

# NEWSLETTER



27th January 2023

As our week draws to a close, it is time to reflect on all the exciting events that have been taking place in school. I have had the opportunity to visit every class this week to see all the fantastic learning that has been taking place.

In Year 6, the children have been creating their own poems about Spring, the vocabulary that the children have included in their writing has shown a real understanding of their theme. We have chosen two poems to share with you at the end of this newsletter, I hope you enjoy it. Year 1 impressed me with their knowledge of number bonds and how they were able to use this knowledge to answer Fluent in Five questions confidently. Well done everyone.

We would like to thank all of the parents that attended the Year 6 INSPIRE session, for children in Mr Johnson's class on Thursday. The feedback from parents and children was very positive. They had the opportunity to look at ways in which they can prepare for their Maths SATs. The next INSPIRE session is year 5 on Tuesday

This week we have had our second visit from Reflexions. Prior to the children's workshop, the parent workshop was a success, our attendance numbers are slowly increasing. Look out for the next parent session in the Summer Term. The children in KS2 enjoyed their session this week, they had the opportunity to create their own class mascot and then think about how they may be feeling in different situations with a focus on anxiety.

We talked in assembly today about safety and would like to remind parents that smartwatches with the ability to text, call or take pictures are classed as mobile devices and should not be brought into school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Weaver  
Assistant Head of School

## Attendance

Attendance at school is **mandatory**. Whole school attendance should be **at least 96%**.

**The 100% winner this week was Bella in Reception. The winning class was Miss Floyd's class.**

If your child is too ill to come to school then you should **contact the school office before 9.30am**, either by telephoning 01384 818845 (option 1) or using the absence reporting feature on ParentMail. Do not use our social media pages to report absences. Please remember that school can administer medication in certain circumstances.

## Safeguarding

We all have a **responsibility** for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads within school.

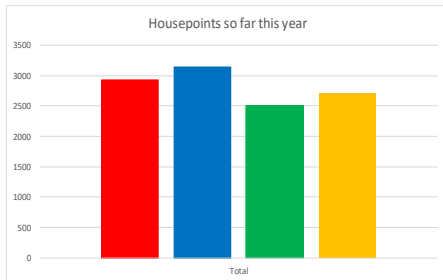
If you have concerns which are **not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**.

Alternatively you can call ChildLine on **0800 1111** or email them by visiting [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**HONESTY-POSITIVE ATTITUDE-RESPECT-RESILIENCE-CARING**

## HONESTY

We use house-points at Hurst Hill to reward pupils for following our school rules and values.



This week our house point totals are:

Ruby– 232  
Diamond–329  
Emerald – 226  
Sapphire– 201

Well done to this week's winners– Diamonds

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 31st January – 5JW INSPIRE session

Monday 6th February– Reception Animal Man Visit

Wednesday 8th February–6JG INSPIRE session

Tuesday 14th February—2NF INSPIRE session

Wednesday 15th February– Year 4 trip to Thinktank

Thursday 16th February Year 3 TimeZone visit & PTA Valentine disco

Friday 17th February Last day of half term.

We return to school Tuesday 28th February

## CARING

This week we are looking at **Article 15: Right of Association.**

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights



We will be sending a letter next week showing the after school clubs for after half term. Forms will be available on ParentMail to register your child's interest.

## RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Emilia, Molly, Jacob, Scarlett, Archie, Teagan, Julia and Bentley



## POSITIVE ATTITUDE

We have been trying really hard with our **reading on MyOn.**

**Below word count for each class for the week**

Year 2– 7,200  
Year 3– 22,401  
Year 4– 62,502  
Year 5–80,280  
Year 6JG– 24,077  
Year 6MJ– 31,100

This week's winning class is Year 5 for the most words read this week. They win a new book for their classroom!

This week's Century winners are:

Maisie, Abdullah, Tilly, Sasha and Aminta

## RESPECT

**Star Pupils of the week** show our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring.

**Nursery**– Sienna for caring for others

**Reception**– David for resilience in writing

**Year 1**– Aiyarna for resilience in learning

**Year 2**– Jacob for positive attitude to learning

**Year 3**– Logan for resilience in writing

**Year 4**– William for resilience in all subjects

**Year 5**– Kayden for positive attitude to learning

**Year 6MJ**– Christopher for positive attitude in Learning

**Year 6JG**– Abigail for positive attitude in lessons

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## Spring's Rebirth

A sky blue silk blanket lines in the horizon towering over the new life.  
The beaming sun happily shines over the blossoming flowers.  
Elated flowers dance in the fresh grass.  
The new life put smiles on faces like they've won the lottery.  
Like a golden retriever wagging its tail joyfully.

In the spring season it is was as peacefully as a dove,  
In every crack and crevice spring's sun grip takes hold,  
A crowd of geese fly over me.  
A season of new life and hope.  
A cloud of peigons fly through the tranquil sky.

The trees hug their buds close tight until they're leaves.  
The sun shining like a fire.  
Calm winds howl gently.  
Daffodils dance in the calm wind.  
It is as peaceful as a dove.

Strolling through hedges of fine lacework.  
Soft hopeful clouds wander a sky of azure sea.  
Sunlight prevails over the crude arctic climate.  
Like powerful jaws swallowing the misery of winter.  
Like a team of underdogs licking a trophy.

By Roman



## New Dawn

Strolling over the grassy landscape,  
The sun peeking happily through the cheerful canopy  
The threatening sub-zero conditions forgotten,  
And relocated by sun-kissed skies,  
The sunrise greet me in the morning,  
Like a winning lottery ticket.

A period of warmth and sunshine,  
A circle of gold chasing away fluffy white pillows,  
Spring is a warm, fuzzy blanket wrapped around me,  
Spring believes in kindness,  
Blowing in the rhythmic pull of the wind,  
Like relaxing on an exotic island.

Gentle skies without memory of troubled winds  
A The friendly sunshines down brightly,  
This is the start of a new chapter,  
Sunflowers - dance happily in the soft breeze,  
Striding merrily past hedges of fine lace work,  
Sunlight prevails over the crude Arctic climate.

Soft, hopeful clouds wonder lazily through  
a soft sky of azure sea,  
Like a triumphant army celebrating in a victory parade,  
Breathing joy into my life,  
Spring is a playful season.

By Crystal