

Mrs Mason's Messages



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Headteacher's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite this being a short week, we have certainly packed in a lot at Idle CE (A) Primary! This week we have an extended 'School News' for you with information from every year group on the back of the newsletter so you can see what we have all been focusing on!

Next week will be a busy one, with Year 3TI heading off for their first ever residential and Year 6 SATs tests throughout the week. Year 6 are already looking forward to a visit to a drama performance at Immanuel on Thursday and a party on the Friday to celebrate the end of the SATs tests and Year 3SG will be anticipating their own residential the following week. In other news, we are enjoying looking after our sunflowers in class and hope you are also doing so at home!

Have a well-deserved break this weekend.

Mrs Mason

SMSC



Our SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) focus this term is 'Who We Are'. This week we have learnt about Eid Ul-Fitr, celebrated at the start of the week by Muslims, in our worship and School Council have begun gathering pupil feedback on our school rewards systems. Staff members spent training this week meeting with other subject leaders from across Shipley, considering the transition between primary and secondary curriculums.

Parent Forum - Behaviour

Attached to this newsletter you will find some feedback from the most recent parent forum on behaviour, held at the end of Spring term. We had a small number of parents attend in person and a number of parents contribute their views via email. Any more feedback is appreciated—please email any comments to the office.

A key focus for school this term is on re-writing our behaviour policy. Although there have been modifications over the years, the existing policy has been in place for some time. We have welcomed parent feedback on both rewards and sanctions and Miss James, our PSHE coordinator, is working with School Council to gather pupil feedback also. As a staff body we are engaging with current research and reading around school behaviour policies and developing our behavioural support this term.

One aspect of discussion has been the presentation of certificates in assembly. Although many parents are keen to come back into school for achievement assemblies we wish to do this in line with our developing rewards programme in the Autumn term. However, we will be welcoming parents back into school to see class assemblies in the second half of the Summer term. This will provide an opportunity to see pupils perform and present their work to their families. We also have musical presentations scheduled. Dates for these will be provided in the next newsletter.

Worship

In worship we learnt about the Muslim festival of Eid Ul-Fitr, celebrated by Muslim communities this week. We learnt that the date of this festival changes each year depending on the moon.

We also discussed what was being celebrated as Muslims reach the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting and reflection. We hope all our families celebrating have had a wonderful time!



Prayer

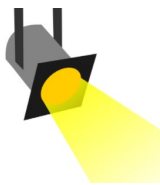


Dear God
Thank you for celebrations,
for happy times that we spend with people we love.
Bless those who are enjoying the end of a time of fasting.
May the lessons they have learned bring them happiness, forgiveness and a sense of community.
Amen

Book Sale

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our second-hand book sale on Thursday. It was hugely successful! A big thank you to Mr Ciuccio, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Smith for organising it and to parents, carers and children for supporting. All proceeds will go towards the KS1 library to replenish the books available for children to borrow. After the success of the new KS2 library, Mrs Murphy cannot wait to get her teeth into a new challenge!

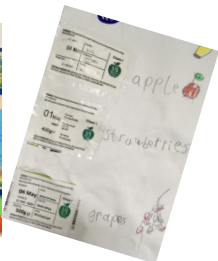




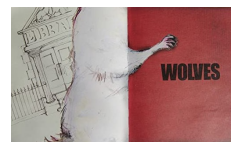
In the Spotlight - Class News

In **EYFS** this half term we have been learning how plants grow through planting lots of flowers, broad beans, tomato plants and pumpkins. As part of our understanding of community, we have been to the library, had a firefighter come in and we are excited to have a paramedic come in to speak to us this Friday!

Year 1 In Year 1 we are looking at where in the world our food comes from. It is going to include some eating!



Year 2 This week year 2 have been extremely busy with lots of Maths and Reading practice in preparation for our Year 2 SATS w/c 16th May. We have also been practicing how to use adjectives and conjunctions in our toolkit phase to retell of the story *Wolves* by Emily Gravett.



Year 3 Classteachers asked their classes what they have really enjoyed this week. They voted on their favourite things. Science has been a big love for all the pupils over the last two weeks as they have been investigating the strength of magnets. 3TI also voted that they have loved getting to know Miss Ilyes too.!

Year 4 Relationships between our year 4 classes and our linking school, Lady Royd Primary deepened this week as Mrs Murphy went to visit as their 'Secret Reader'. Children have been writing 'I Am' poems and creating identity maps to share as they get to know each other remotely before a they meet in person for a shared picnic later in the summer term.



Year 5 Our current science topic in Year 5 is electrical circuits. This week, we used practical equipment to create our own circuits and explored the reasons why they may not work e.g. no power source or an open switch. We also discovered that adding extra batteries made the bulbs shine brighter and the motors spin faster. What a lot of fun!

Year 6 This week we have been working hard revising and working on test technique ready for SATs. We have also spent time focusing on our mental health by enjoying the daily mile and having tasty treats from the Year 6 team - we are SMART COOKIES!

That concludes our class news round up! What a lot to fit into a 4 day week!



Community News

BD1 Brass are performing a concert on Sunday 15th May at Holy Trinity Idle at 4pm. Tickets are available from the church office costing £7.50 each Call: 01274 615411, email: secretary@holyltrinityidle.org.uk or see Jim, Leah or Nyreen to get your ticket.

See you there!



Diary Dates

Monday 9th—Thursday 12th May—Y6 SATs tests

Thursday 12th May—Friday 13th May—3TI residential
w/c 16th May - Year 2 SATS tests commence

Tuesday 17th May—Y6 Brownlee Foundation Mini-Triathlon

Thursday 19th May—Friday 20th May - 3SG residential

Tuesday 24th May - EYFS Nell Bank visit

Thursday 26th May—parent forum on **reading**

Friday 27th May—school closes for half term

