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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 16th April 2021

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school this week revitalised and so eager to return. Everyone has been keen to get straight down to work and have all been enthusiastic about their learning.

I thoroughly enjoyed the brief time I spent in each class this week by way of an introduction to the pupils and look forward to spending more time getting to know them over the coming weeks.

As I reach the end of my first week as Headteacher of Halfpenny Lane, I would like to once again, say a huge 'thank you' to the whole school community for the amazing welcome I have received.

'Design your own Easter Egg' Competition

Our 'Design your own Easter Egg' competition was very well received and we had some incredible entries! Well done to all of the children who took part and congratulations to our winning entries:

Nursery – Luna C (NAM)

EYFS - Elinor B

We were really impressed with the detail she had put into the eggs to make them resemble different minibeasts. We could tell what each minibeast was.

Year 1 – Noah W (1W)



Year 2 – Henry E (2W)

And the reason why, we can see he has put a lot of effort in his easter eggs and that he has done them all by himself. His theme links really nicely to what is currently going on in our world and it pays a lovely tribute to the NHS who are working really hard at the moment

Year 3 – Fleur W (3P)

We love how Fleur has used a range of materials to create texture in her design.

Year 4 – Tommy G (4A)

We can clearly see how much time and effort has gone into producing it.

Year 5 – Daisy E (5H)

Her idea was innovative and original. She chose to decorate each egg as a different fruit (though she created her own banana for the fruit bowl!), which included a pair of googly eyes. I enjoyed this concept and I would never have thought of it myself!



Year 6 – Hiruni D (6W)

She has put thought into her design, taking time to create many different creatures and presenting them in a lovely way. We can see she has enjoyed creating this over the school holidays.

Safety on the playground

A reminder that, in order to keep everyone safe, pupils should not be riding bikes or scooters on the playground before and after school. Also, we ask that they do not use the Trim Trail at these times either, due to our COVID safety measures. Thank you.

Children's Achievements

We are aware that a number of our pupils participate in events and activities outside of school, such as gymnastics, martial arts, etc. and a number of successes are achieved through these activities. With the world opening up again, undoubtedly these will be resumed and we would love you to share these achievements with us, no matter how small.

It may also be that your child has a particular interest at home and produces or achieves something in this area – please share that with us as well! We would enjoy nothing better than to celebrate these achievements, not only within school but also across the Trust – your child may even get to feature in the Trust magazine!

We look forward to celebrating these soon!

Food Bank

The 8 schools within Pontefract Academies Trust are looking to support Pontefract Food Bank.

We would be so appreciative if you can donate anything that might help those who need it. Items such as nappies, tinned fruit and veg, rice pudding and canned meats are always items that are needed by the Food Bank. Multi pack cereals are also an item the food bank are short off, but if there's anything extra you can add to your shopping it will definitely be gratefully received.

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why our local food bank provide three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in a crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

The donated items will be collected on Thursday 29th April, so please drop anything off in plastic bags or cardboard boxes, at our school reception before this date.

Thank you for your support.

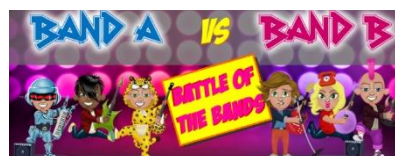
Weekly Challenges

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:

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|-----------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1st | Sophie O – 4W | 5,118 |
| 2nd | Erin H – 5H | 2,851 |
| 3rd | Ella S – 5H | 2,238 |



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

As always we are really impressed with all children's attitude towards learning their timetables, however 5H have yet again, been incredible with our top 3 children across the whole school being from that one class. Well done 5H! Keep working hard everyone and going on to TT Rockstars to practise your timetables as this is an incredibly important skill for all aspects of life.

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 IT, 2S, 3P, 4A, 5H, 6D.



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 | Noah K | 3P | Abigail WD |
| RBM | Chloe G | 4A | Joan H |
| 1T | Molly HJ | 4W | James B |
| 1W | Willow G | 5H | Joe B |
| 2S | Phoebe A | 5W | George M |
| 2W | Laya T | 6D | Jayden M |
| 3G | Rosie C | 6W | Lucy 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 | 95.89 | 4A | 95.86 |
| RBM | 94.29 | 4W | 98.62 |
| 1T | 99.31 | 5H | 99.00 |
| 1W | 97.32 | 5W | 98.66 |
| 2S | 95.83 | 6D | 98.00 |
| 2W | 94.67 | 6W | 96.00 |
| 3G | 95.00 | Whole School total | 96.10 |
| 3P | 100.00 | Cumulative total | 97.23 |



Come and follow Halfpenny Lane on Twitter!



For those parents/carers who are not yet aware, you can now follow our school and the Trust on Twitter. Please take a look and see all of the fantastic things that we are doing in school, as well as our other schools across the Trust!

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

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

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