

Newsletter

Wednesday 21st November

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Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd November – Open morning for prospective FS2 parents
Tuesday 27th November – Y3/Y4 handball at Hungerhill
Thursday 29th November – KS1 multiskills at The Dome
Thursday 29th November – Christmas craft afternoon
Friday 30th November – Instant Christmas
Monday 3rd December – PTFA Christmas fayre 3.00
Wednesday 5th December – Y6 group out at Explore Learning Centre – Mathematician of the Year heats
Thursday 6th December – Cheerleading competition
Tuesday 11th December – KS2 carol concert at 2.00 And 6.00
Wednesday 12th December – FS2 and KS1 concert at 10.00 and 2.00
Tuesday 18th December – Christmas dinner/jumpers
Wednesday 19th December – Robin Hood and The Babes In The Wood at Cast 10.00 and 2.00
Thursday 20th December – Y3/Y4 Express event – creating your own predator
Friday 21st December- Party lunch at dinnertime
Friday 21st December – Party afternoon
Friday 21st December – School closes for Christmas at 3.30

Parent Voice

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire this month. We had 72 returned surveys which we entered into the prize draw. Our prize winners were the parents of Larin Ibrahim (£10 Sainsburys' voucher), Adam Johnson (bottle of wine) and Caitlin Scott (Thorntons' chocolates).

The results on the whole were very positive and we have published these on our website. Any parent who disagreed with any of the statements have been invited into school to look at how we can improve in these areas at our next Parent Consultation Group. Thank you for all the feedback received – positive and negative as this helps us to continue to grow and improve. The main areas of concern highlighted were that there is a feeling KS1 children have too much homework and that we aren't always as effective as we could be in dealing with any concerns raised. We will endeavour to really look at these areas and act on this feedback.

Attendance Matters



	Cohort	YTD % Attendance	% PA	No. of Lates	No. of Attendance Increases or 100%	% of Class with an Increase or 100%	Weekly % Attendance	Weekly % Attendance RANK
Shining Stars	24	95.6%	25.0%	7	22	91.7%	98.8%	1
Shooting Stars	24	95.9%	16.7%	6	19	79.2%	94.2%	8
Star Voyagers	16	98.1%	6.3%	9	15	93.8%	98.8%	1
Starburst	22	96.1%	9.1%	4	18	81.8%	95.5%	6
Starlets	26	95.8%	19.2%	5	23	88.5%	98.0%	3
Starlight	24	97.9%	8.3%	5	19	79.2%	95.7%	5
Supernova	20	96.6%	15.0%	44	17	85.0%	96.0%	4
Superstars	25	97.0%	8.0%	8	23	92.0%	94.4%	7

Well done in week 10 to Star Voyagers for attaining 98.8% attendance and top place again. Once again they have received the cup and certificate for the best attending class of the week. They have gained an afternoon break one day this week. It's great to see that Shining Stars (Y4) have also joined them in top position. Starlets (FS2) was the only other class in week 10 above our 97% target. Across the whole school we were under target in week 10 at 96.5%. This was down to a mix of illness and term-time holidays. First letters have gone out about any persistent absence and fines are being issued for unauthorised holidays.

For the year to date our Y6 children in Star Voyagers have the best attendance so far at 98.1% with Starlight (Y5) coming up behind at 97.9%. Superstars (Y2) are now in third place with 97%. Let's see if the other 5 classes can catch up this half term.

Boys have the lead over the girls across school at the moment (97.2% against 96%) so there's a lot of catching up to be done for the girls. Our new attendance display has been set up in the hall and we're looking forward to our first attendance awards at the end of term with prizes not just for the children but for families too in the form of supermarket vouchers as a thank you for supporting us in this.

Let's Celebrate

Our Stars of the Week received their certificates in assembly on Friday and will also take up a place on the Golden Table at lunchtime on Friday. Each received a smile for their cards as well.

FS2: Larin Ibrahim (responsibility and leadership)

Y1: Indiya Johnston (aspiration and development)

Y2: Amber Manning (aspiration and development)

Y3: Kai Peace (enjoyment and innovation)

Y4: Poppy Scott (inclusion and collaboration)

Y5: Matthew Pender (responsibility and leadership) / Sophie Miller (aspiration and development)

Super Nova: Gabrielle Savage (honesty and integrity)

Star Voyagers: Caitlin Scott (aspiration and development)

KS1 playground: Nazanin Ehsani

KS2 playground: Cameron Perkins

Values leaders awarded certificates to Francesca Mainprize and Poppy Scott

Children In Need

The children all took part in our Spotacular fund raising day for Children In Need. As well as coming in their best spotty clothes, they created Pudsey from 1ps and 2ps and took part in the duck race.



Mrs Priestnall is still busy counting all the loss change so we'll let you know the total raised as soon as we can. Thank you everyone.

Curriculum News

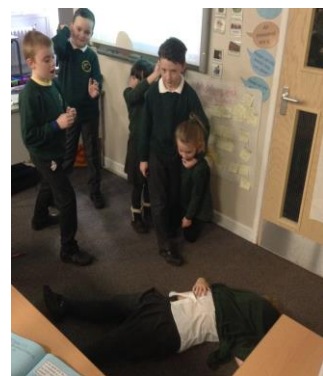
Reading Gladiators

Our Y4 Reading Gladiators continue to meet every Wednesday afternoon. They are enjoying a good selection of challenging books throughout the year and taking part in activities related to them. They have worked really hard on their picture capturing their portrayal of aspiration, happiness and torment. The great news is that as a result we came runners up in the recent competition and have enjoyed the prizes we received.



Literacy Tree – Jabberwocky

Classes across school are continuing to enjoy their Literacy Tree work. Y4 have been looking at the poem Jabberwocky and carrying out some great drama related to this. They brought the poem to life through their freeze frames, really thinking about facial expressions and body language.



Y1 – Beat Band Boogie

Y1 children are really enjoying their current Music based topic Beat Band Boogie. Last week they had lots of fun making their own instruments such as shakers, guitars and drums.



National Young Mathematician Awards

Last week four members of Y6 competed as a team at the National Young Mathematician Awards at the Explore Learning Centre in the Hillsborough area of Sheffield. They competed against other schools from across South Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire. They had to solve a series of problems against the clock involving dice. They were judged throughout on their abilities to communicate clearly, work collaboratively and find the full range of possible solutions. They had to work systematically and be able to explain their thinking. On Friday we had the great news that we had progressed through to the next heat on December 5th. If we're successful there then we will make it through to the finals in Cambridge.



KS1 Multiskills

Well done to all of our Y1 and Y2 children who participated in the multiskills competition at Hungerhill last week. The children tried really hard at every activity and thoroughly enjoyed that afternoon. They were really proud of their certificates at the end of the afternoon.



Tomorrow's World With Y5 and Y6

To start their new topic Y5 and Y6 spent their Engage day at Bradford Museum of Science and Media. They particularly enjoyed the experience of watching a film in the IMAX theatre.

