

NEWSLETTER

6 January 2017

This week at Fair Furlong



We would like to wish a very Happy New Year and hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. It is super to see the children coming back smartly dressed in their uniform and bringing their PE kits and book bags, thank you for helping us have such a great start to the year. Our attendance for this week is over our target of 95%, fantastic, well done everyone! We have had a very busy first week with our Maths focus days and many thanks to all those coming to the exhibit on Friday afternoon. Please remember Thursday 19th January is Fish Finger Thursday - a letter has been sent home this week with all the information. Its extremely important that we register all our children who are entitled to have a free lunchtime meal and if your circumstances have changed over the holiday please do not hesitate to come into the school office WHO CAN EASILY complete an application for you.

Miss Drew



New Arrival in our Playground - This week a sandpit arrived in our playground. Year 1 children were lucky enough to get the first play with it and they had lots of fun. Next week all the children will get to have a go on a rota basis. Please can all children and adults remember that this is a sandpit and not a bench or table for sitting on. Thank you for your support.



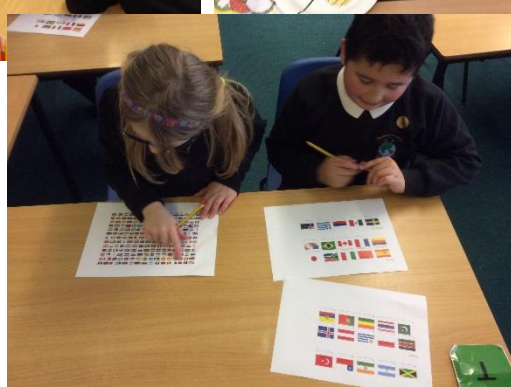
We will be holding a second hand book & toy sale in the outside area between Ullswater and Nursery classes every evening after school next week, or until we run out! The proceeds will be go towards outdoor play resources Please come along and have a look.

AWARDS Spelling Badges: Lily-May Anstey; Hollie Dunn; Leah Tucker; Mason Swatton; Aditi Nair; Georgina Hastler; Mia Gursztyn **Homework Heroes:** Joseph Marks; Aditi Nair; Layla Sherwell; Portia Nash; Kodi Burke **Lunchtime Legends** Year 2 Jorvik **Out of school achievement:** Kaiden Baylay (Rockstars - Hengrove Climbing Wall) **Golden Good Manners Table** Lola Collins; Tilly White; Layla Rudge; Billy Thompson; Peyton Whitfield



MATHS Week - To start of our term, we have been looking at some marvellous maths. Our focus has been geometry and fractions - this has led to lots of creative work. The inspiration came from two 1950 videos by Rene Jodoin: Notes on a triangle and Dance Squared. The images from the videos sparked lots of discussion.

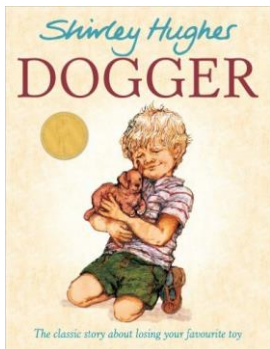
We even looked at the record breaking attempt at folding paper in half! The children enjoyed spotting the pattern of the fractions. Marshall Mundy in year 4, and Crystal Sunil and Sophie Griffin in Year 6 explored this straight after assembly and found a solution. Jack Doyle, however, solved it mentally during assembly - amazing!! Well done to all the children. To explore the link between maths and art, we invited local artist and photographer, Sam Gilraine, to work with the children on some art inspired by Paul Klee.



Literacy - Here is a list of the authors and books that the children will be reading this year.

Year groups	Term 3	Year groups	Term 3	Year groups	Term 3
Nursery	Shirley Hughes Dogger	Year 2	Jill Murphy The Worst Witch	Year 5	Michael Morpurgo War Horse
Rec	Shirley Hughes Big Concrete Lorry	Year 3	Jill Murphy Black Queen	Year 6	Michael Morpurgo The Wreck of the Zanzibar
Year 1	Jill Murphy On the way home	Year 4	Michael Morpurgo Kensukie's Kingdom		

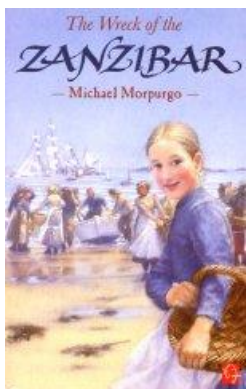
AUTHORS OF THE TERM



Phase 1 - Shirley Hughes is an English author and illustrator. She has written more than fifty books, which have sold more than 11.5 million copies, and has illustrated more than two hundred. She won the 1977 and 2003 Kate Greenaway Medals for British children's book illustration and her 1977 winner, Dogger, was named in 2007 the public favourite winning work of the first fifty years. She won the inaugural Booktrust lifetime achievement award in 2015. She is a patron of the Association of Illustrators.



Phase 2 - Jill Murphy is an English writer and illustrator of children's books, best known for the Worst Witch novels and the "Large Family" picture books. She has been called "one of the most engaging writers and illustrators for children in the land. First published in 1986, Five Minutes Peace has sold more than five million copies worldwide and been translated into 19 languages. For the second book, All in One Piece (1987), she was a commended runner-up for the Greenaway Medal from the British Library Association, recognising the year's best children's book by a British subject (the second of her two commendations). The "Large Family" is now a TV series on CBeebies.



Phase 3 - Michael Morpurgo was born in 1943 in St Albans, Hertfordshire. He worked as a teacher for ten years before leaving to set up 'Farms for City Children' with his wife Clare. (They were both awarded the MBE for services to youth in 1999.) They have three farms in Devon, Wales and Gloucestershire, which are open to inner city school children. Michael Morpurgo is the author of many books for children, including The Wreck of the Zanzibar, which won the Whitbread Children's Book Award (1995); The Butterfly Lion, which won the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize (Gold Award, 1996); Kensuke's Kingdom, which won the Children's Book Award (2000) and Private Peaceful, which was shortlisted for the Whitbread Children's Book Award (2004) and the Carnegie Medal (2004).

Merit awards awarded for outstanding achievement for this week:



Enthusiasm: Ella Steadman; Lewis Bateman; Callum Munford;
Kristofer Staynings; Ellie-May Thompson; Sequen Sissoko;
Logan Taylor

Challenge: Eleanor Holden; Logan Brooks; Riley Cummings;
Ellis Bewick

Learning Together: Summer Hazell; Liam Souch

Trust: Alfie Portingale

Menu for the week beginning 9th January 2017 - Week 1

Monday: Sausages & Mash : Quorn Sausages & Mash : Salad Bar

Tuesday: Roast Pork, Roast Pots & Gravy : Vegetable Goulash & Rice

Wednesday: Chicken pizza & Wedges : Macaroni Cheese : Salad Bar

Thursday: Roast Chicken & Roast Pots : Vegetable Moussaka

Friday: Fish Fingers & Chips : Vegetable Enchiladas : Salad Bar



Parent coffee morning next week -
Wednesday 11th at 9:10 am - Alive N
Kicking session - all about healthy
eating and healthy lifestyles.



DEAR - We would love to see you on a Tuesday morning from 8.15 and Thursday afternoon from 2.50 in your child's class with the class teacher to listen to your child read. This counts towards their four times a week total. We will also be giving a raffle ticket to each parent who comes along. A draw for a £10 Amazon voucher will then take place at the end of each term.



French Phrase of the week



Have a go speaking in French at home! It doesn't matter how you sound, just try!
These phrases are linked to the time of year or topics in school.

KS1

Bonjour - Hello

KS2

Bonne annee - Happy New Year

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

KSI

KS2

Position	Class	% Attendance	Position	Class	% Attendance
1 st	Jorvik	100%	1 st	Tintagel	100%
2 nd	New Forest	98.8%	2 nd	Stonehenge	98.9%
3 rd	Penzance	96.7%	3 rd	Snowdon	98.6%
4 th	Fingal's Cave	96.6%	4 th	Balmoral	96.2%
5 th	Glastonbury	94.4%	5 th	Brighton Pier	95.6%
6 th	Ullswater	93.3%	6 th	Hadrian's Wall	93.3%
			7 th	Forest of Dean	92%
			8 th	Caernarfon	88.3%

Attendance	Comment
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98%	Excellent
95% - 96%	Great (School attendance target is 95%)
93% - 94%	Satisfactory
Less than 93%	Must do better

Useful Information:

Bristol Libraries <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives> - The service is free and open to all members of the public. They can offer temporary library cards for visitors and library cards for people with no permanent address. There are 28 libraries across the City of Bristol. The closest libraries to our school are Hartcliffe Library @Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol, BS13 0BE (by Morrisons at Symes) tel; 0117 9038568 and Bishopsworth Library @Bishopsworth Road, Bedminster Down, Bristol, BS13 7LN tel; 0117 9038566

Services on offer include:

- Free access to books, computers and WiFi.
- Access to audio books, DVDs and CDs for a small charge.
- Free access to our local studies collections and reference library.
- Free access to online resources including reference materials, family history, business information, eBooks and magazines and more.
- Activities, groups and workshops in the libraries hosted internally and also with external partners.

DATES FOR 2016/2017

Friday 13 January	Stonehenge class assembly
Friday 20 January	Brighton Pier class assembly
Friday 27 January	Fingal's Cave class assembly
Friday 10 February	Breakfast Club - Canadian day
Friday 10 February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 20 February	Term 4 starts
1 st , 2 nd 3 rd March	Book Days
Friday 3 rd March	Dressing up day, animals from books/author visits
Thursday 2 nd March	Bedtime Stories
15 th & 16 th March	Parents Evenings
Wednesday 29 th March	Y2&3 Performance 9.15am
Thursday 30 th March	Y2&3 Performance 5.00pm
5 th , 6 th , 7 th April	Y3 Barton camp
Friday 7 April	Last day of Term 4
Monday 24 April	Term 5 starts
<u>Monday 8th -</u>	
<u>Friday 12th May</u>	<u>Y6 SATs</u>
Friday 26 May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 5 June	Term 6 starts
Thursday 20 July	Last day of Term 6 (Friday 21 July Inset Day - school closed to pupils)

As I am sure you are aware CATERLINK have been our school meals provider since April 2016. At school we have been very pleased with the meals provided. Caterlink have asked us to circulate a survey to all our parents and this is attached at the end of the newsletter. We would be grateful if you could complete this and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

NEW LESSONS FOR EVERYONE AT FAIR FURLONG

At the moment there is a lot of concern about cases of abuse emerging from different sports clubs and particularly football. We have also had a couple of local cases of actual or attempted sexual abuse / grooming on the estate. Therefore we have been asked what else we can do to make sure our children are well equipped to protect themselves and how we can support parents and families with discussing these issues appropriately. We will be using the PANTS material during the last week of term.



We will be holding two coffee morning sessions to give you the opportunity to view the materials we are going to be using with the children. These will be held on Tuesday 10th at 3:30pm and Friday 13th at 9:00am. If you would like to attend one of these sessions then please go to the school office at the appropriate time.

What is PANTS?



PANTS is designed by NSPCC to give children the confidence and understanding that their privates are private. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable lesson that can help keep a child safe: that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no, and that they should tell an adult they trust if they're worried or upset.

Simple conversations - like crossing the road safely, bullying and dealing with strangers - are subjects that you and your child might talk about. But what about staying safe from sexual abuse? It's a conversation no parent wants to have but thankfully, with the help of the NSPCC PANTS friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, it doesn't have to be scary. By talking PANTS you have a simple way to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse - without ever using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The PANTS friendly dinosaur mascot Pantosaurus is a great way to get the conversation started. Your children will love his catchy song which acts as a fun introduction to the key messages of PANTS and shows how Pantosaurus uses the rules to stay safe. There's also a quiz which you can do with your child. You can find them both at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

We will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule in our Term 3 PSHE lessons. The lessons designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse."

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent.

