

Friday 23rd February 2024



## Coming Up

- Year 4 are starting the new term with swimming lessons Friday afternoons
- Parent Evenings are on 28th February - drop in sessions for Reception - Year 6
- School trips are coming up soon, please see dates below. Further dates will be added so keep checking our newsletters
- Letters are always sent via email, please ensure you check them regularly so you don't miss out any important information

## Diary Dates

### Dates For Your Calendar

#### Week Commencing 26.02.24

28.02.24 Parents Evening - letter to follow

#### Week Commencing 04.03.24

04.03.24 SEND Parents Evening - letter to follow

07.03.24 World Book Day

#### Week Commencing 18.03.24

Easter Bonnets

Easter Scenes

Easter Crafts in School

12.03.24 Year 2 School Trip - Tropical World

18.03.24 Year 3 School Trip - Harlow Carr

22.03.24 School finishes for Easter Holidays

08.04.24 School Re opens for Summer Term

21.05.24 Year 1 School Trip - Yorkshire Wildlife Park

04.06.24 - 06.06.24 Year 4 - Dallow Gill Residential

## Update from the Head

Hi everyone

Welcome back. Hopefully you feel rested, relaxed and ready for the half term ahead!

Some important news: we have recently changed our uniform policy.

**'All children with shoulder length hair or longer must have their hair tied up. Appropriate hair accessories are allowed, but should be school colours.'**

We have many really fantastic things happening over the coming weeks, as we lead up to Easter week. Please keep checking for letters on your Bromcom account. For example - today the Y5s went to Simpson's Lane to visit a travelling Planetarium, as part of their science this term of Earth and Space!

Next week we have parents' evening. We're changing things, and we think you'll like how we've organised things this year. You should all have a letter about this. We look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday, 28th February.

Finally - here's a pic of our winning World Sports athletes!



# Early Years



Reception have had a lovely first week back. In writing, we are currently reading Oliver's Vegetables. To further enhance our learning the children have been tasting and growing different vegetables. Alongside this, we have been building our skills with cutting, weighing and following instructions to bake carrot and lemon cake. In Maths, we have begun to learn about pairs and doubles.

Nursery have begun the term wonderfully, they have settled well and picked up friendships from before the half term. They are learning the text, 'The Enormous Turnip' - I wonder if they can tell the story at home. In Maths, we have continued our exploration of number 5, especially the composition of numbers up to 5. Nursery children have continued to practice writing their names. I wonder if they can practice at home too.

Miss Sheppard and Miss Mooney



## Year 1



We have had an amazing first week back after the half term!

In geography and science this week we have been learning about the weather, going on to link this to seasons and what weather we find in which season. The children all went on to make a 'season wheel' so we know what month comes into which season and what the weather should look like! Well done Year 1!

We have had a change in PE days in Year 1, starting from next week our PE days will be Monday and Friday. Thank you!

Miss Scott



## Year 2



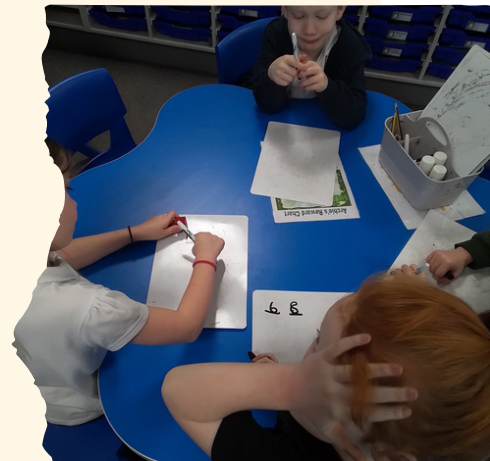
Another super week in year 2!

We have been looking at poetry, using similes to create excellent description about fairies.

In DT, we have started looking at where food comes from and what makes a healthy meal. We are working towards creating our own salsa!

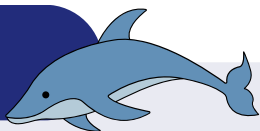
In art, we have looked at the artwork of Henri Matisse and how he used repeating patterns.

Mr Bryan and Miss Colley





## Year 3



Welcome back!

A fantastic week back for year 3! We have started our new science topic on plants, which meant the children got to see a few plants up close to notice similarities and differences.

We have also started a new writing topic 'The Wardrobe' which is based on action stories this term! So I cannot wait to see what action stories we create!

Reminders that PE is on a Thursday and Friday now, as there is no more swimming for year 3 now.

Miss Slater



## Year 4



Welcome back!

A great first week back for year 4. We have had a busy week, getting stuck in with our new writing topic. In maths, we have worked really hard mastering fractions.

Reminders that PE is on Thursday now and we go swimming every Friday till the end of the year. Please ensure children come in the correct PE kit and bring their swimming kit in a separate bag.

Mrs Cutler



## Year 5



This week in year 5 we have had an amazing opportunity to visit a Wonder Dome focusing on Earth and Space.

The children were amazed by the 360 degree planetarium that allowed them to feel as if they were in Space.

They explored Space through the lens of satellites, astronauts and discovered planets in our Solar System.

The children shared their vast amount of knowledge and gained new knowledge based on stars, the Earth and the universe.

We walked to Simpsons Lane Academy to take part in this amazing experience and the children demonstrated impeccable road safety and awareness.

Another amazing week year 5!

Mrs Parish



# Year 6



Year 6:

Well Done Year 6 for a fantastic first week back.

Year 6 have come back after the holidays ready to learn and jumped straight back into it.

In maths this week, we have started to look at how we can convert and compare fractions, decimals and percentages and despite this being a very tough concept to grasp all of the children have done amazingly well and feel very confident with this.

This half term Year 6 will have P.E on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.



## Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

**Miss C Milton:**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs C Carratt:**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**

**Mr D Irving:**  
**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722486

Out of hours contact number:  
03458 503503

For more information:  
<https://www.elacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

**Mrs J Simons: Thrive Practitioner**

**Mrs H Cutler: SENDCO**

## Thrive



**Providing children with positive experiences and strategies to embed emotional resilience.**

We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

This allows our children to become confident, curious, creative and capable, therefore opens doors to a bright future for our children.

If you would like any more information, please visit: [www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/](http://www.elacademy.org.uk/thrive-mental-health-wellbeing/)

**Mrs J Simons**  
**Thrive Practitioner**

**For information regarding mental health support & advice, please visit the below links:**  
<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/u13/home/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/wakefield-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-service/>



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