

Parents' / Carers' Evenings

Thank you to all who have attended parent /carer consultations with class teachers this week. If for any reason you were unable to attend or haven't yet booked an appointment please speak with your child's teacher as they will organise a time for you. This meeting is vital for us to work in partnership with you and your child as progress towards Age Related Expectations will be shared along with targets and ways to help your child do their best. Thanks to everyone who completed a questionnaire. I shall publish the results in the next newsletter.



Maths Games & Puzzles Club

The maths club continues to thrive! About 20 pupils turn up to this every Monday after school and develop logical thinking and problem solving skills, as well as having fun. The tessellating shapes are a particular favourite from our resource bank, and the designs are getting bigger and better all the time. There's lots of co-operation, discussion and compromising going on in this activity, plus developing knowledge of symmetry and creating new shapes from combinations of individual ones. These photos could quite easily have the caption "Satisfaction!"

Strictly Pennine

On Tuesday 24th February, we entered three dance groups into the Strictly Pennine Dance Festival. As well as the Year 3/4 and 5/6 girls' groups, we also made a little bit of history by being the first school to ever enter an all boys' dance troop! All 50 children behaved and performed professionally and we were very proud of their efforts.



A HUGE thank you to Miss Gabanski, Miss Morritt, Mrs Apostolakis, Mrs Hampshire, Mrs Schoolar, Miss Wrigley, Mrs Leake and Mrs Farquhar for accompanying us. Without the voluntary support of our lovely staff team, we would be unable to attend.



For those family members who couldn't get tickets (they are like gold dust!), the children will be performing their dances one last time in the school hall at 9am on the following dates:

- Boys' break dancers: Tuesday 8th March
- Year 3/4 girls: Wednesday 9th March
- Year 5/6 girls: Thursday 10th March

Congratulations

A very big 'well done' to Gabriella Lindley for making it through to the National Tour Finals in tennis which were held at the National Tennis Centre, London. The competition was for the top 16 girls, (10 and under) in the country. Gabriella did amazingly well coming 10th in the competition which leaves her ranked 5th in the country! Go Gabriella!

Year 5 Mosque Visit

When we arrived we were told the mosque's name 'Markazi Jamia Masjid Ghausia' which translates to Central Friday Mosque. Then we entered the building, took our shoes off and covered our head as a sign of respect, and so we didn't dirty the carpets because Muslims pray on the carpet. We sat down and our host talked about the 5 pillars of Islam and told us that Islam means peace, love and tranquillity.

Next we walked upstairs and got a sheet with pictures of artefacts on that we had to find in the hall. We learnt about the 7 clocks at the front all showing different times – 1 showed the current time, 5 showed the 5 times that Muslims pray at each day and the last one showed the extra time on Friday that Muslims get together at the mosque to pray because Friday is a special day for Muslims. We counted 174 prayer mats on the carpet and saw a set of special steps where the Imam sits to read from the Qur'an and give a speech. I also learnt the Qur'an took 23 years to be revealed and it has 6,666 verses in it.

Later we went back downstairs to watch our host perform Wudu, which is a special wash Muslims do before they worship to be respectful. We were also shown the positions Muslims pray in. I really enjoyed the day; my favourite part was watching Wudu. I found it very interesting that the Qur'an took 23 years to be revealed. I would recommend that everyone should visit a mosque.

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Road Safety Training for Year 3

3H and 3J have had the fantastic opportunity to work with the Kirklees Road Safety team. They have been provided with the necessary skills to be safe on the roads when out and about in their local community. Both classes have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will be willing to lend their expert advice to parents and siblings alike!

SUMDOG Maths Competition

Miss Gabanski has entered all our classes into the next, upcoming SUMDOG contest, which starts at 8am on 18th March and lasts for a full week. We will be playing SUMDOG that week in school competing against others schools across our area. As pupils play they'll answer questions that contribute to their score. Each class's score is the average number of correct answers across the pupils who take part. There's a maximum of 1000 questions for each student - so accuracy is very important. Pupils can play at school or home, at any time during the contest week so we hope you'll encourage your child at home. Happy SUMDOG week everyone! Let's see if we can be champion school!

Easter Egg Competition

Bring in a decorated egg on Monday 21st March 2016. It will be judged during the day and you will be able to take it home again. You can choose any idea you like. Give your design a label with your name and the name of your design. You can put your egg on a background if you want.

Ideas for making the egg stay upright

- Sit it in an egg cup
- Pack a mug with tissue paper/newspaper etc and sit it on top of that
- Make a base from something that will keep its shape, like scrunched up foil or plasticine

New Gates

I am sure that you have seen our new gates and fencing appearing slowly over the last two weeks. I hope you agree that we look much smarter now. It is primarily there to help with safety as the main gate will be closed at 9:00am once we are all in school, along with the gate down the side of school into the playground. Visitors will now be guided by the fencing and gates to the main entrance of school during the day. Hopefully the gates will afford us some security at night too as we have been experiencing an increase in anti-social behaviour on school grounds this winter. I urge anyone who sees any anti-social behaviour to report it to the police using the 101 number.

Willow sculpture

Thank you to the group of twelve Year 5 pupils who braved the wet and windy weather to help Sarah Branson, an outdoor artist, with replanting and strengthening sections of the willow sculpture that was first planted last January. In 2015, the sculpture was generously funded by Honley Village Community Trust as part of its 21st Anniversary celebrations. We're looking forward to using the growing sculpture as an extra outside learning space in the summer.



Gymnastic Competition - rescheduled

Unfortunately the competition due to be held today was cancelled due to two of the judges coming from Oldham and struggling with the weather. It is hoped it will go ahead next Friday 11th March. Thank you to those parents who had taken time off work and reorganised things to help out.

World Book Day

There were lots of creative hats on show in assembly and around school yesterday for World Book Day. Some people had really gone to town thinking about a well-loved book and making their hat match it and others had drawn their favourite characters for their class display. Well done everyone and keep enjoying the marvellous times reading your favourite books.

Diary Dates:

Date	Event
01.03.16	Parents' Evening 1
03.03.16	Parents' Evening 2
07.03.16	Year 4 Visit to Eden Camp
12.03.16	West Yorkshire Games 10:00
18.03.16	Whole school – Sports Relief Mile
18.03.16	Parent Forum 2:30 – 3:30
22.03.16	Easter Service at St. Mary's 10:30
23.03.16	French Theatre Company
24.03.16	School closes for Easter and Easter raffle

Date	Event
11.04.16	School reopens –Summer Term
13.04.16	Year 3 Viking visit to Tatton Park
14.04.16	Year 3 Viking visit to Tatton Park
20.04.16	FOHJS Film Night
w/c 09.05.16	Year 6 SATS week
10.05.16	Pentecost Service at St. Mary's 10:30
18.05.16	Swimming Gala 4:30 – 6:30
24.05.16	Leavers photograph
26.05.16	School closes for INSET day and half term
06.06.16	School reopens
w/c 20.06.16	Olympic Sports Week
12.07.16	Transition day
19.07.16	Leavers Service at St. Mary's 10:30
20.07.16	School Closes for summer holidays