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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 18th June 2021

It's been another busy but incredibly productive week at Halfpenny with the pupils being involved in all sorts of learning, even though we felt like we were melting at times! Our pupils have been immersed in 'Refugee Week', David Hockney art work and yoga, to mention but a few elements of the wonderful learning that has taken place.

Safety First

You may have noticed that we now close all the school gates once all the pupils are in school in the morning. We would like you to help us keep the pupils safe by please making sure the gates are kept closed once you have entered and left the school premises, thank you.

I would also like to appeal for help in reducing and minimising the danger around 'drop off' and 'pick up' at the beginning and end of school please. There is an extremely high volume of traffic around school with a number of cars even mounting the curb at points, which is extremely unsafe for pedestrians – our pupils and their families. HPL has a wonderful community of parents and carers and I am sure this could easily be extended to showing care, patience and consideration whilst out on the road at these extremely busy times. Thank you for your support with this.

Gardening Volunteers

We were hoping that we could begin inviting our parents/carers back into school from next week, had lockdown been relaxed. As disappointed as we are that things will have to remain unchanged for the remainder of term, we see no reason why we can't begin to sort out our school garden and allotment, as well as our wildlife area. We are therefore appealing for parent volunteers who would like to help with this in whatever way you can. If this is something you are interested in and you think you could help with, please let the office staff know next week.

Music Competition

Huge congratulations to the winners of our recent music competition:

Amelia H - Did a beautiful poster of 'Flashlight' by Jessie J

Alex T - Performed a rendition of 'Seven Nation Army' on his guitar

Jacob S - Produced a mood board of Bob Marley

Elinor B - Wrote her own music

Denny EH - Performed the song – 'The Night Begins to Shine' by B.E.R. Please see the following link - <https://youtu.be/iwqtKlwJjgc>

Well done to you all, we're all very proud of you!

COVID safety

Please can I remind parents that pupils should not be bringing in any toys, fidget spinners, pencil cases, etc from home due to our COVID risk assessment. Thank you.

Friday 25th June 2021

Please can I remind parents that next Friday is a school inset day and will therefore be closed for pupils.

Weekly Challenges

Well done to all of our amazing children this week on continuing to work hard on their timestable knowledge and improving their scores. Please see the results below:



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

1st	Erin H – 5H	9,583
2nd	Olly S – 5W	9,194
3rd	Sophie O – 4W	8,515



Battle	Winning Class
1T V 1W	1W
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, 6W. Year 5 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	George C	3P	Harry M
RBM	Corey J	4A	Tyler OB
1T	Ruby H	4W	Kaydee D
1W	Alfie CH	5H	Lucas E
2S	Riley D	5W	Ellie-Grace G
2W	Cory C	6D	Jayden B
3G	Reuben H	6W	Noah C

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	99.00	4A	95.77
RBM	96.21	4W	93.10
1T	96.50	5H	99.33
1W	96.00	5W	97.94
2S	94.20	6D	96.04
2W	93.10	6W	94.44
3G	86.91	Whole School total	95.25
3P	99.67	Cumulative total	96.25

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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