



NEWSLETTER

26.1.25

Head of school's comment: During the last week, it has been pleasing to see lots of examples, across the week, of children using their character strengths - that are promoted through My Happy Mind sessions - such as teamwork during our World Religion Day, exploring during our science lessons and creative working during our music sessions. This week, we have a number of external visitors observing teaching and learning, a Kirklees library service and the Year 6 residential.

Important Dates:

29-31st January Year 6 Residential

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

Staffing changes:

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Khan as further support to our Reception children during the mornings; she has settled in very well supporting some children with additional needs. Currently, there is a job advert advertised for our Year 5 teaching position. In addition to this, there is a Nursery Teaching Assistant advertised for further support for our youngest children at school.

Attendance

Reception 96.17%

Year 1 85.62%

Year 2 95.77%

Year 3 90.67%

Year 4 96.52%

Year 5 91.11%

Year 6 94.35%

Well done to this week's winners: Year 4 with highest attendance and Reception with most improved.



At Batley Parish we have introduced a range of bespoke curriculum's for certain children. One such group is an English KS2 group who follow a more repetitive and visual writing curriculum which is underpinned with oracy.

This week, with Mrs Iqbal, the children have been developing their knowledge of 'The Gruffalo'.

Class News

During the last week, Year 1 have been using role play to bring their story of Traction Man 'to life'. Later in the week, the children described the actions of Traction Man by starting sentences with 'I'.

Year 6 completed their last brass music lesson with a music specialist; they have made huge progress over the year - now is the time for Year 5 to learn some samba skills! Year 6 have also been investigating, as part of their science lessons, how shadows can change according to the placement of an object in relation to its light source.



World Religion Day provided the opportunity for each class to investigate a religion. Year 1 researched Islam as they learnt about the festival of Eid, even getting to try some yummy Eid food! Each class used religious festivals to support their understanding of different religions and in Year 4 they researched the Hindu festival of Diwali by making their own rangoli patterns. Year 6 researched Buddhism by learning about the festival of Vesak producing some beautifully presented information pages.



Curriculum News:

Children in all years will be taught skills to develop their fluency at mathematics. In Year 4 children nationally take part in the Multiplication Times table Check. Each week our Year 4 children have been practising their multiplication facts. Well done to Aliza who achieved 25 marks out of 25 marks on her most recent test which has led to more children achieving the highest and expected mark; keep it up Year 4!

You can help your child at home with their multiplication facts by using TT Rockstars, Multiplication Times Table check Hit the Button or Maths Bot to support their maths fluency.



In Early Years, the children are continuing to develop their pace and independence when tidying up. The children have continued to improve their understanding of their class text: Supertato, by using drama to act out some of the the story in Reception. Nursery children, have been using different resources to represent the numbers 2 and 3.



World Religion Day - Thank you to all of the parents who came to our assembly to see the RE presentations.

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.