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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

It has been a busy and short week this week! Well done to all our pupils and staff for moving seamlessly into remote learning for the day yesterday! We are looking forward to collecting all the wonderful work that was produced!

Parents' Evening – School Cloud

Our parents' evenings are just around the corner - 26th and 27th May, 3:30-7:00pm. These will be 'virtual' appointments, meaning you will join the meeting via video link rather than coming into school. From Monday 10th May you will be able to book your parents' evening slot – please watch out for the booking link coming out in a separate email. You only need to attend one appointment on whichever day / time suits you best, and each appointment lasts for 10 minutes. We are hoping this will make our parents' evening a convenient and easy way of finding out how your child has been progressing and getting on at school!

Pontefract Collieries Training Camp

Please see the attached regarding a fantastic half-term opportunity to get the children outdoors and active as well as free girls' football sessions!



Mental Health Awareness Week 10th-16th May

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme this year is Nature. In School, we will be connecting with nature and discussing how this benefits our mental health. If you would like to have a go at some of the activities with your children at home, please follow this [link](#) for some top tips or download the 'Thriving with Nature' guide [here](#). During this pandemic, millions of us have experienced a mental health problem, or seen a loved one struggle. We are very proud that our staff go the extra mile to ensure that our pupils are 'mentally well' and we have excellent provision in school for those pupils who require additional support.



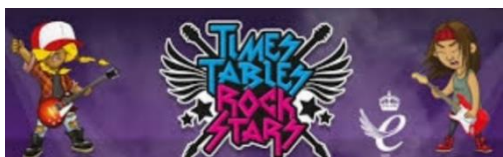
Year 6 PCSO Visit

As part of our work on safety and relationships, Y6 were fortunate to have been visited by two of our local PCSO's this week. They were fully engaged in their learning and are looking forward to a return visit later in the term!



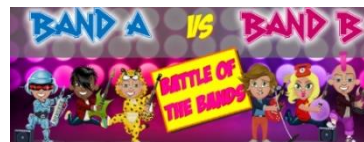
Weekly Challenges

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	Erin H – 5H	35,316
2nd	Sophie O – 4W	26, 649
3rd	Lucas E- 5H	10, 574



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

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 1W, 2S, 3P, 4A, 5W, 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	Paityn R	3P	Blake F
RBM	Daisy D	4A	Logan E
1T	Olivia N	4W	Riley S
1W	Jesse W	5H	Branden K
2S	Ellie-Rae S	5W	Sophie H
2W	Jack D	6D	Alicja M
3G	Ava WP	6W	Libby D

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	94.38	4A	96.55
RBM	95.40	4W	97.62
1T	91.11	5H	95.51
1W	95.58	5W	97.78
2S	100.00	6D	94.44
2W	93.10	6W	93.89
3G	90.00	Whole School total	95.13
3P	96.47	Cumulative total	96.36

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**