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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Attendance Winners

Whole School— 94.5%

Winners—Nursery —99.1%

House Points Winners =

Winter & Mexborough—427 points each

Well Done!



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Last week the Pupils of the Week were :

Nur: Esme W

Rec: Leighton S

Yr 1: Eva B

Yr 2: Jai H

Yr 3: Ava H

Yr 4: Theo T

Yr 5: Scarlet S

Yr 6: Zac H

Wow Workers of the Week

Rec: Amelia L

Yr 1: Matthew W

Yr 2: Henry P

Yr 3: Conrad G

Yr 4: Zack T

Yr 5: Ethan F

Yr 6: Katie F

Eid Mubarak

Wishing our families celebrating, a blessed Eid.



Ramadan



We had an assembly about Ramadan and Eid delivered by Imran Kotwal who works for Muslim learner services. He told us what happens during Ramadan for Muslims and how they celebrate during the festival of Eid.



"I really liked both songs, but I have heard the second one before at my Grandma's house"

Khadija Year 1

"I have had Henna on my arm close to Eid in Year 4. I really enjoyed this assembly and learnt some things that I didn't know before"

Edie Year 6

"It was awesome because you gave us interesting information about Ramadan and Eid"

Ruby Year 6

Nursery Celebrations

Nursery have loved learning all about Ramadan and Eid. In celebration we created a crescent moon to mark the end of Ramadan using lollypop sticks and glitter. It was a great opportunity for the children to explore similarities and differences in our faiths.

They have enjoyed exploring different cultures and helping their friends to celebrate Eid!



Church Links

This week in Collective Worship the children learnt about Forgiveness. Father David visited Years 3 and 4 for Collective Worship this week.

Rugby Coach

Year 3 and 4 have been lucky enough to have a visiting rugby coach from Halifax Panthers. The children will complete 6 sessions during PE with the hope of representing school in a rugby tournament.



Special Visitor

This week Foundation Stage found an unusual little visitor in their playground. The hedgehog which didn't look very well. We decided to place the Hedgehog somewhere quiet and warm so that it felt safe. Nursery and Reception then brought it into school and Mrs. Hoyle rang Halifax Hedgehogs for advice.

Halifax Hedgehogs collected the hedgehog and said that they would keep us updated via their Facebook page 'Halifax Hedgehogs'. It is a female hedgehog and they've named her Winnie. The sanctuary have given her fluids and are awaiting test results to see if there are any other problems.

The sanctuary is a charitable organisation and they have got an Amazon wish list on their Facebook page of things they need to be able to carry out the fabulous work they do. Please check out their page and support in any way you can.

The children were so quiet and considerate of our guest. This opportunity was a great example of learning in the moment. We talked about the features of the Hedgehog and how it might be lost and need our help.



Absence

Thank you to everyone who contacts the school office, either to leave a voice mail message, or to speak directly to office staff regarding absence.

Please could all parents/carers ensure that they contact school as soon they know a child is going to be absent. This is to provide a reason for that absence and means that we will not have to call you to find out why a child is off.

Where a reason is not provided to the office by 9:00am, First Day Calling procedure will be followed and if necessary a home visit will be undertaken.

Thank you.

Year 6—Cinema

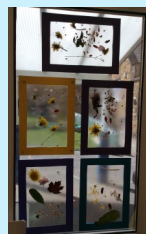
Last week, Year 6 took part in a colouring activity to brighten up the Rex ready for their re-opening.

As part of this the Rex have offered us a free screening on Thursday 20th May during school time. They are all very excited!



Natural Suncatchers

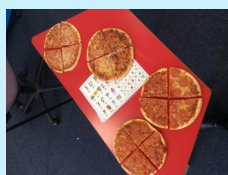
Last week, Reception class made natural suncatchers from things that they found in the school grounds. They have been looking at the natural world in RE and appreciating nature. They found things on the floor that they thought were beautiful and then stuck them onto sticky back plastic. They are making their classroom look lovely.



One Way System

A brief reminder about the one way system that is in place in the school grounds during arrival and collection. Please could parents/carers wait for a member of staff before they move around to the back of the building. Thank you.

Year 2 Fractions



Year 2 have been learning to count in fractions and used pizzas to help them with this. The children really enjoyed 'eating their Maths work' once they had learnt how to count in fractions!



Health Update

Children with simple cold symptoms such as runny noses or sore throats **without fever** should not be tested for COVID-19, and can attend school if they feel well enough to do so.

Anyone with any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home and arrange testing.

Please contact school to advise us of any absence.

Please note that unless advised otherwise, only people who present with **any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested**.

Testing must be conducted within the first 5 days of the onset of symptoms.

If someone is being tested in your household, **ALL** family members will need to isolate until a negative test is returned.

When you receive your test result, **please email admin@elland.calderdale.sch.uk** with details before your child returns to school. Children can return to school as soon as a negative test is received.

If your child develops any of the key symptoms for COVID-19 in school, we will contact parents/carers and ask for you to arrange a test. This is in line with Government guidelines.

Symptoms

High temperature
New continuous cough
Loss or change to sense of taste or smell

Spring Bank Holiday Activities



diamonds

Spring bank holiday activities scheme

Held at:
The Keith Whitaker Centre
Mill Lane
Boothtown
Halifax
HX3 6TN

Dates
Tuesday 1st June
Thursday 3rd June
Friday 4th June

Sessions each day
Morning - 9.45 – 11.45am
All day – 9.45 – 2.00pm

Diamonds members
Morning only £15
All day £20

Diamonds non-members
Morning only £20
All day - £25 per session

Open to all children of school age (4+)
Groups: Recp&KS1 / KS2 / KS3&4

To book on –
Email: info@diamondsgymclub.org.uk
Or call 01422 349559

We are a covid secure facility.
Further information can be found at
Diamondsgymclub.org.uk/covid19/

British Gymnastics
Diamonds
Vale Free

Emotional Health & Wellbeing Service

Is your child feeling stressed, worried or uncertain...?

Are they...?

- Restless
- Having chest pains
- Getting headaches
- Losing their appetite
- Not sleeping well
- Avoiding situations
- Needing lots of reassurance
- Having panic attacks

It's important that you and your child know these feelings are understandable in the current circumstances and that worry is a normal emotion.

TOP TIPS

- Be positive, talk and listen to your child.
- Don't dismiss any worries even if they seem unrealistic.
- Remind them that it's OK to feel however they feel and that 'this is NOT going to last forever'.
- If they are worried about family members getting coronavirus, reassure them that everyone is trying to keep as safe as possible.
- Explain that when in school they can talk and get support from an adult.
- Encourage your child to get plenty of sleep and limit screen time before bed.
- Make a worry box with your child:
youngminds.org.uk/blog/how-to-make-a-worry-box-a-guide-for-parents/
- Do some breathing exercises together:
www.headspace.com/meditation/breathing-exercises
- If you or your child has any particular needs, worries or concerns that you want to share with someone, speak to their teacher or another professional.
- You may also feel worried, so remember to seek help and advice if you need it.

Over the next few weeks, we will be featuring various guidance notes and agencies that you can contact for advice.

This week we are focusing on stress, worry or uncertainty for children. If you would like to follow any of the links, these details are also available on our website.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service Offer for Children and Young People in Calderdale

 <p>Open Minds website provides advice, information and support on local and national services that help children and young people.</p> <p>Age range: 0-25 years Contact details: www.openminds.org.uk</p>	 <p>Kooth.com offers safe anonymous online counselling with a qualified professional.</p> <p>Age range: 10-25 years Contact details: www.kooth.com</p>	 <p>Time Out offers the opportunity to find your thing, get some simple guidance around emotional wellbeing, managing worries and looking after yourself.</p> <p>Age range: 10-16 years Contact details: 01422 471344 or info@timeout.org.uk</p>
 <p>Baroness's Positive Identities Service offers specialist advice and support to those who identify or are questioning their sexual and/or gender identity.</p> <p>Age range: 8-25 years Contact details: 01422 371903 or positiveidentities@baroness.gov.uk</p>	 <p>Open Minds (CALMS) offers specialist help and support around mental health.</p> <p>Age range: 5-16 years Contact details: www.openminds.org.uk</p>	 <p>C&K Careers offers specialist advice, support and guidance on future career options.</p> <p>Age range: 12-24 years Contact details: 01422 213850 or info@ckcareers.org.uk</p>
 <p>ChatHealth offers a confidential and secure text messaging service to discuss physical health and emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>Age range: 8-16 years Contact details: 01422 422207 or info@chathealth.org.uk</p>	 <p>Calderdale Young People's Service offers advice and support on being a young person.</p> <p>Age range: 8-16 years Contact details: 01422 261288 or info@calderdaleyouth.org.uk</p>	 <p>Healthy Futures Calderdale offers advice and support from public health clinicians at any concerns you have relating to COVID-19, including worries about the return to school.</p> <p>Age range: 12-24 years Contact details: 01422 261288</p>
 <p>Branching Out offers specialist advice and support around drugs and alcohol.</p> <p>Age range: 10-21 years Contact details: 01422 470553</p>	 <p>Sexual Health offers specialist advice and support around sexual health.</p> <p>Age range: 12-21 years Contact details: 01422 261270</p>	 <p>The BEEP Project offers online 1:1 support sessions with a wellbeing officer or a 1:1 text and talk service.</p> <p>Age range: 5-17 years Contact details: 01422 730010 or info@beepproject.org.uk</p>

For more information and support visit
www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk

Open Minds

Upcoming Events

Half Term—End of Friday 28th May - Monday 7th June

School restarts on **Tuesday 8th June**

Tuesday 8th June—Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks (letters home 21.5.21)

Thursday 20th May—Year 6 visiting the Rex Cinema during school time

