB— Whole Class

Y2LB - Whole Class

Y3 – Edward

Y4 – Olivia

Y5 - George

Y6 - Noah

Thank you to all parents/carers for attending our Achievement assembly to watch their child receive a Golden Award



If you attend Achievement assembly, please make sure that the photo is of your child only and please ensure you only post photos of your child on social media. There are parents who do not want their child photographed or on social media for personal reasons.

## **Upcoming Key Dates**

Thursday 28th March	School closes			
Monday 15th April	School opens			
Thursday 18th April	Garforth Lions Clothing collection			
Mon 29th April— Fri 3rd May	Y5 Bikeability			
Monday 5th May	May Day holiday—school closed			
Tuesday 6th May	School open			
Thursday 23rd May	School closes			
Friday 24th May	CHANGE TO INSET DAY			
Monday 3rd June	School opens			

# Read all about us...

**FS1** We have had another lovely week in Nursery. We have been super busy learning all about our story Jaspers Beanstalk, we have made our very own story map and worked together in groups to make up our own actions. We have also watched our very own beanstalks grow. In maths we have been looking at mass, we have been looking which items in our classroom are heavier and lighter. We have also enjoyed baking, and decorating buns for our stay and play. We are super excited to see what fun we get up to next week.

Y2BB This week in year 2, we have had a really exciting week! We have been visited by Pep the Poet, who shared some very funny poetry with us. We also finished printing our Mexican inspired bunting in art and our own narrative, using the character we created in our author visit last week to build amazing characters. We have also learned about length and height in maths and the class have really impressed me with their accuracy and reasoning about length and height. In D&T, we have learned about where food come from and ended the week with a guest show the children how to cook some Mexican food! Well done everyone on a fantastic week!

Y2LB What a jam-packed week we have had! After feeling incredibly inspired by our visiting author on Friday last week, we have created our own fantasy characters and used these to write some incredible story openers. We also had such fun working with Pep the poet on Monday. The children worked on our poetry performance skills and blew me away with their incredible expression and enthusiasm. In maths, we have been measuring in meters and comparing different lengths and heights. In DT, we have been learning all about healthy diet, Mexican food and how to prepare a meal. We had a fantastic day today, working with a real chef to prepare (and eat!) our very own Mexican food. I think we need a weekend to recover from all of the excitement!

Y5 This week year five have been fantastic once again. We have finally come to the end of our suspense story, and the results are absolutely brilliant with the children really pushing themselves with adventurous vocabulary. In addition to this, the children have been tackling some complex maths problems involving angles of different shapes and sizes. Finally, we had a Zoom call with an author (Struan Murray) which the children really enjoyed! Well done year five and have a lovely weekend.

**FS2** This week in FS2 we have been learning about 3D shapes, we have enjoyed going on a shape hunt to find these shapes around our classroom, creating print pictures, and exploring what happens to the shapes when we put them down a ramp based on their properties. In Literacy we have continued reading Jack and the Beanstalk, we changed some aspects on our class story map with some new ideas, and then we each invented our own new story map, coming up with some fantastic ideas! We enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a hen, and worked hard completing the cut and stick activity to show this. In PE we put all our gymnastics learning to the test, where we created a sequence of various moves to show our peers!

Y1 This week we have been working hard on our 'hot write' It appears that we have lots of budding authors in Year 1. It has been wonderful to see everyone trying their best to improve their writing by using amazing adjectives and super verbs and adverbs. In Maths, we have been learning how to measure objects using non-standard units. We measured our pencil and glue stick using cubes and paper clips. We then learnt how to measure in centimetres using a ruler. In Art, we learnt how to use different paint-brushes to make thick and thin lines. We then used a wax crayon to write a secret message. We were all very excited to start our new class text and begin reading 'The Tin Forest'. Well done Year 1 on a super week!

Y3 This week, in year three, we had an amazing day learning all about poetry with Pep the Poet. The children were very excited and performed with great enthusiasm. We also focused on capacity and volume in maths, correct punctuation in writing, and using inference to design a bedroom for Mike Teavee from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' Furthermore, we learned about pollination in science, played cricket in P.E., and discussed the significance of Good Friday to Christians. It was a full and fantastic week altogether.

Y4 This week has been Shakespeare Week and it has been filled with lots of exciting activities. In writing, the children performed a shortened version of Romeo and Juliet in small groups and we discussed the main themes of the story. The children created their own masque and then thought about how they could write a set of instructions to make a love potion. In history this week, we looked at things that the Ancient Greeks left behind and how some of them, including the alphabet and their engineering, have influenced our world today. We also had a visit from Pep the Poet, who did a superb assembly before working with Year 4 on creating poems. A very busy and exciting week!

Y6 This week has been another exceptionally busy one in year 6 that has involved not one, but two author visits. First of all, we worked with Pep the Poet on Monday and enjoyed exploring some of his comedy poems. Then, today, we had a virtual visit with Struan Murray, author of The Secret of The Moonshard (which I highly recommend), who gave us some excellent ideas for finding inspiration with our own stories. As well as this, we began writing out setting descriptions in writing and learned about the angles in shapes with 3 or more sides in maths. In the afternoons, we discussed being an ally against discrimination, studied how light reflects off different surfaces and reflected on the inventions that have changed the world as a result of WWII. Have a fantastic weekend!

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This year for our Easter celebrations, we are holding an Easter Egg Competition, a bun sale and a raffle.

To enter the competition children may decorate a hard boiled egg and bring it to school by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in time for judging. The winning entry in each class will receive a book token to be spent in school.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a bun sale and raffle. Please send your child with £2 in cash - £1 for a bun and £1 for a raffle ticket. You may also pay £2 on MCAS on that day.

The raffle will be drawn on the afternoon of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, the prize will be a giant Easter Egg which has been kindly donated by Garforth & District Lions.

Donations of buns for the bun sale will be gratefully received – please send them in on Wednesday / Thursday. Thank you for your support.

### **Swimming**

A play session was just what the doctor ordered for the year fours on Wednesday. Our amazing hard-working swimmers deserved a little bit of fun after a very gruelling two terms of swimming lessons. Well, done to all the children who have achieved confidence and a lifesaving skill.



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### Netball

What a fantastic experience our 5/6 netball team had on Wednesday. The children watched the Leeds Rhinos netball team at Leeds Beckett University train. The children then had the opportunity to meet all the players and exchange words about the game and positions the children play in.









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East Garforth Primary School has kindly offered to allow us to collect in their playground on *Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April* 

Clothes must be clean and serviceable please.

The Clothing Bank do not take underwear or socks unless new.
Please will you look through your wardrobes and dig out those unwanted items that no longer fit or you
no longer like. These items can be passed to the 100s of people in desperate need for clothes.