

NEWSLETTER



January 2024

Message from Mrs Wood

It has been wonderful to welcome children back after the Christmas break and I am proud of all of their efforts this term so far!

Here are just a few snippets of what we have been up to across school:

- Inter-School Swimming/Polo tournaments – Y5/6- Trust School Wide
- Rock Kidz – joined us for a day of workshops about Resilience & Self-Esteem
- Year 5 took part in the MYWY Literacy Festival and performed Matilda at the Square Chapel Theatre in Halifax to an audience of 200 people! Super stars!
- Wider Opportunities clubs have started including- Ping Pong, THRIVE, Football, Multi Skills, ART & Crafts and Taekwondo.

We also have our next i-challenge day to look forward to this half term where each class will complete another activity/challenge/opportunity from their i-challenge passport. I can't wait to see what each class gets up to!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wood



Keep an eye out for important dates for your diary!



Reminders



Punctuality: make sure children are ready to be brought into class at 8.50am.

Remember '10 to 9 in the line!'

Attendance: help your child come to school every day and if they do need to stay at home because they are ill, make sure you call to let us know.

Autumn Term Dates:

School Closes- Friday 9th February

Half Term

School Opens- Monday 19th February

School Closes- Friday 22nd March

Half Term (Easter)

School Opens for pupils- Monday 8th April

Remember to check school texts, emails (SchoolPing) and our Social Media on Twitter & Facebook for updates.

Parent Information

A reminder of the diary dates and events coming up:

- 29th Jan – Y5/6 Inter Sch Team Building
- 2nd Feb – Wear Blue and White Day – Fundraising for Huddersfield Town Football Club – who support our breakfast club.
- 5th Feb – Y6 Girls Inter Sch Swimming
- 20th Feb – Year 5 start weekly swimming lessons
- 5th March – Free Style Football
- 7th March – World Book Day
- 15th March – Comic Relief
- 18th March – Year 4 Inter Sch Orienteering

Letters will come home about individual events.



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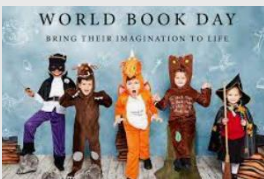
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Reading Update

This term we will be introducing Reading Plus as a session for all pupils in Oak class to support with reading fluency. This will help teachers identify gaps and support children with their reading.

World Book Day this year will be on **Thursday 7th March**. As always, we will be celebrating reading at Old Bank and invite children to dress up as their favourite book character.



We will also have planned activities throughout the day- including a World Book Day Bake Off, special assembly and DEAR time!



EYFS Update

This month has been filled with excitement and creativity in Ash class! In Art, we have been captivated by the enchanting work of Yayoi Kusama, discovering her unique use of dots to create stunning art pieces.

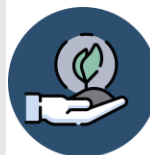
Drawing inspiration from Kusama's techniques, they have embarked on their own artistic journeys, crafting their own masterpieces that reflect their imagination and creativity.

Alongside our artistic exploration, we've been celebrating the arrival of the new year, immersing ourselves in this season's stormy weather and fresh beginnings.

To top it all off, we had a special visit from Rock Kidz, adding an extra dose of fun and excitement to our learning. It's been a month filled with discovery, creativity, and joy in Ash class!

ARP- Willow Class

This term Willow Class will be enjoying learning through stories. The children are currently reading 'Owl Babies' and have enjoyed lots of art and sensory activities related to the text. We're looking forward to completing more of our I challenge adventures which will give us extra opportunity to take our learning outdoors! We'll also be exploring the children's interests and developing our listening and concentration skills through Circle Time sessions.



Growth



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