

Week 1 Newsletter 23/2/2024

#### 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    | <b>Y</b> 5 | У6    |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
| 20/20 | 21/21 | 23/23 | 15/16 | 18/18 | 26/26 | 29/31 | 30/30      | 32/32 |

FS1

96.1% & 0 lates

FS2 94.2% & 0 lates Attendance & Lates

Whole School: 96.3% & 7 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96.5%

Year to date is: 95.5%

У6

95.9% & 0 lates

**Y5** 

98% & 4 lates

У1

93% & 0 lates

Y2BB

100% & 0 lates

Y2LB

99.4% & 3 lates

У3

96.9% & 0 lates

У4

94.8% & 0 lates

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FS2— Carson Y1 – Leo

Y2BB— Oscar

Y2LB - Alfie

Y3 – Indi

Y4 - Macie

Y5 - Joel

Y6 - Ben

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**

| Monday 3rd June               | School opens                             |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Friday 24th May               | CHANGE TO INSET DAY                      |  |  |
| Thursday 23rd May             | School closes                            |  |  |
| Tuesday 6th May               | School open                              |  |  |
| Monday 5th May                | May Day holiday—school closed            |  |  |
| Mon 29th April—Wed 1st<br>May | Y5 Bikeability                           |  |  |
| Monday 15th April             | School opens                             |  |  |
| Thursday 28th March           | School closes                            |  |  |
| Thursday 7th March            | World Book Day—book swap<br>and dress up |  |  |
| Mon 4th—Wed 6th March         | Year 4 Residential—Dallowgill            |  |  |

## Read all about us...

**FS1** We have had a great first week back in Nursery. We played some listening games using the number 5 and we also got practice writing the number 5. We drew some great pictures about the story Going on a Bear Hunt. We enjoyed listening to the Crunchy Munchy Caterpillar story and can't wait to hear what happens next. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Y2BB It has been a strong start to this half term in 2BB. The class have come back really positive and with loads of great ideas! This week, we have started our new writing unit, which will be a narrative with a focus on characterisation and the class loved reading our poem about naughty fairies. In maths, we are learning about division, exploring sharing and grouping and the children's understanding or these tricky ideas has been amazing. We also went on a trip this week to Temple Newsam and the children were fantastic all day. It was heavy on the legs towards the end, but nobody moaned and we all got stuck into all of the activities. The class should be proud of how they represented our school, with the teacher at Temple Newsam commenting on how impressed she was! Well done on another fantastic week!

Y2LB We have certainly got off to a flying start in 2LB! We had an incredible day at Temple Newsam on Tuesday where we learnt all about the history of this incredible house. Children dressed up like the old occupants of the house and learnt about how the home has changed over time. All of the children were shining representatives of our academy and I could not be more proud of them. In our writing lessons, we have been exploring the poem all about some naughty fairies and put our performance skills to the test as we have learnt it off by heart! In maths, we have been sharing by grouping and representing this using division number sentences. What a busy first week back!

Y5 This week, year five have been straight back to working had and have produced some wonderful work as a result. In writing, we have produced some brilliant calligraphic poems in which the children have used an expansive range of vocabulary throughout. Furthermore, in maths we have been working hard on solving problems involving area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Well done on a great week and have a fantastic weekend!

FS2 We have had a lovely first week back in FS2! On Monday we had a special delivery... it was a golden egg! After discussing the clues given and reading our new story 'Jack and the Beanstalk', we realised that it must be from Jack! He has asked us to keep the egg safe for him, so we are hoping that the giant doesn't come to school to look for it! This week we enjoyed planting our own beanstalks, drawing and writing about what we would like to see at the top of a magic beanstalk, and created a class story map to help us retell the story. In Maths we have been learning about length, height and time, we enjoyed working together in pairs to see who was taller and shorter, and comparing the length of various objects around the classroom. In Phonics we have learnt some new harder to read and spell words, and in PE we learnt some new balance positions.

Y1 It has been a fantastic first week back in Year 1. In Maths, we have been using the number line to solve missing number problems. We had to be careful to read the mathematical symbols correctly. In Writing, we had an unexpected delivery of a magic porridge pot. Unfortunately, it didn't make any porridge. First, we tried saying some magic words, then we tried making a spell. Finally, we made a wish and are waiting to see what happens. In Art, we learnt about the illustrator Axel Scheffler and watched a clip of him painting The Gruffalo. We then went on a hunt for primary colours. In Geography, we learnt about the different types of weather and created some actions for the different weather symbols.

Y3 This week, year three have been exploring portal stories. To get inspired, we transformed the classroom into a cinema and watched 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'. In geography, they have been studying maps and using compasses to determine directions. In math, they have been focusing on unit and non-unit fractions. They have shown remarkable progress and answered numerous gold questions. Overall, it has been another fantastic week for year three.

Y4 What a great first week back! The children have been very eager to start the new topic and to find out about Ancient Greece. They produced some fantastic timelines to show when the Ancient Greeks lived. In writing, we have begun looking at discussion texts in more detail. Throughout this unit of writing, the discussions will be based on The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and will tie in with the reading sessions. The art lesson this week was great fun, although a bit messy as it involved rolling paint onto tables to print from. This is the first part of the unit of work on Polyblock printing, inspired by artist Naum Gabo.

**Y6** Wow, what a busy first week back and another successful one in year 6. In writing, we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter that we will be writing next week. In maths, we have finished our work on percentage and have started to learn about how to calculate area and volume. As well as this, in the afternoons we have started learning about light in science, spreadsheets in computing and have learnt about the advantages that both side had in the Battle of Britain. Our sports this half term in PE are cricket and netball. As the weather is still a bit cold, please make sure that children have warm PE clothes as we will be outside for the majority of the sessions.

### **Sporting News**

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Well done to our Key Stage 2 cross country team who took part in a competition on Tuesday at Green Lane. Every child did extremely well even though the ground was very soggy and muddy. Each year group cheered on the team and supported every child that ran that day.

Sometimes it was very difficult but none of our children gave up and persevered to cross that line and bring home points for the team. Due to our children's commitment and team spirit we came a fantastic 2nd. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for coming and braving the rain and cheering the children on.

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