

### A message from Mrs McNulty...

It has been a real pleasure to welcome back all of our wonderful children to the start of a new year. They have settled well into their exciting lessons and continue to rise to the challenges set by our talented teachers.

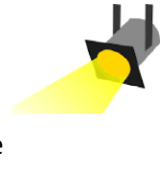
Year 2 and 6 are busy with their preparations for SATs tests- booster groups, 1:1 tuition and early bird maths and reading sessions are all in place. Please encourage your children to practice their multiplication tables, handwriting and spellings and read regularly in the evenings and at weekends.

Thank you for your continued support. *Mrs K McNulty*

### Highlights of the Week



The Space Dome visited Hugh Gaitskell last week and it allowed the children to study space and experience what it was like to be an astronaut. The Space Dome is a portable planetarium that allowed the children a unique opportunity opportunity to really understand what it was like to travel beyond Earth. The children enjoyed a space experience adventure and were amazed to follow 'Big Bear' around the nights sky.



Our business partner, DePuy Synthes are now supplying high quality fruit for all of our KS2 children. Healthy eating = healthy brains = high quality work! Thank you DePuy!

### Mrs McNulty's Marvels!

Year 3 & 4 have made an excellent start to the New Year and have already produced some fantastic work on the Victorians. This week, pupils have written diary entries in the role of Victorian children living and working in a despicable workhouse! Year 4 have also enjoyed working with our resident drama teacher –Luke- based around our literacy text *Street Child* where children brought to life the characters of Jim Jarvis and the dastardly Mr Spink.

All staff were mightily impressed by the efforts of children's Victorian learning logs over the Christmas break - some of the best are shown in the picture below!



Aminah Tariq



Ike Mukolu



Jakub Stefaniak



Aminah Tariq

### Parent Reminders

Missed days at school result in lost learning and become a barrier to achievement and attainment for pupils. I will be conducting parent meetings where individual attendance results are unacceptably low. Please make a concerted effort to bring your child to school every day and on time.

### Dates for your Diary

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Fire Engine visiting  
Reception

#### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Y1 Hearing Tests with  
School Nursing

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

KS1 Chinese Dance  
Workshop

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Magpie & Skylark trip  
to Abbey House  
Museum

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Nightingale &  
Sandpiper trip to  
Abbey House  
Museum

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Kestrel & Wren trip  
to Abbey House  
Museum

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Reception  
height/weight  
screening

## Last Week's Attendance

Mrs McNulty says... Oh dear!  
These percentages are far too low.  
Big improvement needed next  
week everyone.



Our target is **97%**: Please ensure that children arrive at school **on time** every day.

| Class           | Last Week's Attendance | Number of Late Marks |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Robins          | 88.2                   | 3                    |
| Penguins        | 95.6                   | 1                    |
| Parrots         | 92.5                   | 6                    |
| <b>Flamingo</b> | <b>97.0</b>            | <b>3</b>             |
| Toucan          | 90.3                   | 4                    |
| Owl             | 94.0                   | 4                    |
| Swan            | 91.5                   | 1                    |
| Bluebird        | 94.2                   | 2                    |
| Kingfisher      | 96.1                   | 1                    |
| Skylark         | 87.5                   | 3                    |
| Sandpiper       | 96.8                   | 2                    |
| Wren            | 90.0                   | 0                    |
| Kestrel         | 93.5                   | 2                    |
| Nightingale     | 89.4                   | 2                    |
| Magpie          | 92.7                   | 1                    |
| Hummingbird     | 95.3                   | 7                    |
| Woodpecker      | 87.3                   | 3                    |
| Goldfinch       | 92.1                   | 4                    |
| Falcon          | 90.4                   | 0                    |
| Eagle           | 93.5                   | 2                    |

Doors will open at **8:40am** and children may come in from that time. Doors will close at **8:50am**.



## What to do if... it snows!



When the local area experiences severe snow or icy conditions, HGPS will **always** remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

Your child **must** attend school unless you have received **official notification** of closure through our parent text service, school website or Leeds City Council's website.

You can find further detail in our 'Severe Weather Policy' which can be found on our school website.

## Times Tables Rock Star Leader Board

Well done to all our Times Tables Rockstars especially **Aseel Karimi** now being the number 1 artist for 2017!

| Rank | Pupil           | Class           | Time  |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1st  | Aseel Karimi    | 4 Nightingale   | 0.60s |
| 2nd  | Alisa Karimi    | 3 Sandpiper     | 0.70s |
| 3rd  | Nikodem Piasta  | 6 Falcon        | 0.72s |
| 4th  | Tian Cai        | 6 Eagle         | 1.10s |
| 5th  | Humehra Younis  | 6 Falcon        | 1.14s |
| 6th  | James Boafo     | 4 Magpie        | 1.20s |
| 7th  | Tamrez Younis   | 5/6 Hummingbird | 1.21s |
| 8th  | Zayd Khan       | 5 Goldfinch     | 1.23s |
| 9th  | Penny Mallinson | 6 Falcon        | 1.30s |
| 10th | Aneese Javed    | 6 Eagle         | 1.35s |

All pupils (Y1-Y6) have received their Times Tables Rockstars username details. Log on to <https://trockstars.com/> to be in with a chance of achieving a starring role on our Rock Star Leaderboard! Speak to your child's class teacher for further information.

## Star of the week

| Class       | Name               |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Parrots     | Pierce Westcott    |
| Penguins    | Daisy Hemmingway   |
| Robins      | Paramveer Singh    |
| Flamingo    | Anniyah Ahmed      |
| Owl         | Jayden Imbusch     |
| Toucan      | Hajirah Shakoor    |
| Bluebird    | Mohammed Ali       |
| Kingfisher  | Neyo Muncha        |
| Swan        | Jake Crosswaite    |
| Sandpiper   | Adriana Wlodarczyk |
| Skylark     | Marwa Moughal      |
| Wren        | Kian Moore         |
| Kestrel     | Kobie-Lee Miller   |
| Magpie      | Bethal Siaw        |
| Nightingale | Marta Sisay        |
| Woodpecker  | Sarah Friend       |
| Goldfinch   | Megan Brier        |
| Hummingbird | Hillary Dumfeh     |
| Eagle       | Kaiden Phillips    |
| Falcon      | Max Nelson         |