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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 30th April 2021

It has been a great week with lots of learning activities taking place. I hope you are all looking forward to another long bank holiday weekend and we shall see you when we return to school on Tuesday 4th May.

Polling Day Thursday 6th May

School is closed to children and staff on Thursday 6th May due to polling taking place in school. Learning will take place remotely and a letter will be sent out early next week outlining the details.

England Does the Daily Mile

To celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health and wellbeing our children took part in the 'Daily Mile' today. As well as being active for a minimum of 30 minutes we had lots of fun! Each of our classes took it in turns to complete 2000 steps, which equates to approximately 1 mile. Mr Wilbor was very impressed with all of our children's effort and enthusiasm. Well done!



Prince of Wales Hospice – Hospice Hero Challenge

We sent a letter earlier in the week about The Prince of Wales Hospice – Hero Challenge. The Hospice needs your child's help to celebrate the real Superheroes of our community and have set up the Hero Challenge where your child will have the opportunity to take part in several creative and motivating challenges so they can become a Hospice Hero. The pack has been handed to children today to bring home.

As well as the Hospice Hero pack, every primary school within our Trust will be taking part in a thrill-seeking Superhero Sprint. This will take place at Halfpenny Lane on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th May.



Key Dates

Mon 3rd May – School closed – Bank Holiday
Wed 26th May – Parents Evening
Thurs 27th May – Parents evening
Fri 28th May – Last day at school
Mon 7th June – Return to school

Foodbank Donations

Thank you to all of our families for donating food items to the food bank. They are overwhelmed by our kind donations and have thanked us for the help we provide. There are more and more people in our community who need to access this resource to help feed their families. We are still accepting food items if you wish to contribute and these can be sent to the school office.

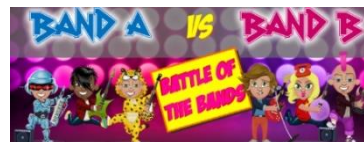
Weekly Challenges

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:

1 st	Erin H – 5H	35,988
2 nd	Sophie O – 4W	32,945
3 rd	Ella S – 5H	6,027



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

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, 3P. Year's 2, 4, 5 and 6 were tied.



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	Jack C	3P	Mia W
RBM	Oliver R	4A	Freya N
1T	Ruben M	4W	Lily T
1W	Blake M	5H	Erin H
2S	Lennon D	5W	Ruby S
2W	Charlie H	6D	Ethan M
3G	Jesse M	6W	Charlie G

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	96.84	4A	99.30
RBM	98.62	4W	97.48
1T	91.98	5H	98.87
1W	97.97	5W	97.33
2S	97.90	6D	88.59
2W	94.98	6W	92.95
3G	91.00	Whole School total	95.44
3P	97.59	Cumulative total	96.39

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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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