



NEWSLETTER

December 13th 2024 no.13

Dear Families,

Welcome to the final long newsletter of 2024! This term has flown by, and we've had a wonderful time watching the children's Christmas presentations—everyone has performed brilliantly! We still have the Reception and Nursery shows to look forward to next week.

There's plenty more to come before we break for the holidays: Christmas dinner for EYFS, KS1, and Year 3 is on Tuesday, followed by the pantomime on Wednesday. On Thursday, it's Christmas dinner for Years 4, 5, and 6, and we'll finish the week with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. It's going to be a busy, festive week ahead!

As many of you know, we made a significant change to the way we teach Maths across the school this year, introducing the Ark Maths Mastery scheme. This week, we had a supportive monitoring visit from Ark, and they were pleased to see the progress the children have made. They noted improvements in the use of key vocabulary and technical language, and saw that teachers were effectively implementing all six parts of the Ark lesson. While it has been a challenge for our teachers to adapt to this new method, we're thrilled with the impact it's having on our students so far.

Finally, a quick reminder to all parents: please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. Unless it's pouring with rain, we like to get the children outside for a run around and some fresh air during break and lunchtime.

Wishing you all a joyful and festive week ahead!

Mrs Bray

School choir



The children from the choir were invited to perform at the Grays Christmas Lights switch-on event. Although it was a nerve-wracking experience for them to be on stage with microphones in front of a large audience, the children delivered an outstanding performance. Their enthusiasm and talent were truly impressive.

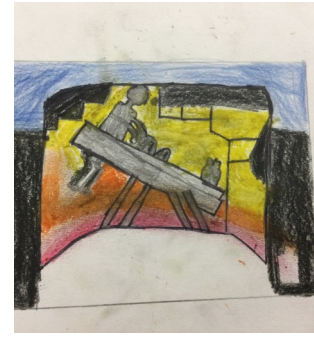
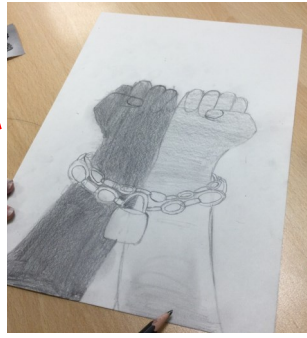
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Going on around school.....

Year 6

This week in art, pupils in Year 6 explored social issues through their Innovate project. They created powerful works on topics like, diversity, discrimination and the environment. Their art sparked conversations about how things could change or be different in the world.



First Steps

In first steps we are continuing to build relationships and have been sharing play experiences.

Year 4

In year 4, as part of our innovate task in Design and Technology we used our packaging and cooking skills to produce our own pizzas that we then put in boxes to take home. It was all great fun and the pizza was very tasty!



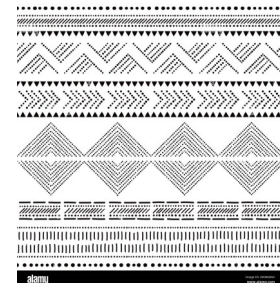
Nursery

Nursery have been reading Hansel and Gretel this week and made houses decorated with sweets just like in the story. They were very excited to use real sweets.



Footsteps 2

This week in Art the children made some Bell Beaker designs on clay.



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Year 5

As part of our learning in Design and Technology, we created our very own prototype for a pneumatic device. We had a specific design criterion to follow, and we had to ensure that the product would be useful in the home. We used and applied subject-specific vocabulary.



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic week this week! We went on a trip to Thurrock Museum and had our Christmas Assembly! We learned what it was like to be a Historian. We carefully handled artefacts and explored the Museum. We had so much fun!

On Tuesday 3rd December 2024, the School Council visited the Council chambers. The pupils met Madam Mayor and learned all about her role and the impact this has in the council and in the local community. In addition to this, the pupils developed their knowledge about democracy and debated different topics such as: 'Should the school day be extended?' and 'Should Primary School children complete homework?' The children did a fantastic job putting all their ideas forward and reaching a conclusion in a democratic way.

We really enjoyed our visit to the Council chambers.




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Congratulations! Well done for their effort and resilience

A reminder that each week a pupil is selected by the class teacher as a star learner, possibly a pupil who has demonstrated the Co-op values across the week in their learning and been a positive role model to the other pupils in the class.

	EYFS Stars	KS1 Stars	KS2 Stars	
	Nursery - Iremide	1L – Michelle	3N – Reece	5CL– Muhammad
	RT - Nahzan	1A – Noah	3C – Elizabeth	5A – Mickey
	RM – Isabella L	1JP – Anton	3W –Sanjeet	5B - Jasmine
	RH - Marcus	1M – Irina	3P – Alishba	5CH – Ivy-Rose
	RB – Jamal	2S – Muhammad	4R -Lewis	6S – Isobella
	FS – Elisa	2SU – Iyamin	4MU – Erika	6M – Ronny
		2M – Sead	4MA – Zarah	6SP – Haris
		2B – Eiva	4AD – Bart	6R – Rilie
		FSMH –Zayaan		
		FS.H – Sanjeet	FS2 - Lucas	Stepping Stones - Damien



Attendance

Please note, when pupils are absent for 3 or more consecutive days without parent contact, we may complete a home welfare check. All pupils who are absent for 3 or more days may be required to provide medical evidence

This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:

KS1	1M	97.9%	Miss Miller
Lower KS2	4R	97.7%	Ms Rippon
Upper KS2	6M	87.2%	Mrs Minter
Whole School attendance		95.1%	

Punctuality

It is very important that all children arrive on time. School doors open at 8.40am every morning. If your child arrives after 8.50am then they are late and they will not be able to come into school via the usual morning entrance doors but should instead come through the main school entrance. Your child will then need to sign in using our electronic signing in system. We will then be able to amend the registers and ensure your child is marked for a school dinner.



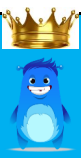

Please note that if your children arrive at school later than 9.20am, we are required to mark them as absent for that half day session.

If children are regularly late, a parent will be expected to attend a meeting to look at how punctuality can be improved.

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School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	2479	2619	2637	2451
Total Dojo points this year so far	23,396	25,006	26,267	26,556
Praise cards awarded this week	16			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	532			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	Edward S, Eva H, Freya D & Ellis N
Year 1	Lenny H, Willow M, Riley F & Jibrán M
Year 2	Tommy Joe M, Alice K, Freddie S & Esosa I
Year 3	Albert E, Emma B, Sasha D & Rylie-Rose S
Year 4	Jobey M, Rihaan A, Hoorain R & Dana N
Year 5	Tommy-Lee C, Rehaan C, Dorin C & Zuzanna L
Year 6	Sophie L, Sienna F, Levi F & Leon A

Class Dojo Champions

These children have earned the most dojo points in their class this week

EYFS Champs	KS1 Champs	KS2 Champs	
Nursery – Judah and Shubhangi RT – Maham and Jessica RM – Jemima and Momo RH – Sokhna and Darius RB – Zachary and Inara FS - Ireti	1L – Merit and Mickie 1A – Mason and Armina 1JP- Daayo and Andriana 1M – Ruqayah and Leonardo 2S – Madeleine and Rey 2SU – Harper and Liamas 2M – Adam and Alice 2B – Zeinab and Muhammad FSMH - Rafael FS.H - Freddie	3N – Kelvis and Peighton C 3C – Aahil and Sofia C 3W –Alex and Ivene 3P – Esther and Edward 4R – Rinoa and Zayn 4MU –Stefania & Vladut 4MA – Robert & Narsin 4AD – Fatlum and Dana FS2 – Vladut and Isabella	5CL –Theo and Highly 5A – Kanaye and Emmanuella 5B – Priyal and Rayan 5CH – Oba and Christina 6S – Alan and Leah 6M – Rory and Laura 6SP – Arfan and Kaija 6R – Emily and Divine Stepping Stones - Damien

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Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
December	16.12.24	Reception	Christmas Presentations 9:00 RH & RM 2:30 RT & RB
	17.12.24	EYFS/KS1/ Year 3	Christmas Dinner
	18.12.24	Whole School	Christmas Pantomime
	19.12.24	Year 4/5/6	Christmas Dinner
		Nursery	Christmas Presentations 9:00 Nursery AM and all day 2:30 Nursery PM and all day
	20.12.24	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
	23.12.24 – 06.01.25	ALL	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
January	07.01.25	Whole School	Pupils back for spring term
	10.01.24	KS2	Badminton
	14.01.25	Parents of SEND pupils	9:00 – 10:00 am Coffee morning
		Year 6	Arctic Workshop
	17.01.25	Year 5 & 6	Sportshall Athletics
	24.01.25	B Team	Dodgeball
February	07.02.24	KS1	Sportshall Athletics
	11.02.25	Whole School	Safer Internet Day
	14.02.25	KS2	Archery competition
	17.02.25 – 21.02.25	ALL	FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Maths Champions

			
Correct answers given	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Nathan O	Aafia F	Ikeoluwa A
Year 3	Aahil M	Liam P	Mithil B
Year 4	Nikola N	Hanna G	Brajan K
Year 5	Muhammad S	Emily D	Daniel N
Year 6	Stavros T	Imo R	Alan K

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Year Group email addresses:

Nursery – nursery.tps@psborne.coop

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Year 5 – year5.tps@osborne.coop

Year 6 – year6.tps@osborne.coop

Stepping Stones – steppingstones.tps@osborne.coop

Please note that any information regarding illness and absences MUST be reported to the school office and NOT the year group emails.

Dinner Menu

Week 1

WEEK COMMENCING - 4th November - 25th November - 16th December - 20th January - 10th February - 10th March - 31st March

Please note that the menu may change subject to local needs

Monday	Pork Sausage Cowboy casserole With Rice	Quorn Sausage Cowboy casserole With Rice	Cheese Toastie	Mixed vegetables	Seasonal Salad Bar	Fruit Smoothie
Tuesday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With Potato Cubes	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Broccoli	Seasonal Salad Bar	Pineapple Upside Down Cake With Custard
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash Bake	Carrots	Seasonal Salad Bar	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Cottage Pie	Vegetable Puff Pie	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sweetcorn	Seasonal Salad Bar	Angel Delight
Friday	Fish Fingers With Chips	Cheesy Wrap Stack	Cheese Toastie	Peas	Seasonal Salad Bar	Carrot Cake

Christmas Dinner Menu

Christmas Dinner Date: Wednesday 18th
December 24

Roast Turkey
or
Quorn Roast Wellington
with
Pork Sausage
or
Quorn Sausage
&
Roast Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Yorkshire Pudding
Gravy

Christmas Ice-cream Tub

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