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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

We had a visit from Ofsted earlier this week for our termly monitoring inspection. I was very proud of our children's learning behaviours throughout school and the inspectors particularly commented on this. As soon as I am able to share the report with you, I will arrange another parent meeting and will also update you with our school development plan.

Elsewhere around school, we have had many exciting events taking place. Earlier in the week, American author Bob Hartman came to work with year 6. Our children particularly enjoyed this, especially as he is such an enchanting story teller. I've included some photos of the event



Around school, children have also been working very hard completing end of term assessments. As a treat for the last week of term, we have various fun Easter activities planned. Key Stage 2 children have to bring in a decorated egg in order to enter our decorative egg competition. School council will be judging, and picking a first, second and third from each class. For Key Stage 1, we have an Easter bonnet parade. Again, children have to decorate a hat/bonnet with a general Easter theme eg

chicks/eggs/ribbons. Year 4 have also made an Easter treasure hunt for other children to follow - this will take place on Thursday. We also have the Church service and the Easter disco on Thursday.

I am eagerly awaiting to see some highly decorative eggs and Easter bonnets being brought into school next week so I'm anticipating a busy weekend for parents! I will keep you updated with photos on twitter.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson
Head of School

Thought for the week



In Collective Worship this week we have continued to explore the core Christian value- Koinonia and our theme this week has been around 'Staying the Course' and having the strength to continue when the going gets tough.

If your child wants to write down any of their thoughts or ideas, we will display them in our reflection book.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

We have focused on Incy Wincy Spider. We have read a story about his adventures on a farm and retold the story using our new small world resources. In Maths we have been placing spiders onto numbered webs with tweezers. Using small pieces of guttering and Incy Wincy finger puppets we have sung the Incy Wincy nursery rhyme and had great fun 'washing poor Incy out'. In the creative area we have used candle wax to draw webs and then painted over the wax with watercolours. Our favourite activity was to create a spider with our hand print and black paint, it got very messy, but it was lots of fun.

What we are learning in Reception

We have been reading Chicken Licken during English. The children have been retelling the story, ordering pictures and writing simple sentences. In maths we have been learning about subtraction. The children have been working on 1 less and beginning to use the symbol of take away. This week our eggs arrived and have been in the incubator. The children have been excited watching them hatch out. So far we have 3 chicks and hope to get another one later today.

What we are learning in Year 1

Year 1 have produced some super hot writes this week. The children's stories, as well as handwriting and presentation, have impressed many people! We have also been making some models of polar bears for our topic.

What we are learning in Year 2

We are boxing up a recount and then drafting our own. In our grammar lessons we are looking at past and present tense, commas and apostrophes.

In Maths, we are looking at division using arrays and then completing some problems related to division.

In RE we will be designing our own Easter eggs based on the Easter story.

What we are learning in Year 3

In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about lengths. We have been measuring, ordering, comparing and adding lengths in mm, cm and m. In English, we have been doing our hot writes using all of the skills we learnt by studying the Iron Man book. We have started our cold writes to prepare us for our next non-fiction unit. In topic, we have been looking at using the 8 points of a compass. We have been moving The Iron Man around a grid by using directional language.

What we are learning in Year 4

In maths, we have been continuing to look at fractions; we have been looking at improper fractions and converting them to mixed fractions. We are continuing to test times tables and still need to get better at this.

In English, we have been writing our own versions of the cat mummy story. We are looking for expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, co-ordinating conjunctions and speech.

In science we have made our own models of teeth and compared the teeth of different animals. We have also discussed why it is important for animals to have different sets of teeth.

What we are learning in Year 5

In Maths, the children have learnt about how to order and compare decimal numbers. Knowing the value of each digit in a decimal number has helped the children how to round decimal numbers to the nearest whole number and tenth. Some of us even learnt to recognise percentages and know the fraction or decimal equivalent to a percentage.

In English, the children began the grammar phase. The aim of this unit is to write an adventure story using the Bear Grylls river challenge adventure book as a WAGOLL. The aim of this week has been to correctly punctuate dialogue and then use dialogue to move the story forward.

In topic, the children learnt about how to explain why water is such a valuable commodity.

What we are learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been working very hard with SATs revision. This week, the children have gone into new groupings, with Mrs Hegney, Mrs Elam and Miss Wilson teaching specific skills to groups of children. We have been very impressed with the children's commitment – please keep up the hard work year 6!

Eden Suite

In English we have started to write our own piece of text based on the story that we have read. We have used nouns, verbs and adverbs to build sentences about the characters ready to write our own story next week.

In maths we have built on our knowledge of numbers to 10 by adding two small numbers. We have added and subtracted numbers using practical materials to help, whilst our older children have worked on adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers with problems to solve.



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

NURSERY:

RECEPTION: Irsa Azhar – always working hard in class / Owais Khan (Oak)- For writing independently

YEAR 1:

YEAR 2: Amina Anjum (2 Redwood) for always showing the right attitude and exemplary behaviour. Samuel (2 Maple) for being keen to answer questions in whole class sessions.

YEAR 3: Hajara Nisar – consistent improvement in writing.

YEAR 4: Aryaan Ahmad (4 Olive) for his writing. Sofia Kostic (4 Poplar) for reading and understanding questions prior to answering them.

YEAR 5: Leticia Pacanova – for always helping others.

YEAR 6:

Eden: Martina Sarisska



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING DATE 19th March

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.
Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY	Pork Sausage (Gluten Free) Halal Chicken Kofta Veggie Soya Shepherd's Pie	Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit Cheese Cake
TUESDAY	Roast Beef Dinner Halal Pasta Bolognaise Vegetable Roll	Apple Crumble Oat Cookie
WEDNESDAY	Beef Lasagne Halal Chicken Tikka Masala Quorn Burger	Orange Drizzle Cake Fruit Jelly
THURSDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chocolate & Mandarin Sponge Fresh Fruit Salad
Friday	Gluten Free Fish Fillet Vegetable Soya Bolognaise	Jam Sponge Decorated Bun