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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd July 2021

I'd like to say a huge 'well done' to our Y1,3,4, and 5 pupils who have worked so hard when completing their assessments this week. We are delighted with their excellent attitudes to their tests and with all the pupils for their learning in general! As we approach the end of a busy term, we appreciate how tired everyone is, but are proud of how hard everyone is working.

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 support with this.

Farewell Mrs Blenkarn

We were very sad to bid 'farewell' to Mrs Blenkarn last week. Mrs Blenkarn has been part of the Halfpenny family for a number of years and I know she will be missed by parents, staff and pupils alike. However, having moved to another school in the PAT, we know that she will visit us as often as she can. We wish Mrs Blenkarn all the very best in her new role.

Y6 Transition

Y6 had a fantastic couple of days working on science transition activities with staff from our secondary schools. They particularly enjoyed dissecting hearts and I'm sure this will be learning they will remember for a very long time!

Amazing Artwork

All our pupils have been enjoying a 'still life' drawing activity that they have been involved in over the past few weeks and it's wonderful to see how each individual pupil's skills have developed over the year, as well as the progression of learning across the school. We look forward to the time when we can invite you all back into school to see some of this type of work first-hand – in the meantime, we will share as much as we can on Twitter: @halfpennylane.

Reports to Parents

Staff are putting the final touches to pupils' reports and once we have proof-read them and added attendance, we look forward to sharing these with you on Wednesday 21st July.

Transition Day

Our transition day for all pupils, when they will spend the day with their new teacher, is Monday 19th July. The children will find out their new teacher on Friday 16th July. We know they will make the most of the opportunity to make a good first impression and start to familiarise themselves with their new teacher and classroom routines.

Weekly Challenges

We'd like to encourage our pupils to give their challenges all they've got over the next few weeks – let's see how much we can increase our reading and rockstars scores!

Please see this week's results below:



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

1 st	Sophie O – 4W	13, 628
2 nd	Chloe M – 4W	8, 884
3 rd	Erin H – 5H	5, 608



Battle	Winning Class
IT V 1W	1T
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, 2S, 3P, 4W, 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-Jack T	3P	Skarlett C
RBM	Ava W	4A	Tommy G
1T	Dylan S	4W	Eli S
1W	Amelia W	5H	Kain T
2S	Corby AD	5W	Anina B
2W	Frankie-Lou B	6D	Tyler J
3G	Jayce M	6W	Junaid H

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	97.26	4A	N/A
RBM	92.15	4W	94.31
1T	95.64	5H	97.22
1W	96.14	5W	95.55
2S	95.90	6D	98.18
2W	84.38	6W	100.00
3G	92.61	Whole School total	94.99
3P	93.47	Cumulative total	96.17

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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