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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

Red nose day is one of my favourite days of the year, and the children have not disappointed in their efforts!!! They have been fantastic all day in their 'red clothing'. I was especially pleased to see lots of pupils wearing Liverpool football jerseys. As a reds fan I am obviously biased, but that made my day in a school full of Leeds fans!

As well as promoting red nose day our celebration assembly this morning highlighted children's kindness to each other this week. I have seen exceptional acts of kindness both in and out of the classroom that supports our collaborative and collective responsibility to each other. The children here are an absolute credit to you all.

Year 6 girls' football

Pontefract Collieries FC are hoping to recruit some year 6 girls to join their new football team. They are hoping to commence training on Wednesday 31 March if nothing changes regarding government guidance. After seeing some of our year 6 girls play football at lunchtime in the yard I think we have a few contenders from our school for this. Please use the contact details provided in the advertisement if you are interested.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

PONTEFRACCT COLLS ARE RECRUITING YEAR 6 GIRLS FOR A BRAND NEW GIRLS ONLY TEAM

Come and join us for 2 free training sessions

- Qualified FA coaches
- Be part of a team
- Make new friends
- Play competitive football

Contact Girls Head Coach Dave Hotchkiss
M: 07872 808206
E: pontegirls@gmail.com

THIS GIRL CAN

Red Nose Day – Wear Red Non-uniform Day: Friday 19th March 2021

We have had a fantastic day celebrating and raising money and awareness for Red Nose Day. Throughout the day the children have explored a range of fun activities linked to Red Nose Day and have explored the reasons behind why this day is significant in our calendar. We will inform you of the total amount raised as soon as it is finalised, however we have raised £213.80 so far.

Through the week, children have been participating in a TT Rockstars 'Rock Down Relief' competition, battling against each other to answer the most correct answers throughout the week. The battle finishes today so we will be announcing the results to the children in the coming week. It has been brilliant to see so many children engaged and enthusiastic about these battles, whilst learning their timetables.



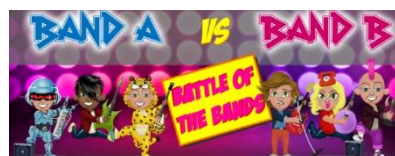
Weekly Challenges

Well done to all of our amazing children this week on continuing to work hard and participate in our weekly challenges / battles. Please see the results below:



Children with the most correct answers over the past 7 days:

1st	Laya T – 2W	4, 403
2nd	Luke B – 6W	2, 577
3rd	Lucas E – 5H	2 217



Battle	Winning Class
2S V 2W	2W
3P V 3G	3P
4A V 4W	4W
5H V 5W	5H
6D V 6W	6W

We are incredibly impressed with the scores this week on TT Rockstars. Keep working hard everyone, as I know you all love Times Table Rockstars, but I wonder who is going to be the biggest Rockstar of them all? Battles on Times Table Rockstars have begun! The battle will run from Friday evening until Thursday evening.

Reading challenge:

Well done to all of our children for working incredibly hard on their reading this week. Our reading challenge has been extremely close between the classes this week so continue to try your best and read at least 4 times each week to help your class win. The winning classes this week are 1T, 2S, 3P, 4A, 5H, 6W



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	Isla H	3P	Lily K
RBM	Esme F	4A	Aria P
1t	Matthew M	4W	Maiya V
1W	Blake B	5H	Tai B
2S	Elissa A	5W	Elliott J
2W	Henry E	6D	Jay-Leigh S
3G	Tevan SB	6W	Robert T

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, please telephone school and leave a message on the absence line (option 1).

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	98.46	4A	98.80
RBM	92.86	4W	97.16
1T	93.73	5H	96.00
1W	96.00	5W	98.67
2S	93.38	6D	93.58
2W	95.67	6W	96.98
3G	95.89	Whole School total	96.29
3P	100.00	Cumulative total	97.10



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The Halfpenny Lane Twitter feed is: **@halfpennylane**

The Trust Twitter feed is: **@PontefractAT**

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