



Friday 18th October 2019

WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class 1: This week's winner in class 1 is Vivi for showing a positive attitude towards her work.

Class 2: Layla Barwise is the winner for this week for her homework being above and beyond and also positive thinking.

Class 3: In class 3 this week the winner is Mia for being kind and showing a caring attitude towards others, also going out of her way to support other children around her whilst doing her work. Special mention to all of year 6 we are working so hard to master long division.

Class 1: Reception children have been working very hard learning their letter sounds. Thank you so much for supporting your children by hearing them read each night. Please keep on looking at the sounds over half term ready for a progress check the week after. If your child is confident with the sounds, then it's good if you try the words as well.

A couple of phonics videos we have enjoyed in school this week are:

Mr Thorne does Phonics 'l' (he does other sounds too)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3R-16L_Xmro

The Tricky Words Song (up to 1:20)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0>

We haven't looked at these ones yet, but they're good.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ovJlxTQpsU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJWJx0ILwV8>

We've also been den building, learning to recognise the written numbers 1 to 5 and loving playing in the sand.

After half term, Reception will be holding a Parent (or other family member) and Child Activity one morning at school based around planting seeds/bulbs etc. If there is a particular day you can/can't come, please let Mrs Heppell know. If you have spare seeds/bulbs/plant pots etc that you would like to donate, again please get in touch. We hope you can all come.

We have had a very busy week in the infants. Thank you to Parents and Carers for Supporting your Child with their spellings – we have seen a huge improvement this week. Year 1 have been very busy with partitioning using part-whole model. Sounds complicated but ask your child about a whole number and the parts to make it whole, e.g. $239=200+30+9$

After half term year 1 children will be given their logins or Spelling shed. Another please ensure your child wears warm old clothing for the Thursday returning.

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Class 2: We have been perfecting our reading comprehension skills and writing stories with a beginning, problem in the middle, then problem solved at the end. In maths we have been looking at making amounts using the fewest coins.

Online homework login reminder We ask for your support to your child's learning by reminding them to complete their homework. Which will be reading out loud to an adult every night and answer the question and the adult will date, comment and sign. Right out your set of spellings each night in your book. Year 1 and reception please practice your spellings and phonics in your purple book. Year 2,3,4,5,6 practice your times tables in your book.

Your child can also have fun online as they play and learn at the same time. Here are the instruction how to get your child on their Spelling shed and Sumdog accounts.

Spelling shed

1. Type Spelling shed into google chrome and click search
2. In the top right click on the [sign in](#) option
3. Click the [play a game](#) option

Next enter your username and password that can be found in the front of your child's yellow reading journal. Now you're reading to play and learn.

Sumdog

1. Type sumdog into the google chrome search box and click search.
2. Next select sumdog (if more than 1 comes up its the option with <https://www.sumdog.com>>user>sign –in underneath it)
3. Next enter your user name and password which can be found inside front cover of child's yellow reading journal
4. 4 click on [log in](#)

Now you can play and learn online

Class 3: The class did really well on the maths orienteering course in the hall, the whole school had a turn at the activities. It was really fun. Also, Year3,4,5 and 6 learned mapping skills and one outdoor orienteering around the school grounds and it was fun. – Nate Year 4

It has been lovely to welcome back Lucy and Lewis today (18/10/2019). They have been classroom assistance and worked very hard on their day off. We all loved the maths in the hall. This week we have all been writing poetry in a range of styles about our previous visit to Ennerdale.

Please look out for the letter and permission slip for the upcoming junior trip to The Glasgow Science Centre.

Attendance/punctuality As you know, changes in government policy means I am unable to authorise holidays in term time as pupil's routines are disrupted and they miss out on parts of the curriculum and social interaction with their friends. Similarly, being late, also means they are beginning their day rushed or stressed and missing out on learning. To encourage pupils to have good attendance and be in school at ten to 9, each class will receive

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certificates and treats each week for full class attendance with no "lates." Valid reasons for exceptional circumstances / authorised absence may only include:

- Illness and medical/dental appointments or where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- Service personnel returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Religious observance – where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil's parents belong. If necessary, the school will seek advice from the parents' religious body to confirm whether the day is set apart.
- Traveller pupils travelling for occupational purposes – this covers Roma, English and Welsh Gypsies, Irish and Scottish Travellers, Showmen (fairground people) and Circus people, Bargees (occupational boat dwellers) and New Travellers. Absence may be authorised only when a Traveller family is known to be travelling for occupational purposes and has agreed this with the school but it is not known whether the pupil is attending educational provision
- Bereavement, unexpected personal or family problems or illness might be considered as an exceptional circumstance.
- To attend a wedding of a person close to the family – up to 1 day.

General Reminders

A child in class 1 has just been treated for headlice, so please can all parents check their child and really the whole household both tonight and again at the end of the half term holiday and treat accordingly. Thank you.

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
Fri. 18/10/19	Junior swim-week 6 of 10
Fri. 18/10/19	Break up for half term All children to be picked up at normal time (3:15)
Wed. 30/10/19	Halloween party
Tue. 05/11/2019	Tempest Photography (families can start to arrive at 8:30am)

The Halloween party will be held at the Rugby Club at 5.00-6.30pm. The Party will be fancy dress. Entry will be £1 on the door and there will be hotdogs, sweets and drinks available to buy.