

Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a superb first week back after half term. I have been very impressed with level of maturity and confidence shown by our younger children in all aspects of their learning. Many of the children have told me about the wonderful experiences they had whilst away, but they have been looking forward to coming back to school to be with their friends! This week has seen the first parents' consultation meetings of the year, and it was great to see so many happy and proud parents positively skipping out of school. I performed a fantastic assembly today. It was about the London Underground and the bridges they built in class. Our future is definitely in safe hands if these are the engineers of tomorrow!

Mr Burton-Smith

Lower Kindergarten

This week, we have been learning about fireworks and about what people traditionally do on bonfire night. We have played with 3D shapes in maths and used the shapes to make and decorate our own fireworks. We have also been using Numicon to make number 5, our number of the week. Our writing is improving as we practise holding our pencils using a good grip, and we have written about the sounds that fireworks make as well as writing recipes in the home bay. Outside we have collected wood to build a make-believe bonfire!



Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten, we have started our new topic, Celebrations and Festivals. We have been talking about Bonfire Night, learning the story of The Gunpowder Plot and finding out how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. We all tried hard to make our own Bonfire Night safety posters. We have also been learning about Diwali and enjoyed finding out how some of our friends had been celebrating it during half term. We read the story of Rama and Sita and then acted it out in our small world area. We have also used the clay to make our own Diwali lamps. This week in maths, we have been learning to add two numbers together using objects to help us find out the answer. We have been learning to read a number sentence, trying hard to recognise the addition and equals signs.





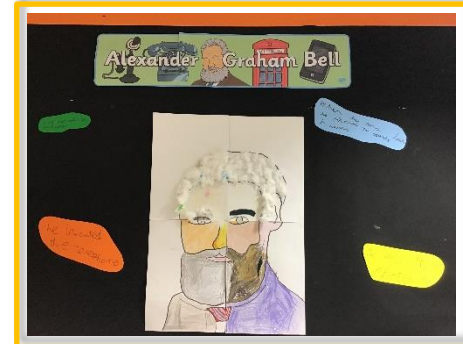
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Form I

This week in maths, we have been investigating shape, pattern and symmetry. The children have enjoyed using geoboards, mirrors, sticks and many other resources while using mathematical vocabulary. In English, we have looked at the story 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hegley. We have thought of lots of amazing adjectives to make our sentence writing more interesting. In our topic work, we have started learning about the life of Alexander Graham Bell and did some collaborative art work.



Form II

This week, we have begun a new phase of our London Underground topic. We are going to be historians and learn about The Great Fire of London. In English, we were so inspired by the new topic that we decided to change our story writing about a dog so it included an adventure about The Great Fire of London. In maths, we have practised adding and subtracting multiples of 10. We hope you enjoyed our assembly, the class worked very hard this week to prepare!



Form III

In English, we identified the key features of instructions. We used this information to write our own set of instructions, in order to make edible sparklers. We then followed our own instructions to create these tasty snacks and evaluated the outcome. It was safe to say that they went down a treat! In Maths, we have been estimating and measuring the length of objects and researching



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“Always do something. Never do nothing.”



Form IV

This week, we have focused on time in mathematics. We have expanded our knowledge of am / pm worded and real life problems, as well as looking at time intervals. In English, we have been focusing on capital letters and looking at some fantastic Australian stories. We shared our presentations with the class and they were very interesting, such a lot of effort. Well done!



Form V / VI

In English this week, we have started to study the genre of newspaper articles. We have identified some features of a newspaper article and unpicked the structure of an example text. In Maths, we have completed our decimals unit and, on the whole, have made some pleasing progress with our understanding of decimals. We enjoyed a 'decimals hunt' finding a trio of numbers that were all linked by what they would round to.



A big thank you to all of those families that donated in aid of the Welcome Centre. It was very humbling to see the generosity given by our school community. Your donations were greatly received and will have made a difference to the lives of many families around Kirklees.



This year we will be supporting Children In Need by having a non-uniform day on Friday 15th November. Please could all children bring a minimum donation of £1

Upcoming Class Assemblies:

- FI Class assembly, Friday 15th November at 9.00am
K Class assembly, Friday 22nd November 9.00am
LK Class assembly, Friday 29th November 9.00am

Upcoming dates for the Diary:

- ALL Surprise Spectacular! Come and enjoy the fun on firework night! Friday 8th November at 5.30pm
ALL Book Fair from 13th – 20th November
ALL Children in Need non-uniform day, Friday 15th November
ALL Staff INSET, Thursday 28th of November at 4.30pm
ALL Flu vaccinations, Thursday 5th December
ALL Christmas Concert, Friday 6th December at 2.00pm
ALL Piano and Singing Recital, 10th December at 4.00pm. Mince pies are included!
ALL Pantomime trip, Friday 13th December 1.30pm

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week!



We hope to see you all at our Firework Surprise Spectacular Event this evening. There is lots of fun to be had by all members of the family!

5.30-7.30pm