



Friday 12th January 2024

Headteacher's message

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas breaks and the start of the new year is going well. It has been a great first week back. On our INSET day we focused on writing in the juniors and reading in the infants. Dropping in classes, it is great to see how well the children and our team have responded to these changes. Looking in books has been a joy too as there have been some fantastic pieces of writing. I will have a think about how we can share some of the children's great work with you.

Reception

Reception have settled well back into school. They have been very excited to explore the new areas of provision linking to our new theme Journeys and Transport. The children had great fun making a double decker bus as a team!



Year 2 Pizza Express Competition

This week Year 2 got a very exciting letter from Pizza Express inviting them to enter a competition. They have written their own set of instructions to make their perfect pizza and are in with a chance of winning a trip to Pizza Express later in the year. It also gave us an excuse to make a pizza in class to give the children plenty of ideas. It was delicious!



Year 3

This week we have continue to learn about the Stone Age. We had great fun (and made a terrible mess) carving 'flint' tools out of soap.



Year 5

This week in PSHE we talked about our hopes and dreams. Then, we started to explore different jobs. In our lessons we use Jigsaw Jez to help us to actively listen to the person in the class who is talking.



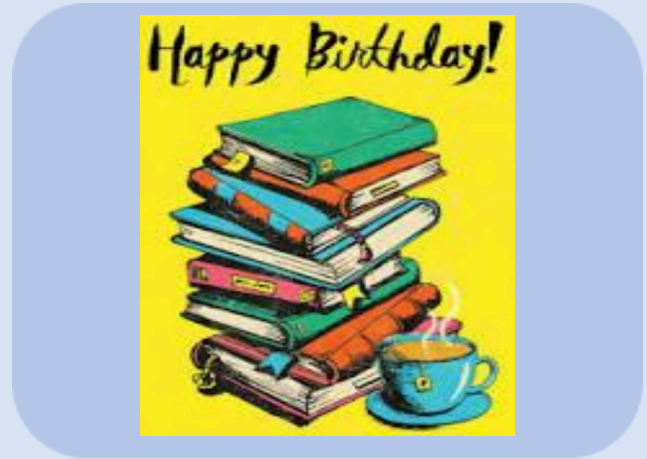
Year 6

6 Sinfield were delighted that, together with their teacher, they have raised £1000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association with their running challenge before Christmas. Well done to everyone, and thank-you to all who donated.



Reading

We have now launched our 'Birthday Book' project in Key Stage One. When it is your child's birthday, we would like them to share and enjoy a book in class with their classmates, alongside the help of their class teacher. Choosing this story for the day can be done in various ways: 1) Bring a book from home to share with the class. 2) Enjoy a book from our own school bookshelves, that they will be able to choose on their special day for class story time.



Star of the Week

We are always trying to develop in the children a sense of them knowing that they can influence their own and other's futures. Class forums and meetings with the headteacher are an opportunity for them to give their opinions. Today the children fed back on our after school clubs. As a result of their feedback, next half term we will look at how we can have other sporting opportunities such as benchball and dodgeball. Well done to all our Stars of the Week and thanks for the feedback!



Important dates

End of spring term	Friday 9th February 2024
Phonics open morning for parents (KS1)	Friday 2nd February 2024
Start of spring 2	Tuesday 20th January 2024



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