

Friday 17th September 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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**Photo of the Week**

## Attendance

Nursery	89%
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	99.3%

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed your Summer and managed to find some sunshine somewhere! We have welcomed our new staff members Miss Ali and Mr Moore and we also send a very warm welcome to the many new children across the school and their families. Everyone is very busy getting to know each other! A special thank you to you all for quickly adjusting to and following the new arrangements and routines at drop off and pick up times. This has enabled all of the children to have a calm, smooth start and finish at the beginning and end of each school day. A reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Enjoy a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.



Happy Birthday this week to Lia and Kanema who will both be 9, Ignacio who will be 10, Elijah who will be 8 and Abigail who will be 7. Have a fantastic day when it comes!

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

# In the classroom this week...

This week we have been settling in to the Nursery. The children are getting used to saying goodbye to their parents and getting on with activities. We have been doing different activities both inside and outside. The children have enjoyed exploring the grounds and outdoor equipment. We have been painting our portraits as well as learning letter sounds (using the Jolly Phonics scheme) and numbers 0-10.

Reception class children have settled into school life very well. They are working well together, and learning the routines of our fun and friendly class. We have been reading Elmer stories and talking about what makes Elmer unique. We are learning about each other, finding out all the ways that we are all unique. In RE we are mirroring this theme by thanking God for making us who we are, thanking God for our families and our new friends who look after us. In Number activities we are exploring Numicon with playdough and ordering objects to count. We have started our Phonics lessons with the sound 's' – writing and reading activities around this sound. We have drawn our self portraits for a classroom display, discussing our features and body parts that we need to draw.

Hip Hip Hooray! Miss Ali and Mrs Thomas are proud of how well Year 1 have settled in! The children started the week by exploring the classroom further and building friendships. In Maths, we learnt how to count numbers, objects and write the amount. We also did lots of writing about our Summer holidays and wrote our favourite part from the story 'Room on the Broom' - they loved it so much that they even remembered some of the words! Plus, we enjoyed going to the library and selecting a book to take home. We ended our week with Bikeability which taught some of our children how to ride a bike and feel confident doing so. Moreover, we commemorated our school project for CAFOD which had a focus around climate change. The children became Eco Warriors and thought about ways we could make our common home a better place! They produced creative pieces which represent their pledge to save the planet!

We have had a wonderful start to Year 2 and the children have settled really well. These are some of the things we have been learning this week.

We read using the bug club and everyone had a turn using our shared read —  
Angel Monae

We have been learning about how to stay safe in Computing—David and Abigail

Computing was very fun, we made posters about how to stay safe online—Sydney

In Maths we made our own clocks so we can learn all about time—Cheah

Through the clouds a beautiful whale was flying...In Year 3 we have been writing fantasy stories. The children wowed me and Miss McGlinchey with their magical and mysterious ideas. In Maths we have been learning about place value and using greater than and less than signs in number sentences. In Dance we worked in groups to create our own rainforest dances. The children showed wonderful cooperative skills as they worked collaboratively. In R.E. we watched the CAFOD assembly about climate change and we created posters. We have been discussing how to raise awareness and money to combat this global problem. We have also written prayers to pray for Pope Francis' message Laudate Si to everyone. In Geography the children have been working hard to research the many animals that live in the rainforest. Throughout the week the children have worked extremely hard and Miss McGlinchey and I are very proud of their efforts.

Year 4 have welcomed two new children Aaryan and Reece who are enjoying getting to know the rest of the class and making lots of friends! Reece along with some of the other children in the class represented our school at Cross Country earlier this week. We have been writing a story based on a picture from one of our new books. The picture is of a little girl who is sitting in a corner looking very sad. The children have had some fantastic ideas so watch out for the finished products on social media. We have just started our new topic on World War 2. The class have also enjoyed their first swimming lesson which went really well. We can't wait for next week. A fantastic first week Year 4!

Year 5 have had a great start to the year. With a new teacher and lots of new children, we started the year with plenty of games and activities to get to know each other. The children created beautiful 'all about me' booklets which are now proudly on display in our classroom. In Maths, we have been focusing on our times tables and place value knowledge. We have been looking at 5 digit numbers and how we read, write and say them accurately. We have started to practice our rounding skills to the nearest thousand and ten-thousand. In English, we have been concentrating on proper nouns and have started to look at our book 'Queen of the Falls' which will form the basis of our learning this half-term. The children have created detailed and exciting descriptions of the Niagara Falls using exciting adjectives and verbs. Following on from our CAFOD assembly based on preventing climate change, the children created engaging, informative posters on how we can make a difference within school. These are proudly on display in our classroom window and elsewhere around school. The children enjoyed a science investigation by exploring the properties of a range of different materials. We also explored the country of Greece to begin our 'Ancient Greeks' topic. Year 5 have also had an active week, we enjoyed a sports session with Coach Dan and had a dance lesson practicing our breakdancing skills!

Year 6 have had a hugely positive start to their year, reminding themselves and others of their personal RIGHTS while discussing the teamwork they endeavor to work towards for this exciting new academic year. Their expectations of themselves and one another is very high and as the theme of the year is 'GROWTH' with encouragement children spoke openly and honestly about their feelings and the impact other children's behaviour can have on them. Acknowledging how we ALL want to grow this year and make progress, children listened with great maturity respecting others right to express themselves and be heard. Through our many discussions, we all agreed as a team the importance of taking responsibility for our actions in order to learn and grow. We established our collective values and how we can all learn from one another, fostering positive relationships and working together to find solutions. Children wrote their first independent piece of writing on this and were able to assess their work and starting point beginning Year 6. Children have begun work on contributing to and creating a welcoming and inspiring learning environment that they can be proud of and one which echoes our passion for protecting our communal home, Earth, and the many species we share this incredible planet with ..... WATCH THIS SPACE .....