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RECEPTION CLASS WIN GOLD!



Following a fun filled morning of exciting activities, our children came back to school as Winners of the Todmorden Schools Reception Class Mini Olympics! Once again, our pupils showed determination and team work to accumulate the highest total of points, which is an even greater achievement, with only 12 pupils!

We are really proud of you all and love the energy and enthusiasm you showed, without any signs of slowing down - no wonder Mrs McMahon and Mrs Hird feel tired at the end of a week!



READING WORKSHOP FOR EYFS AND KS1 PARENTS WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY



You are very welcome to come and listen to a short talk from our reading lead Mr Carr, accompanied by class teachers Mrs Mc Mahon and Miss Ashraf, about the way that we teach your child to read at school and the impact this has on the progress they can make during their first few years at Primary School.

There will be coffee and cakes available from 08:40am and the talk will start at 08:50am (lasting no longer than 20mins). There are no planned activities for you to carry out in the workshop, it is simply about listening, to understand more fully how we can work together to best support your child. There will be an opportunity for any questions to be asked on a 1:1 basis following the talk should you wish to stay a little longer.

SNOW WHITE

We were so lucky to be able to bring a Patomime to all our pupils this year and thanks to your £1 weekly contributions, this is another experience that has added to the children's memories. Events such as this are heavily subsidised by school but can not happen without your support.

The children had a fun filled time last Friday afternoon, with laughter and participation throughout the performance. There was no 'hiding' for adults either, with both Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Longden being very good sports and getting dragged into the dancing on stage! Thank you for all your support with this scheme so far this year.



ATTENDANCE

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance at school is as much about pupil well-being as academic success. Being in school supports pupil's friendships, confidence and wider development. When pupils miss school, the impact of 'feeling behind' can be a barrier to their future success. Government data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. If pupils are not in school, we can not support them to learn.



Nursery - 100%

Reception - 90.5%

Year 1 - 100%

Year 2 - 95.5%

Year 3 - 100%

Year 4 - 94.7%

Year 5 - 92.5%

Year 6 - 93.9%

Whole school attendance week: 95.2%

We need these figures to be above 96% Help us reach our goal - every day counts!!

Whole school attendance this year: 95.6%

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

Trips, Visits, Theme Days and More!

Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Pool for Schools. Swimming lessons every day in school for one more week

Monday 5th February Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February Oak class trip to perform at Young Voices in Manchester AO Arena

Tuesday 6th February Be Internet Legends Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February Sacramental Programme Meeting for parents 2:45pm

Wednesday 7th February 20mins Reading Workshop with coffee and cake for parents of EYFS and KS1 08:50am

Thursday 8th February Spring Disco 4-5:30pm

Friday 9th February Elm Class Assembly tbc

Friday 9th February Close for half-term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February February half-term

Monday 19th February Back to school

Thursday 22nd February Fire Crew Visit to see Beech Class 'People who help us'

Monday 26th February Flat Stan First Aid Training Workshops Y1 - Y6

Monday 26th February 3:15-4:15pm Film Club with Mrs Green, R, Y1 & 2 for those children who have joined

Tuesday 27th February Elm Class trip to Science and Industry Museum in Manchester

Wednesday 6th March Beech Class Visit to the Fire Station

Friday 8th March Beech Class Assembly

Friday 8th March Swimming Gala for Y3 - Y6

Friday 22nd March Cedar Class Assembly

Thursday 28th March Close for Easter

PAINTING CLUB & CRAFT CLUB

KS1 Painting Club and KS2 Crafts Club have been expressing themselves with such skill these past few weeks and the new clubs are proving to be a great success! Thank you to the children for their commitment and to the staff for their time and dedication in preparing these experiences.



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



Beech: Whole class, For excellent behaviour at Mini-Olympics and of course for being the winners too

Cedar: Arabella S, Her participation during our trip to Church

Elm: Lillie S, For swimming bravely without a noodle.

Oak: Melissa P, For going the extra mile and doing more than expected in her RE work

WOW!

Beech: Alfie A, For trying new foods

Cedar: Zuzanna F, Showing resilience and persevering during swimming

Elm: Emily F, For amazing science work about teeth

Oak: Juwariayah M, For overcoming her fear of swimming and showing a really positive start in her lessons

SCHOOL DISCO - THURSDAY NEXT WEEK

Have you seen the posters about next Thursday's Spring Disco? This will be a combined disco for all pupils from 5pm - 7pm and entrance tickets will be on sale from Monday for £2. There will be a music, games and a tuck shop comprising of sweets, crisps and cakes priced from 20p to £1. As with previous discos, we ask please that EYFS and KS1 children are accompanied by an adult (an older sibling of primary age does not meet this criteria) Tea and coffee will be available along with free cordial for children.



POOLS FOR SCHOOLS Y2 - Y6 PUPILS

Thank you for all the support we have received and all the encouragement you are giving your children with their swimming lessons this week. We are so impressed with the way the children have sensibly prepared for their lessons, pushed themselves, often beyond their comfort zones, and made so much progress in just a few days. Lessons will continue next week and we ask for clothing and towels to continue to be sent in daily. Quotes from the children:

"That was the best lesson ever!"

