HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 19th January 2024

This Half-Term's Value: Aspiration

DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd January Year 5 Parent information meeting for the Residential trip in Year 6 3:30 -4pm Monday 5th February Year 6 Parent's SATs meeting 3:30 -4pm Monday 12th – Friday 16th February Half term Thursday 29th February Year 4 Showcase Assembly 9:30am (Families invited to watch) Thursday 29th February Parents Evening Tuesday 5th March Parents Evening Thursday 7th March World Book Day **Preschool: Jax** Friday 15th March Red Nose Day Thursday 21st March Year 6 Showcase Assembly 9:30am (Families invited to watch) Thursday 28th March End of Term – Easter Holidays – 1:30pm finish

Well done to the team of Year 5 boys, who took part in the New

Sporting Achievments

Age Kurling event this week. As a team they showed excellent manners and a brilliant sporting attitude. The boys competed against a range of other Preston schoosl and finished in first place!



\star Stars of the Week! \star

Huge congratulations to...

Reception: Marshall and Toby Year 1: Amelia and Rory Year 2: Lucas and Andrew Year 3: Hollie and Joshua Year 4: Eliza and Isla Year 5: Louis and Aroush Year 6: Lydia and Lucy S

Writers of the Week! 🗡 Each week the teachers choose an impressive piece of writing, from a child in their class, to go on display in the school entrance and receive the Star Writer award.

This week our Star Writers are: Orren (Rec), Eden (Y1), Bobby (Y2), Noah(Y3), Toby (Y4), Jacob (Y5) and Alissia (Y6)

Aspirations Week 29th January – 2nd February 2024

As part of this terms value of aspiration, we will be hosting an Aspriration week in school from the 29th January. We are excited to invitation you or another family member to participate and share your valuable insights and experiences with the children.

Aspirations Week aims to inspire and enlighten our children about the myriad of careers and jobs available. Your expertise and accomplishments can offer invaluable perspectives that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the aspirations of our children.

If you are interested in being a guest speaker or simply sharing your story during Aspirations Week, please email head@harris.lancs.sch.uk Your involvement is an opportunity the children to learn from real-world experiences and gain a deeper understanding of the diverse paths that lead to success.

Your contribution is highly valued, and your presence will contribute significantly to the success of Aspirations Week. Thank you for considering this invitation, and we look forward to collaborating with you to inspire and guide the next generation.



This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1



This week in Preschool, along with the rest of the school, we made the most of the snow and frosty conditions. The children enjoyed what was for most, their first memorable experience of snow. Building snowmen, throwing snowballs, and pulling each other around on our makeshift sledges. The children have had a go at ordering numbers 1-5 and beyond and matching the correct number of objects to each numeral. In the mark making are, some children have been interested in their own name, recognising, and even writing or representing their names with mark making resources. Wow!



It has certainly been an exciting week in class, especially with the arrival of the snow on Tuesday! The children loved exploring the snow, building snowmen and sliding on the snow on our home-made sledges! In Literacy, we have begun looking at Dinosaur Encyclopaedias and finding out facts about our favourite dinosaurs. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers to find out how many parts make a whole. We have even written some calculations. In Art, we have explored sculpting mud into various shapes and discussed what makes a good sculpting material - we will be creating our own dinosaur sculpture by the end of half term. Please ensure your child brings a hat, scarf and gloves to school each day. Even in this cold weather, we like to go outside as much as possible.



What a wintry week we've had this week and we made lots of links to our Science seasons unit. In English, we have been retelling the traditional tale Diamonds and Pearls using our class story map. In Maths, we have been counting to 100, making 2 digit numbers and comparing them using more than and fewer than. In Science, we sang a new version of head, shoulders, knees and toes to learn the names of more parts of the body. In Art, we started to learn about Pablo Picasso and the abstract artwork he invented. In Geography, we explored Scotland, Edinburgh and the children loved learning about Nessie the Loch Ness monster.



In English, we planned our own space explorer stories with characters out of this world, inspired by The Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram. We also practised using apostrophes for contractions. In maths, we selected and used appropriate equipment to measure mass and volume. Year 2 also tried solving some challenging word problems this week involving height, mass and volume. In PSHE, we discussed when we feel safe and who are the people that make us feel safe. In science, we explored Harris by going on a material hunt. Year 2 also tested the properties of different materials, recording and presenting their information using tables. Finally, Year 2 practised using different construction techniques that they would like to use next week when creating their exciting Mars Rovers in DT.

This week in Key Stage 2



This week has been another busy week for Year 3. We have been learning about Stone Age in History and Rocks & Soils in Science. The children have really enjoyed finding out about the different rocks out there. In Maths, we've been busy rounding numbers to the nearest 100. In Computing, we have been exploring 360 images. Lastly, weren't they amazing singers and actors in our class assembly? What a fabulous performance! Thank you to all the families that call to watch the performance on Thursday.



What fun we had in the snow this week! It was great to see the children and staff out enjoying themselves on Monday morning. In Maths we have been continuing with place value focusing on tenths and hundredths. In English we have planned and started writing our own version of The Balaclava Boys with a focus of Standard V Non Standard English in speech and more complex fronted adverbials. In the afternoon we have started sewing our bags and learning about who the Anglo-Saxon were and where they came from. Our pots from last term are ready to be displayed or go home this week.



This has been an exciting week! The children have been further exploring their text, Oliver Twist, by getting into character and acting out opening scenes from the book. We had a fabulous morning when in snowed, playing out, having snowball fights and building snowmen. In science, we looked at reversible changes. We investigated how water can change state and made Rice Crispie cakes to investigate chocolate! Remember: Outward Bound meeting in Year 6 with Mr Price, Monday 22nd January at 3:30pm



In English this week, Y6 used their senses to vividly describe a cave setting for their own survival short stories. Very dramatic! In Maths, we plotted co-ordinates in all four quadrants and also translated shapes on the coordinate plane. In Science, we looked at characteristics that are passed from parents to their offspring by looking at different breeds of dogs. In PE, we began piecing together our WW2 themed dance routine and also practised our netball skills. We were also visited by some pupils from Fulwood Academy who kindly shared their knowledge of how to stay safe online.

Winter Illness Government advice

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are reminding parents of back to school advice amid rising levels of winter illness. Schools have been advised to forward the following link to parents:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-schooladvice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily

