



NEWSLETTER

2.2.25

Head of school's comment: During the last week, it has been pleasing to see a number of children experience success. This has been in many different curriculum areas ranging from multiplication times table tests, published writers or overcoming fears on a climbing wall! This week, there are a number of opportunities for practitioners to share teaching and learning within the school and with other schools within the academy. Phonics practice tests will be carried out for a number of the children.

Important Dates:

11.2.25 Year 6 Swimming starts

31.3.25 Training Day

2.4.25 and 3.4.25 Parents Evening

22-23rd April Year 5 Residential

12.5.25 Year 6 SATs

2.6.25 Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check

22.7.25 School closes

Mathematics fluency:

Each child from Years 1 - 6 practice weekly fluency tasks as part of their maths curriculum. In order to develop their fluency, children would benefit from daily opportunities to improve their maths fluency. This can be achieved through interactive games, counting, songs, or practice tests. Please see your child's class teacher for further information and how to best support your child's learning.

Attendance

Reception 98.47%

Year 1 91.38%

Year 2 97.67%

Year 3 90.67%

Year 4 97.39%

Year 5 95.56%

Year 6 92.17%

Well done to this week's winners:
Year 2 with highest attendance and
Year 1 with most improved.

Year 4 are continuing to develop their maths fluency by practising their times tables ahead of their multiplication times table check later this year, Their competitive approach is proving to be successful with seven children - all of whom received a certificate - having achieved top marks. Keep up the good work both at home and at school.



Class News

During the last week, our Nursery children have been celebrating Chinese New Year by trying some noodles - they look yummy! Nursery children have also been learning about kindness as part of their PSHE work. Year 2 have been investigating which conditions will make a plant grow. The children planted seeds and compared results according to different amounts of light that each plant received. Year 1 have been learning how to wash their hands to stop spreading germs. They have also been learning about directions on a map in Geography lessons and making 20 in different ways as part of their maths lessons.



Year 6 spent three days last week on their residential trip to Marrick Priory. The children enjoyed a range of activities as they overcame their fears and developed their character. They were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.



Curriculum News:

Children in Reception take part in a wide range of tasks of which many of them are designed to improve specific areas of their curriculum. During the past week, Reception have provided the opportunity and resources to make clay sculptures. This has helped to develop the fine motor skills of the children in Reception. Furthermore, many enhancements are outlined by the practitioners to ensure all learning is specifically matched to the needs of the children.



During the recent Year 6 residential trip, children carried out a range of jobs from sweeping the floor to setting the table. This builds on previously taught skills at school in which younger children learn manners and to hold the doors open for adults. As children become older at Batley Parish, the opportunities for further independent jobs such as a school council member, My Happy Mind hero or lunchtime assistant are available and help to develop the responsibility of each child and their sense of respect.



If you are interested in becoming a lunchtime volunteer then please see our office staff.

A reminder regarding school uniform. On the days when your child takes part in PE they may come dressed to school in PE clothing: a white T shirt, navy hoody, navy shorts or jogging bottoms and black shoes. Please do not bring clothes with sporting logos on.

If you have any old aprons or large shirts that are no longer needed please send them into school as we look to increase the number of aprons that can be used when carrying out art activities.

Remember, if your child has a particular talent outside of school that has resulted in a sporting or academic achievement they would like to share then please inform your child's class teacher as this can be shared during our celebration assembly each Friday.