

Friday 5th November 2021

NEWSLETTER

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Stars of the Week	
Nursery	Alexander
Reception	Daya
Year 1	Kiyah
Year 2	Rabia
Year 3	Isabella
Year 4	Zayaam
Year 5	Anayo
Year 6	Nadin

Attendance	
Nursery	94.8%
Reception	96.2%
Year 1	88.3%
Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	89.9%
Year 6	96.3%



Year 3 preparing for our COP26 walk

Photo of the week

Wow! So many birthdays next week. Happy birthday in



advance to Solomon and Alexander who will both be 4, Gabriel and Mariam who will be 5, Aiden who will be 6, Zayaam who will be 9 and Maiyah and Amelia who will both be 11.

To see more of what we are doing in school and lots more of our pictures please visit our [facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

In the classroom this week....

This week we have been learning about God's creation of the world and that we must look after His gift to us. We made some amazing 3d fireworks and talked about the noises that they make. We used the smartboard to create fireworks lighting up the night sky. The children enjoyed being fireworks with Coach Amy. We talked about our families and how they look after us as we decorated frames around our family photos. Thank you to everyone for sending in your photographs!

Welcome back to school, everyone! Reception class have been very busy this week. We are enjoying reading the Funnybones stories, whilst talking about our own bodies and skeletons. We are also celebrating Dia de los Muertos - the Day of the Dead - by praying for those in our families who have died. We are celebrating their lives by making brightly coloured decorative skulls and filling the altar with flowers and fruit. The children have also been preparing for bonfire night by fork painting a firework display. We are saying and writing the sounds we might hear i.e. whoosh, bang, pop, fizz and crackle. In our number lessons we are revising the Numicon shapes, learning which each shape represents and ordering them from 0-10.

Whoosh! and we were in the deep dark woods exploring 'The Gruffalo'! We started off the week by exploring the book and using story language to retell the key parts of the story. We then began to explore adjectives that are appropriate in describing the Gruffalo. The children have been building their communication and language skills in the Gruffalo Grove and acquiring new words. In Maths we have started to learn addition by representing numbers, calculating and using mathematical words to support reasoning. We have also generated number sentences and we are becoming more accurate in calculating them. In topic, we have carried out scientific experiments to explore our senses which caused lots of excitement and giggles as the children made some hysterical expressions when tasting lemons! To end the week, we made some decorative bonfire pieces to commemorate Bonfire night

Hope you have had a wonderful break, it has been great to be back together. This week in Year Two we enjoyed making our voices heard on our COP26 walk! We have started learning the songs for our Christmas play....am sure you have heard them at home...Hosanna Rock....Hosanna Roll.... In Maths we have been looking at Place Value and Shape. We have also started a new topic in Geography all about the United Kingdom.

In Year three this week we have been estimating the measurements of objects around the classroom then measuring them to check how accurate we were. In Religion we made posters ready to march around Whalley Range to show support for protection of our Common Home. In Science we have been looking at different types of animal skeletons and whether animals are vertebrates or invertebrates. We have started rehearsing for our Christmas play Babushka...watch this space!

Year 4 have been holding auditions for Babushka, our Christmas Play and learning the songs. We enjoyed making placards for our march for COP26. In English we have used our new thesaurus to write amazing descriptions and in Maths we are finding the right calculations to solve word problems. In our swimming lessons we went into the deep end of the big pool for the first time and everyone found they could swim a length with or without armbands! Well Done Year 4!

Year 5 have had a steady start to our second half term as we settle back into school after our week long break. We have started a new book 'The Lost Happy Endings' for our English focus of fiction story writing. The children produce excellent sentences incorporating expanded noun phrases and prepositional clauses based on an image from the text. In Maths, we have continued our addition and subtraction unit with a focus on word problems. Although this is tricky, the children showed great perseverance. We also studied All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in Religion The children reflected and prayed for those who have departed us and attained heaven. The children decorated a leaf and wrote the name of someone they wish to remember. We then hung these from bare branches which are placed on our altar as a point of remembrance. Children also finalised their plans for their Greek vase which we will be transferring onto clay next week. We can't wait to show you them! Thank you to all those who took part in the Ancient Greek project, I was so impressed with all the entries. Fantastic work!

Children in Year 6 have began to review their maths, arithmetic and reasoning SATS questions while reviewing angles on a straight line and within triangles. In English, children have been assessing, discussing and editing text with their talk partners, punctuating correctly and identifying grammar.

Some of our children were chosen to participate in 'Debate Mate' which kicked off this week at Manchester University. As we continue with our 'Day of The Dead' celebrations we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have passed in Religion, creating wonderful papel picado designs in Art for our altar in class.

Children thoroughly enjoyed preparing for and participating in their school march for Climate Change calling for positive action in light of COP 26! The research, discussions and debates, banners created continue to make us all so proud of the children's commitment and passion to protect our communal home.