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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

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This week is National Science week and the children have enjoyed spending time learning scientifically as well as finding out about well-known scientists and how their work has transformed our lives. Being a scientist is all about being inquisitive and my hope is that our children continue to stretch their minds and never stop asking questions!

Spring Term Writing Challenge – The Castle in the Sky

A huge well done to all the children who entered this term's writing competition. It was a tough decision but congratulations to Oliver D and Georgia G, this term's winners! I am already looking forward to next term's challenge and reading all the creative entries.

Lion Learners

Earlier this week, 'Lion Learners' brought a range of animals and creepy crawlies such as centipedes, snakes and lizards to meet our Early Years children. They found this experience fascinating, particularly when they were able to touch and hold the exotic creatures – very brave children!

Car Safety Talk

On Tuesday, the Wakefield Road Safety Team joined Year 4 to talk about staying safe in the car. The children learnt about road safety and the importance of wearing a seatbelt! The Wakefield Road Safety team have provided a lot of support throughout the year to help us keep our children safe.

KS1 Sports Tournament

On Wednesday, a group of KS1 children took part in a town wide Multi-sports tournament at New College. Though we were not the winners, the children had a brilliant time and enjoyed working together as a team. Well done to those who took part!

Red Nose Day 2019

Thanks to all the staff and children who have come to school today dressed in red in exchange for a cash donation. Between us, we have raised £349.55 for Comic Relief.

Red Flag Days

We have had some enquiries about the lack of Red Flag Days this week. I would like to reassure you that Mr Kirkland, Premises Manager, and I have checked the situation daily as the safety of our children is paramount. We are looking at how best to deal with these situations; once a decision is made, we will inform you of the new procedure.

Mad Science Evening

As mentioned, we have been celebrating Science all week and on Monday evening, 5:00pm – 6:00pm we invite you to our Mad Science event where children will be carrying out exciting experiments. We hope you can join us!

Parent Consultations

Thanks to those who have returned your letter to your child's class teacher confirming your attendance for our upcoming parent consultations on the 26th and 27th March. If you have not, I strongly recommend you make an appointment to find out about your child's performance in school.

Key Dates

w/c 18th Mar & 25th Mar – Yr5 Bikeability
Mon 18th Mar – Mad Science evening
Wed 20th Mar – 5H Class Assembly
Fri 22nd Mar – Nursery Closed
Tue 26th Mar – Parents Evening
Wed 27th Mar – 5W Class Assembly
Wed 27th Mar – Parents Evening
Fri 5th April - Last day at school
Tue 23rd April – Return to school

Attendance

Attendance really matters! If a child is not in school then they are missing out on important learning opportunities. **Our aim is to have a whole class attendance of above 96%.** If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please ensure you inform the office. Minor ailments can be managed in school with the support of the school nurse.

Please remember that children should be at their class doors by 8:50am. If you arrive later, the gates are locked at 9:00am so you will need to sign your child in at the School Office.

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	93.00	4A	98.62
RBM	88.00	4B	97.86
1S	97.87	5H	95.17
1W	96.55	5W	93.00
2M	94.67	6D	100.00
2T	97.00	6OT	94.48
3G	98.00	Whole School total	95.58
3W	94.67	Cumulative total	95.87

Well done to all of those children who were here every day!



Celebration



In every single lesson, our children wow us! They work so hard and demonstrate the best attitude to their learning. However, some catch the eye of their teachers and have been chosen for the pupil of the week award! Well done to the children chosen this week!

Class	Child of the week!	Class	Child of the week!
RB	Senara F	3W	Nika I
RBM	Olivia B	4A	Summer W
1S	Lacy F	4B	George R
1W	Mia B	5H	Bradley M
2M	Lincoln C	5W	Oliver H
2T	Bodhi M	6D	Lawson C
3G	Lennon C	6OT	Mikey A

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School