

Friday 1st October 2021

NEWSLETTER

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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Azaala
Reception	Violet
Year 1	Soraya
Year 2	Ebenezer
Year 3	Leo
Year 4	Chloe
Year 5	Danielle and Elsie
Year 6	Astou

Attendance

Nursery	92.6%
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	92.1%



Happy Birthday this week to Nadin who will be 11. Have a great day when your special day comes!

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



Reminder to book your superhero meal for superhero day!

Donate £1 and come dressed as a Superhero this Thursday (7th October).

Remember to be creative — not all superheroes wear capes!

Photo of the week

In the classroom this week....

This week in Nursery we have been looking at signs of Autumn. We can see that some leaves have fallen but most of them are still on the trees and not changed colour yet. We talked about why the altar is now blue for the month of October. It is the month of Our Lady! In number, we are continuing with counting, colours and shape. We are enjoying nursery rhymes and number songs that help us learn the numbers. This week in Literacy, we have been looking at pencil control. We have enjoyed our library sessions with a variety of traditional stories and songs. With Coach Amy, we explored the theme of Dinosaurs. We carried the balls as though they were giant dinosaur eggs.

This week Reception class have been singing about our busy bodies and counting what we have on them. We have 2 hands to clap with, 10 fingers to help us to write, 2 knees to bend, 2 eyes to blink, 10 toes to wriggle. What else can you count on your body? We are making a display of our self-portraits using our watercolour paintings as a background. The children are very skilled at using the paints! In phonics we have been learning to read and write 't' words. When we add that sound to 's' and 'a' we can read and write 'sat'. We have also been focusing on our scissor skills this week. We are using scissors independently, making shape pictures and following dotted lines in patterns.

In Year 1 we had two cuddly visitors join us this week to kick start our literacy learning around the book "Peace at Last"! The children spent time retelling, sequencing, dramatising the story and walking down story lane to build their vocabulary. In Maths, we built upon our skills of counting forwards by counting backwards and counting one more from a number within 10. In topic, the children have spoken about how their homes are significant with modern features and are about to unlock a home in the Victorian era! Plus, we have spoken about a famous Mancunian- L S Lowry. We discussed the feelings, colours and moods presented in his paintings. I wonder what else we might unravel about the history of Manchester.

What a busy week in Year 2 we have been learning about place value and partitioning. We have been learning through lots of games, which the children really enjoy. We have had music lessons learning about beat and pitch. In Art we have been creating animals and looking at Autumn. We have also celebrated the start of the year Mass and we had some fabulous readers from Year 2, well done Angel, Rabia, Paula, Nathaneal, Ebenezer, Abigail, Sydney and David, you did us proud!



Year 3 have been using dictionaries to look up the meaning of words that they do not understand. A dictionary is a book that has list of words or phrases and their definitions



(meaning) arranged in alphabetical order. Using a dictionary is not easy, but Year 3 children have mastered this new skill in week 2 of their new class.

Year 4 have been learning about negative numbers in Maths and writing conversations in their English lessons. We are continuing learning about children's experiences of evacuation during the Second World War, using stories and first hand accounts. In Science we are beginning to look at how living things are classified into groups and in our Religion lessons we have been re-telling and illustrating the story of Joseph from the Hebrew bible. Watch out for news of an exciting science trip.....

Another week has flown by in Year 5. The children have been focussing on the use of paragraphs and subordinate clauses in their English work this week. We closed the week with some 'hotseating' to help them create an exciting, informative newspaper report. In Maths we have looked at Roman numerals. This is a tricky part of the curriculum and the children have worked so hard on this and should be proud of themselves. In Science, we investigated the best materials for insulation, we found the tin can was the best which matched many of their predictions. In Religion we looked at the story of creation. The children discussed ways in which we could act as God intended by looking after the world and everything on it. The children were extremely thoughtful in their ideas. Well done Year 5.

In Maths Year 6 have been reviewing methods for addition, subtraction and long multiplication. Delighted to see so many children feeling confident to share their knowledge and understanding using the interactive whiteboard and inspiring others. In English, our work on the Go Green campaign continues and we having been reviewing Year 4 and 5 spellings, building powerful extended sentences using them and incorporating our individual writing targets. As we enter Black History Month, we have enjoyed learning about Marcus Rashford this week, writing about his Inspiring work to combat child hunger. In Religion we have begun to explore the meaning of 'unconditional love' and using drama to re-enact how this is shown to us in our lives at home and at school. Bikeability have been with us this week and children are feeling more confident cycling safely. Thank you Vincent!