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Next Week
School Dinners
Week 3

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PUPILS OF THE WEEK



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD



Lucy B—Year 2

Well Done!

WOW WORK OF THE WEEK

EYFS Carlson A
Year 1 Naevia M
Year 2 Willow MT
Year 3/4 Leo P
Year 4/5 Tiana H
Year 6 Toby O'K

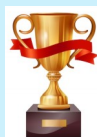
Attendance Winners

Last Week's Attendance Winners

Whole School— 91.7% (Target 96%)

Winners—Year 2—97%

Year 2 are the winners for the last week of half term!! 🎉🎉🎉 Year 4/5 also reached our target of 96%!!



House Points Winners **WINTER** = 151 Points

Well done!

Reindeer Run

Christine Oliver came into assembly and presented a special cheque from Overgate Hospice for all of our children taking part in the Reindeer Run and raising so much money for them. She also had a special presentation cheque and photo with two children who represented Year 1, who donated their class attendance award money (£10) from the Autumn term. This was such a kind thought, a big well done, and thank you.



World Book Day

Next Thursday, 7th March, is World Book Day. We are inviting the children to come to school in their comfy clothes or pyjamas (ready to read), or dress up as their favourite book character. Use your token to get a free book!



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New Age Kurling

Some of the Year 3 children took part in a New Age Kurling event at Calderdale College Inspire centre, before half term. They had lots of fun and were a credit to the school.



Breakfast with Books

Come and enjoy reading and a delicious bagel for breakfast! These sessions will run from 9.00am—9.30am as follows:

EYFS—4th March Yr1 & 2- 5th March KS2—7th March

Please return your slips by Thursday 29th February.

Parents' Evening

Our Spring Parents' Evening is after school on **Wednesday 13th March**. You are now able to book an appointment for this on the SchoolPing app.

If you do not have a login, please speak to the school office, who will need your latest email address to set this up.

Church Links

This week in Collective Worship Mrs Lord spoke to the children about **Stations of the Cross**.



Measles Update

Year 6



Safety Alert

Calderdale Council

Infectious Diseases – Advice from Public Health

What can you do to protect yourself and others?

We've all learnt through the pandemic that the risk of infectious diseases increases in the winter as we all spend more time together indoors, allowing viruses to spread more easily. This year, we've seen increases in some other infectious diseases as well as COVID-19. It's important we are all aware of this and what we can all do to protect ourselves, our families, colleagues, service users and communities.

Measles

Measles is the most contagious of all the airborne viruses. During 2023, there was a large increase in the number of people confirmed as having measles and we've seen an increase in measles in West Yorkshire over recent months.

Since last summer, Public Health been working with health services, nurseries, schools and colleges to make sure we are ready to prevent measles spreading further when we have cases in Calderdale.

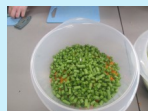
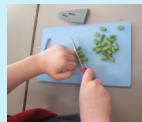
Many of us don't think about measles; we don't know anyone who has had it because it was almost eradicated in the UK due to the measles vaccination introduced in the UK in 1968. The UK Health Security Agency estimate that 20 million measles cases and 4,500 deaths have been prevented in the UK since the vaccine was introduced.

It's never too late to get the MMR vaccine. Two doses give lifelong protection against getting measles and passing it on.

Watch the following [video](#) to discover the signs and symptoms to look out for and how you can protect yourself and your family.



In DT, Year 6 have been creating Veggie Burgers the children designed their burgers and labelled them, they have looked at why hygiene is important when handling food. They have also been shown knife skills to chop the vegetables correctly and safely. The children really enjoyed chopping all the various vegetables but the most enjoyable part was tasting the final product. Someone even commented that it was the best burger they had ever had!



Year 1

Year 5

Last week, Year 1 were reading a new class text "Grandad's Island" by Benji Davies. In preparation for our extended writing, the children were given the opportunity to paint an image of what they think Grandad's Island might look like. The children loved painting coconuts, hammocks and waterfalls!



Last week, Year 5 children enjoyed doing their Bikeability training, first around school, then several children went off site on Day 2 to complete their learning.



EYFS

Emperor Penguins

This term we have been learning all about Antarctica and the harsh conditions Emperor Penguins face daily. We have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities such as collaging an Emperor Penguin using glue and the skill of scrunching and overlapping tissue paper.

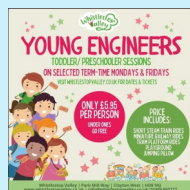
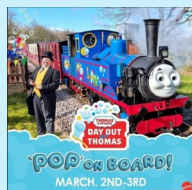
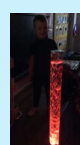
We also enjoyed learning about Colonies and huddles, which Emperor Penguins gather in to stay warm.



Sensory Area

Early Years have opened a brand new area so that our children have the opportunity to relax, regulate and play in a safe environment. We know that our provision can sometimes become over stimulating due to the nature of early years. As a result we have created a safe space for children to be able to explore their emotions using a range of cause and effect toys as well as sensory toys. Our pupils have loved our new area and know the importance of looking after our mental and physical health and being able to regulate their emotions when needed.

Some of our pupils have also brought in sensory toys from home and have shared how they help them "calm down".



Upcoming Events

Every Friday Afternoon
Every Thursday Morning
Every Monday after school
Thursday 7th March
Wednesday 13th March
Friday 22nd March
Monday 8th April

Year 5 Swimming
Adult Learning —Get ready to learn Maths
Choir 3.15pm—4.15pm (for the academic year)
World Book Day—non-uniform day
Parents' Evening—book now on SchoolPing
School closes for Easter Break
Training Day (school opens Tuesday 9th April)

