

Friday 9th February 2024

This Half-Term's Value: Aspiration

DIARY DATES

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 (dress up as a character from a book!)

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Wednesday 20th – 27th March

Scholastic Book Fair in school

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 our Year 3 & 4 pupils, who competed in the **U9 Gymnastics** school competition this week. The team represented the school brilliantly and **won the Gold Medal!** Thank you to Mr Ridge and Miss Wilkinson for their coaching skills.

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: Sophie L

Reception: Bertie and William

Year 1: Yahya and Maia

Year 2: Rinad and Indie

Year 3: Alfie and Max

Year 4: Harper and Elsie

Year 5: Omar and Fayha

Year 6: Macey and Holly

★ **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:

Poppy (Rec), Elayna (Y1), Amelia (Y2), Toby (Y3), Zoe (Y4), Louis (Y5) and Daisy M (Y6)

Online Safety Newsletter

The online safety section of our school website has lots of information to support parents and children with staying safe online:

<https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/140624>

Each month we issue an online safety newsletter, February's edition is available on the website or by clicking here: [February Online Safety Newsletter](#)

Mental Health & Wellbeing

The [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section of our school website is now live and has a range of great suggestions and activities to improve childrens' mental health. You will also find links to local services and agencies that can offer support to families for all areas of life from money, employment, bereavement and more.

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



This week we continued our exploration into Chinese New Year. We collaborated as a group to make our own large scale Chinese Dragon! We also shared our book of the week 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' which helped us to understand the importance of being kind to others, as well as what ingredients we might need next week for Pancake Day! We have been making our own playdough pancakes and had a go at the tricky task of flipping them in a frying pan. Keep an eye on Tapestry for our Dragon dance video!

Reception



We were all very excited to welcome Mrs Livesey back this week! In Literacy, we have been re-telling 'The 3 Little Pigs' story. The children have acted out the story and have written a letter to Mother Pig to tell her what happened when the Big Bad Wolf came along. In Maths, we have been focusing on 2D shapes, deepening our understanding of their properties and creating shape pictures. In PSED, the children have been thinking about what is safe and unsafe. We all enjoyed a yoga session on Wednesday, in PE. In Art, we have painted some wonderful dinosaurs! [Phonics sounds this week: th th\(alternative\) ng](#) [Tricky words: you they](#)

Year 1



In English, we read and shared our stories and some even chose to write another version. In Maths, we have been measuring using 10g and 1g and this has helped us to continue to practise the value of 2-digit numbers. In Geography, we named and located the surrounding seas of the UK and enjoyed playing a Kahoot quiz. In Art, we've learnt about Andy Warhol and the Pop Art he created. We used a digital app, to take selfies and create our own colourful Pop Art. In R.E, we learnt about baptisms and role played how to baptise a baby. Well done Year 1 for another busy half term!

YEAR TWO



In English, Year 2 worked very hard to finish their non-chronological reports about the astronaut Tim Peake. In maths, we practised sharing numbers into equal groups and groups with remainders. In computing, we learnt about AI technology and looked at how we can stay safe online. We also made online-safety posters that are now on display on our iPad trolley. On Wednesday, we really enjoyed taking part in a wellbeing yoga session in the hall. In the afternoon, we talked about how we can use breathing techniques to help us regulate our feelings. Year 2 had fun using the watercolour paints to practise their breathing, using up/down strokes for breathing in and out.

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



What a busy half-term it has been! Well done Year 3 for all the amazing work you have done; you have worked extremely hard, and I am so proud of you all! This week in Science, we used starburst sweets to make things a little more interesting and to help us understand how rocks are formed. In English, we've been busy writing postcards and diary entries. The children enjoyed sharing their work with Year 4 and Year 6 children. In Maths we successfully mastered how to multiply using the grid method.

YEAR FOUR



The class have enjoying writing a play script this week which we hope to be performing to you soon! They have continued to use knowledge of multiplication facts to develop their skills at more difficult multiplications. We have finished off our history unit on the Anglo-Saxons looking at the Bayeux Tapestry and the Norman Conquest and why this time period was called the Dark Ages. The class have continued to learn all about the digestive system in Science.

YEAR FIVE



We have reached the end of another half term and what a busy one it has been! The class have really enjoyed studying Oliver Twist in literacy lessons and have used their knowledge of the text to write some super narrative poetry with Miss Iqbal this week. We have been looking at reflection and translation in maths and the children have all had a really good go at some super tricky shapes - well done! We have completed our Modroc Mayan masks in art and they look fantastic - well done all! Thank you for all of your hard work and support, and have a lovely half term break!

YEAR SIX



Wow, we can't believe it is the end of the first half-term! It has flown by. Y6 have worked so hard in every lesson; it has been really impressive. In English, we ended our Survival Topic by writing our own survival stories and in Maths we used our knowledge of the inverse operation to solve 'I Think of a Number...' problems. To end our Science unit on evolution, we looked into the sad story of the dodo bird and pondered the ethical dilemma regarding cloning extinct animals. In PE, we filmed our final WW2-themed dance piece and played a round robin of competitive (but friendly!) netball games. Finally, to keep us all calm, we also enjoyed doing relaxing yoga.

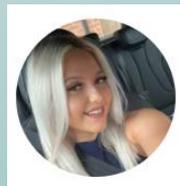
Winter Illness Government advice

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

Charity Fundraising

One of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Miss Marsh, will be running the **London Marathon on the 21st April 2024**. She is raising money for the charity Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to donate and support Miss Marsh, please do so via this link:



[Prostate Cancer UK: London Marathon 2024 FundraisingGB🇬🇧♀ \(enthuse.com\)](#)

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