

Friday 26th January 2024

This Half-Term's Value: Aspiration

DIARY DATES

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

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

Sporting Achievements

Well done to year 5/6 Tag Rugby and Football teams. Both teams showed excellent ambition and brilliant sporting attitudes in their matches this week. The football team competed well against a strong Sherwood team and the rugby team narrowly missed out on winning by 1 point.



★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Gracie**

Reception: **Isaac and Mollie**

Year 1: **Isobel and Laiba**

Year 2: **Matilda and Ben**

Year 3: **Zayd and Olivia**

Year 4: **Christian and Phoebe**

Year 5: **Cai and Rayan**

Year 6: **Charlotte and Michael**

★ **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: **Finlay (Rec), Kordian (Y1), Zac (Y2), Zayd (Y3), Savannah (Y4), Aroush (Y5) and Huey (Y6)**

Aspirations Week 29th January – 2nd February 2024

As part of this terms value of aspiration, we will be hosting an Aspiration week in school next week.

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

PRESCHOOL



We have been reading 'Hedgehog's Home for Winter'. This introduced the children to the word 'hibernation' and how certain animals adapt to the colder weather. We created our own cave for 1 bear to hibernate in, with a hot water bottle and covered it over with a warm 'blanket of leaves'. Whilst another bear had only a hot water bottle to lie down on, no warm cave or blanket of leaves. This enabled the children to see and feel the temperature difference between the bears as we went through our day. Inquisitive questions were asked during our experiment such as "Will the water be hot in both bottles?"

Reception



In Literacy, we have been writing Dinosaur facts and preparing to make our own encyclopaedia. In Maths, we have been measuring! We have used cubes and bricks to measure items around the classroom and have used mathematical vocabulary to compare the objects. In Understanding the World, we have been thinking about the past by exploring the job of a palaeontologist! Some of us were blown away when we realised Dinosaurs really once existed! The children have worked hard at Phonics this week, it's all about the digraphs now! Our new sounds: *qu ch sh*
Tricky Words: *was my* Our new Phonics sounds for this week: *x y z zz* Our new tricky words: *we be me*

Reminder: Reading packs must come into school every day.

Year 1



In English, we have made changes to our story maps and started writing our own version of Diamonds and Toads. We have continued to practise 2 digit numbers to 100 including writing the correct number of tens and ones. We have also been $+ 10$ and $- 10$ with numbers up to 100. In Science, we observed our faces and talked about similarities and differences. We've used oil pastels to create eyes, noses and mouths in the style of Picasso. We located Wales and Cardiff on our UK maps and learnt lots of facts about Wales. In learning choices, the children wrote questions to ask our Doctor visitor and this afternoon Isobel's mum came into class to answer our questions about the human body and our senses.

YEAR TWO



In English this week, we used story maps to help plan and retell our new space explorer stories. We also practised using apostrophes for contractions. In maths, we finished our unit on measure and we started adding and subtracting using two-digit numbers. In science, we investigated where we get our everyday materials from. In RE, we discussed what communities we belong to and how communities can be united. In History, we learnt about Neil Armstrong and created a fact file about his life. Finally, Year 2 had lots of fun creating their fantastic Mars Rovers in DT.

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



This week in Science, year 3 have been investigating whether rocks let water through them. The children really enjoyed finding out whether the rocks were permeable or impermeable. In History, we have been looking at what people ate in the Stone Age and how their diet changed. In English, we have enjoyed watching Chapter 2 of Stig of the Dump and writing character excellent descriptions of Stig and Barney. Next week, we will be gathering new ideas and writing our own plot.

YEAR FOUR



This week we finished writing our own version of Balaclava Boys. The class have really taken on board feedback, improving their work each day. Our focus has been complex fronted adverbials and dialogue. In Maths we've finished off place value (ask them to sing you the x and ÷ by 10 and 100 songs) and we have begun a unit on multiplication and division. In the afternoons the class have been learning about the Islamic festival -Ramadan.

YEAR FIVE



Well done to all of Year 5 who have all worked really hard this week. We have been continuing to look at our text, *Oliver Twist*, and the children have written some amazing letters inferring the thoughts and feelings of Oliver. We have been exploring Mayan art and are beginning to think about our own designs for making a Mayan style mask. We have also begun to compose a piece of music with the musical support of Miss Jackson, it will sound fabulous when it is complete!

YEAR SIX



In English this week, Y6 wrote field notes from the Galapagos islands in character as Charles Darwin; we also wrote our own biographies of Darwin. Top writing! In Maths, we translated shapes in all four quadrants and also reflected shapes in mirror lines, as well as working with negative numbers. Phew! In History, we found out about the War of the Roses and began to look into the life of Henry VIII and his six wives. On Tuesday, we were visited by friendly local PCSO's Martin and Jules who came to talk to us about how to stay safe around knives. Finally, in Art, we began printing to portray a social or political issue of our choice. A really superb week in Y6!

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-school-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily

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Our next course will consist of twelve one hour sessions after school, at your school. During each session we will be rehearsing for our performance of Matilda, on Wednesday 22nd May, where all families and friends will be invited to watch.

The cost of the full course is £96.00, however, you have the option to pay in two instalments of £48.00. (Payment options shown on sign up form). Limited places available for this very popular course, sign up now to reserve your place by completing our online form.

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