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Summer 2 Newsletter



Attendance

6th September 2023 — 19th July 2024

Reception – 88.08%

Year 1 – 95.19%

Year 2 – 94.90%

Year 3 – 93.70%

Year 4 – 89.84%

Year 5 – 91.27%

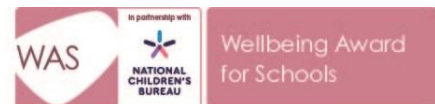
Year 6 – 94.1%

The national attendance target is 96.1%. It is very important to your child's education and wellbeing that they are in school, on time every day.

We have come to the end of yet another exciting year and as usual the summer term has been one of the busiest. We have seen children going on trips, visitors in school, sports day, children in various year groups completing statutory tests, Year 6 going on their residential to Robinwood, transition days, Rokeby's Got Talent, end of year reports, the summer fayre and the Year 6 leaver's assembly. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children and all parents for working with us – your support is truly valued and appreciated by everyone in the school.

We would like to wish our amazing Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they move onto their new secondary schools and the opportunities the await them. They should be very proud of everything they have achieved during their time at primary school and should be looking forward to the next part of their school journey and the exciting times ahead.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and stay safe.



EYFS

In EYFS this half term we have been reading stories about insects and life cycles. Nursery have shared 'The crunching munching caterpillar' and told their own story about an insect who ate lots of food. Reception have read 'The very hungry caterpillar' and wrote their own version about a very hungry snail that ate food to make him move faster. As part of this topic we had a very special delivery of some caterpillars. We watched carefully, each day, as they grew and grew until they had made their delicate cocoons. We waited for nearly 2 weeks until it was finally time to set them free. We have also been growing our own herbs in the garden, and can now use them to make some delicious herby pies and cakes in the mud kitchen. We have been making the most of the sunshine that we have had by building dens in the garden, making 'boats' and exploring lots of water play.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful and very productive half term; in PE we have enjoyed developing our tennis skills and working with the physical foundations coach to increase our teamwork abilities. In science we have been investigating the seasons, we have discovered why they occur and learnt about the different weather that happens in each season, sometimes all in one day! In writing, we have been learning about the structure of familiar tales with our work on 'Jack and the beanstalk' and 'Pigs might fly' (a sequel to the 3 little pigs). We have written wanted posters, letters, our own poems and we have innovated our own versions of each story. In art, we have completed our own sculptures based on the work of the environmentalist Andy Goldsworthy and in DT, we have designed, made and evaluated a healthy sandwich. We have been learning about significant nurses in history and even had a nurse visit our school. She answered all of the questions we had and told us what it is like to be a nurse now and how nursing has changed over the past 30 years. In PE, we have been learning tennis and have improved our aim and the ability to hit a ball using a racket. In PSHE, we have learnt how our bodies have changed as we've grown and we enjoyed looking at some baby pictures of ourselves. In writing, we have written our own stories based on the Three Little Pigs but have adapted them to a new version. In maths, we have been learning about length, weight and capacity. We have also recapped some prior learning on time and fractions. We made our own snowballs in science and had fun testing how strong they were. In computing, we composed some music using different instruments. The year 1 children were very excited to be involved in Rokeby's got talent with almost every child choosing to audition for their friends with a variety of acts such as break dancing, singing and gymnastics and we were delighted when one of the groups that made it through to the full show and came in 3rd!! Year 1 had a successful transition day in year 2 and have proved that they are ready to progress to the next step in their education. Well done!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic last half term. They are all so ready for Year 3. We have learnt lots of exciting new things including about nurses from the past including Florence Nightingale, studying our local area in geography and creating sculptures in art out of natural materials. In writing, we have written our own warning tales based on the story 'Jack and the beanstalk'. The children came up with some great innovation ideas and we have worked hard on using contractions and expanded noun phrases in our work.

In maths we have been reviewing concepts ready for Year 3 paying special attention to our times tables! They have all worked very hard including producing some amazing SATs results. All of their hard work has paid off 😊

YEAR 3

It has been a busy final half term in Year 3. In geography lessons we have been learning about the rainforest and its indigenous people. We have learned how cocoa beans, the vital ingredient within chocolate grow in the rainforest. To learn further about chocolate and its production, we visited York Chocolate story. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit here learning about the production and history of chocolate, as well as creating our own chocolate treats. In history we have been learning about the Ancient Mayans and the importance of certain groups of people within society such as rulers and priests. We have also explored how historians have learned information about the Mayans through technology, excavations and artefacts. In art we have created our final pieces inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keefe, exploring perspective, tints and tones within them. In DT we have designed and produced our own healthy smoothies, using a range of healthy ingredients. We thoroughly enjoyed using our practical skills of peeling, chopping and slicing to prepare our ingredients. We have also completed our first year of learning French by learning to communicate what we are able and unable to do. Finally, in PSHE we have been learning about the changes that our bodies go through during puberty in preparation for adulthood. We have been considering how we feel about these changes that we will go through and how to deal with these changes emotionally.

YEAR 5

In Year 5, we have experienced a day at Sirius West Academy where we competed in teams named after countries participating in this year's Olympics in Paris to gain points for drama, technology, ICT, humanities and English activities. Well done Team France who were the overall winners! We also had another exciting trip to Reckitts, where we met real-life international scientists and pitched our ideas for innovated products to them before working in a real science lab with the Airwick team to make different fragranced products. In technology, we have been bakers and designed and baked our own recipes for savoury bread - the smell up the corridor on these days was intoxicating! In English, we have thoroughly embraced the World of Hogwarts, reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and linked texts, as well as using this to inspire an information text on mythical beasts found in Hogwarts and a flashback story based on Harry Potter and the troll. In PE, we have been extremely competitive in rounders and we also ended our music samba unit with a very impressive performance on Sports Day - we hope you enjoyed it! In geography, we have continued to learn about climate change and had some very special visitors from Dogger Bank Wind Farm who shared with us how they work to produce reusable energy to support the reduction of greenhouse gases being released into our atmosphere. It has been a wonderful final half term together and Mrs Tamasevicius will miss teaching you all lots next year! Have a wonderful summer, you have all earned it!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have had yet another successful half term and have continued to produce amazing work across the curriculum. Their outstanding SATs results reflect their hard work and progress. In June, 14 of the pupils travelled to Robinwood in Todmorden with Mrs Smith and Miss Driscoll for three days of activities and fun! The children consistently demonstrated high levels of resilience overcoming their fears and working part of teams in the various challenges. Laughter and smiles were consistent and the children made memories for life! The children completed their DT units based on air raid shelters this half term, designing their own structures after testing the strength of different 3D shapes. In teams, they built their structures, continuously evaluating on the strength and designs before decorating and then we tested each of them in a mock 'air raid'. All of them stayed intact! We have applied our maths knowledge to mini projects this half term learning about planning holidays, buying houses, calculating tax and monthly income. In history, the children have concluded their WW2 unit learning about rationing and the persecution of the Jews after finishing 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman.

Sunny afternoons have been filled with many rounders games and we have all been very competitive! In the penultimate week of the term, many of the children attended their transition weeks and thoroughly enjoyed their time spent at their new secondary school. I am so incredibly of their achievements this year and wish them all the best in their future!



Year 5 Parents

Hull City Council admissions team will be writing to you early September to ask for your preference of secondary school. It is important that you look out for the 'invitation to apply' letter. You must complete an application and you must apply on time. If you want to request places at St Mary's College, Sirius Academy West or Archbishop Sentamu Academy based on the 'ability' criteria then you must check the schools' website for information on when testing is to be done.



We are sad to be saying goodbye to the following staff this term: Mrs Brodie, Miss Ribbitt, Mr Heppell and Mrs Smith. We would like to wish them all the very best for their future adventures and thank them for all their hard work and dedication during their time working at the school.

Congratulations to Miss Heaton who is getting married over the summer so from September will be Mrs Richardson!

We are pleased to announce that Miss Renwick has now returned from her maternity leave, and she will continue to teach Year 4 alongside Mrs Ford from September. As you all know, Mr Gary Shaw, the new Head of School, will be officially starting his new post in September, and we would all like to welcome him to the school.



IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school will close for **summer holidays** on **Friday 19th July 2024** and re-open to pupils on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**.

The school will close for the **half term** on **Friday 25th October 2024** and re-open to pupils for the **Monday 4th November 2024**

(all term dates can be found on the school's website)

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