



NEWSLETTER

20/10/23



Year 1 Shines Bright

This week, our Year 1 students illuminated their classrooms with a burst of creativity! After an immersive lesson about the Hindu festival of Diwali, they channelled their newfound knowledge into crafting their very own Diya lamps.

Diwali, known as the 'Festival of Lights', holds significant meaning for millions around the world, marking the Hindu New Year. A central emblem of this celebration is the Diya lamp, an oil lamp that's lit to symbolise the triumph of light over darkness and hope over despair.

Inspired by this, Year 1 meticulously designed and assembled their lamps, each one completely unique! All children thoroughly enjoyed learning about this important festival in a practical way. Well done, Year 1!



Exploring Emotions with 'The Colour Monster' in Reception

This week, Reception children delved into the world of 'The Colour Monster'. This engaging tale, which intertwines emotions with hues, offered a backdrop for our young students to talk about their feelings.

Through the narrative of the Colour Monster, the children shared insights into their own emotions and began a dialogue on ways to uplift the spirits of their friends.

Afterwards, inspired by the story, the children reflected on the sources of their own happiness and sketched these precious memories and individuals, encapsulating them within beautifully illustrated jars.



The day with 'The Colour Monster' not only introduced Reception to a spectrum of emotions but also reinforced the significance of understanding, friendship, and valuing life's simple joys!

Year 2's Whirlwind Tour Around the Globe!

Year 2 has been on an adventure across the globe this week! Armed with maps, globes and heaps of enthusiasm, they've been focussing on the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and learning together about the Equator.

Enjoying their practical exploration around the globe, children have been on the hunt for chilly countries where you'd need your woolly jumper and warmer places where shorts and sun hats are the order of the day! Working brilliantly together, children shared their findings and discussed the diverse climates of our world. Well done, young explorers!



Year 6's Dramatic Dive into WWI Causes

Year 6 had a lively week getting into character to unravel the causes of World War One! Starting with a quick recap of the war's timeline, they jumped into the big question: 'What led to the First World War?'

Keywords like militarism, alliances, imperialism, and nationalism weren't just words on a page – the students brought them to life with spirited role-plays. One moment, they were debating the events around Archduke Franz Ferdinand's assassination, and the next, they were discussing the ripple effects of alliances.

By the end, they weren't just reciting facts; they were having animated chats about history's what-ifs. Through drama, Year 6 made the past come alive, showcasing that learning history can be both fun and deeply insightful! Keep an eye on Class Dojo for photos of our role plays to remember!

SEND Coffee Morning a Success!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our SEND coffee morning. It was lovely to see you! Both Susan Barker our One Point adviser and Simon who came along from the Learning Library shared lots of resources and different groups and information for activities and clubs outside of school. We will be holding another one in the summer term and hope to invite some other outside organisations into school.

After School Club Update

After listening to parents' views on the capacity of after school club, we are going to increase our number of places for students after the half term break. This will have a small impact on costs because of increased staffing involved.

For students staying from 15:15 to 16:15, the new price is £3.

For students staying from 15:15 to 17:30, the new price is £6.50.

For students using tea club after an alternative extracurricular club, the new price will be £3.50.

Halloween Disco Fever

Get ready to show off your spookiest moves! On Thursday, 26th October, we're hosting a thrilling Halloween Disco night for all our students. But that's not all! Children are encouraged to don their Halloween costumes throughout the day, turning the school into a delightful den of little ghouls, goblins, and witches!

Let's Park Smartly and Safely!

A quick note on parking - we kindly ask everyone to be extra mindful when parking near the school. Please ensure that we're not blocking any junctions, as it causes significant traffic issues on the main road and avoid stopping or dropping off on the yellow lines by our school entrance.

Together, let's ensure a smooth and safe school run for everyone. Thank you for understanding and cooperating!

A Nut-Free School

We would like to stress the significance of our nut-free school policy to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils. Please remain vigilant and avoid bringing any nut products into the school. We appreciate the challenges associated with dietary preferences, but we kindly request your utmost cooperation in checking the food and snacks you pack for your child. Even trace amounts of nut residues can pose a severe risk to those with allergies. Thank you for your understanding and dedication to keeping our school community safe.

A few reminders:

- Only healthy snacks are permitted at break times. Sweets, crisps and chocolate are not allowed and will be returned home.
- Jewellery is not to be worn for school. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE.
- Nail varnish is not permitted for wear in school.
- Children are not to use the Woodland Village before or after school.
- The staff car park (with the exception of the disabled parking bay) is for the sole use of staff. The carpark is not to be used as a thoroughfare.
- Please park with the safety of the children in mind and with consideration to all road users and residents. Do not pull in to drop off at our school entrance on the yellow lines.
- Dogs must not be brought onto school premises.
- Children require a clear, freshly filled water bottle daily in school.
- Please only send bags to school if it is necessary.

Celebrations and Achievements

Year	Star of the Week	English	Maths	Word of the Week
Reception	Carys	Grayson		past
Y1	Ayla-Grace	Phonics Star: Aria		subtraction
Y2	Teddy	Phonics - Kiera, Amelia, Cooper		Noun
Y3	Carter	AR target - Lily, Harriet, Halle		peculiar
Y4	Thomas			simultaneously
Y5	Hassan	100% AR -James, William, Isha, Sophia, Maisy		Pandemonium
Y6	Halle			militarism

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
October	Black History Month
26.10.23	Year 2 Halloween Themed Multi skills at Maiden Castle (12-3)
26.10.23	KS1 and Reception Halloween Disco (15:15-16:15)
26.10.23	KS2 Halloween Disco (16:30-17:30)
30.10.23	Half Term Break Begins
13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week commences
13.11.23	Odd Socks Day
14.11.23	Buddy Assembly - Reception and Year 6 Parents Welcome (09:30)
17.11.23	Children in Need Day - Dress in your finest Pudsey Accessories- £1 Charity Donation
23.11.23	Christmas Fair
24.11.23	School Closed for Staff Training
13.12.23	Whole-School pantomime at the Sunderland Empire Theatre

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Harris