



Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

We have hit the ground running and been incredibly busy already in our academy. I had the pleasure of going with the Year 5 and 6 pupils on their residential to Robinwood. This was a brilliant experience and one which has made so many memories which will last for ever. The children found their brave and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and felt great pride in what they had accomplished. They developed skills which included team work, leadership, listening and collaboration and a resilience which will aid them in school and in their adult life. A huge thank you to Mrs Wood, Mr Whipp and Mr Whipp Senior who also attended and were a great support and inspiration to the children.

We are in one of the busiest half terms in a primary school as we look forward to the events leading up to Christmas. I hope everyone will enjoy coming into school during the coming weeks. Please see our calendar of events at the end of this newsletter.

Our Junior Leaders continue to impress me with their work ethic and commitment to their roles. They continue to work with staff to recognise and reward excellent work and have been instrumental in working with us to deliver assemblies. This week our well being Junior Leaders have produced and delivered an assembly linked to anti – bullying week. They have been reinforcing our work in school around care and respect for everyone and to use THINK before you speak.

This stands for:

- T** Is it **True**?
- H** Is it **Helpful**?
- I** Is it **Inspiring**?
- N** Is it **Necessary**?
- K** Is it **Kind**?

Please ask your child about this and how they can follow this principle so that everyone feels cared for and respected, which was the learning trait that we focussed on last half term.

This half term, we will be working on Teamwork and Co-operation. Our House Captains are going to be leading a session in school with our house teams to look at what this looks like for our pupils. They will be encouraging team work as well as being the best we can be to earn points for our house. The winning house team this half term will enjoy some sweets and a movie on the last day of term.



Accomplish News: As you already know, Smawthorne Henry Moore School are joining our Trust. We now have the date for this which will be 1st February 2025. This is exciting news for us as a Trust as we continue to be able to work with others who align with our values and who want the very best for our pupils.



NURSERY



This half term **Nursery** have been enjoying the traditional tale: The Gingerbread Man.

We have taken a gingerbread man on an outside adventure to practise our maths vocabulary of in, under and on.

This week we have started to bake our own gingerbread men; we have mixed the ingredients, rolled the dough and counted out their buttons (raisins).



RECEPTION

Reception had a wonderful time at the library! We listened to stories read by the librarian and each chose a book to borrow!



After pumpkin exploration in **Reception**; the children predicted what it might be like inside the grey squash! We investigated this further!





Reception children have been looking at the story of Rama and Sita and how some people might celebrate Diwali. We have made little lamps to celebrate this festival of light. We loved hearing about how some of our friends celebrated Diwali at home. Thank you for sharing!



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1

One of the children in year 1 shared his Diwali celebrations with us all.

Sharing DEAR time with children in year 4



Some mood board work all about our graffiti artist, STIK.



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Year 2

Trip to The Library



Last week **Year 2** had some visitors to enrich their learning in history.

Miners

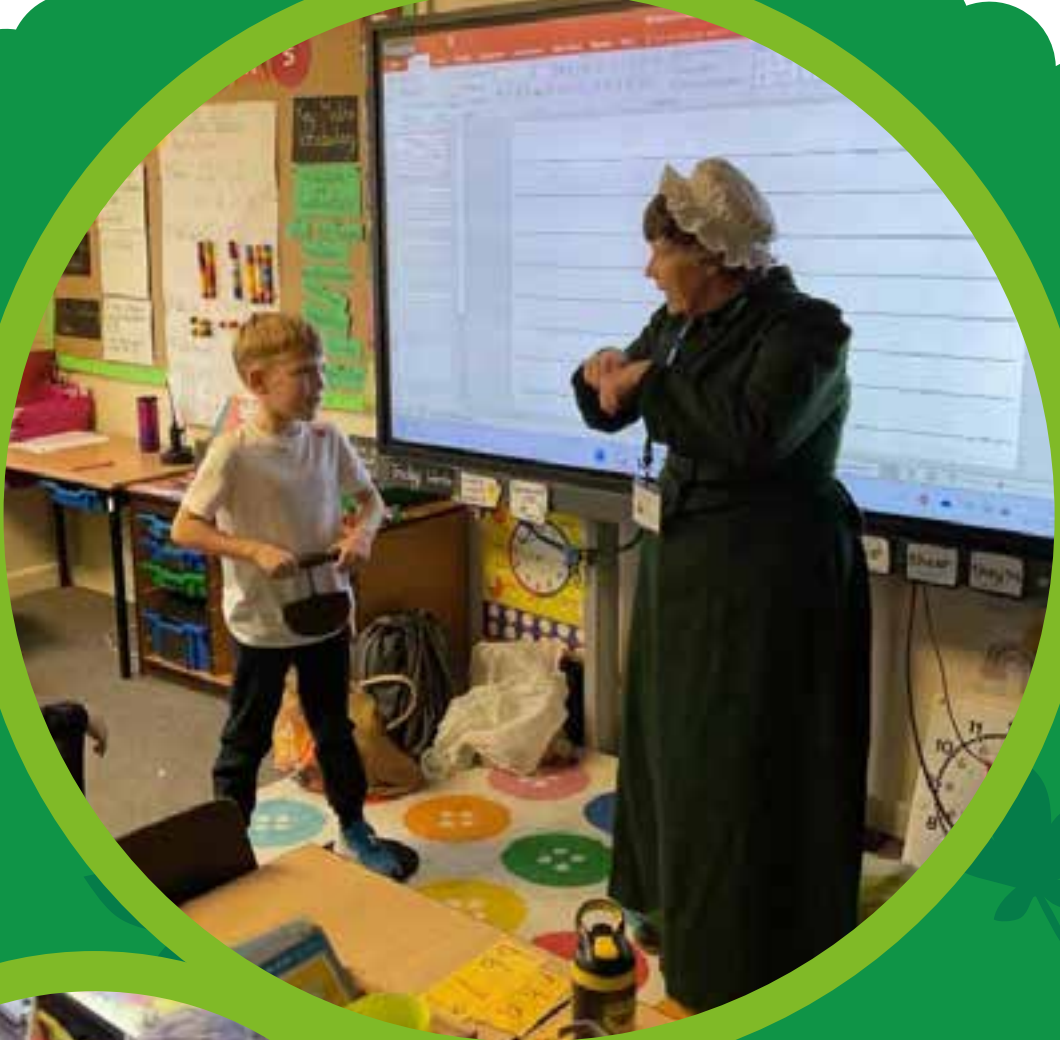


KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Year 2

What Was Life Like in
The Past? –
Workshop



Year 3 and 4 artist workshop



Year 3 toothcare workshop



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 3 learning about fossils with the Stem visitor



Year 3 science examining types of rock



Year 3 dear time

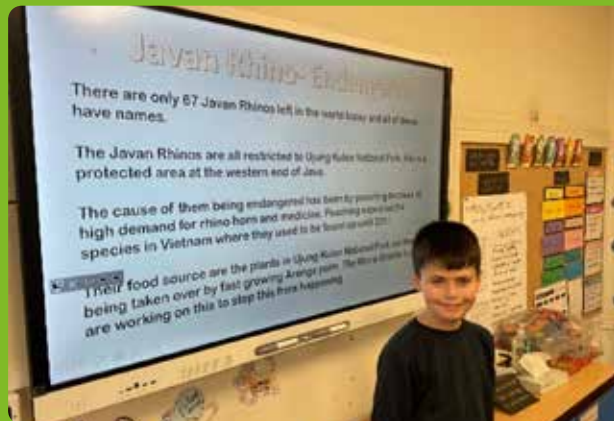


KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



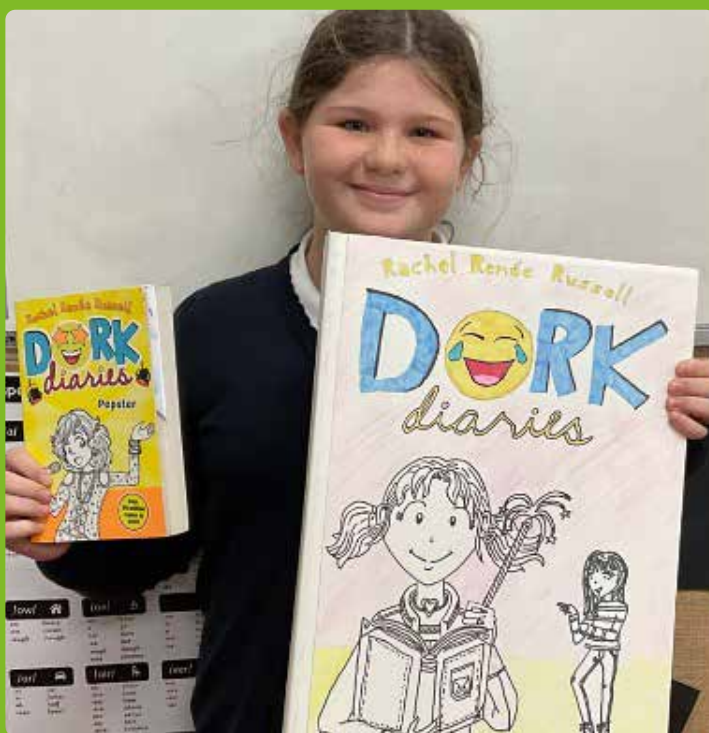
Endangered species homework projects

Children in **Year 4** have produced incredible projects on endangered species linked to our science topic 'living things and their habitats'. They used their oracy skills to present these to the class.



Halloween

Year 4 had a fabulous time at Halloween. We had some amazing pumpkin entries too!



Year 5 Individual Projects

Year 5 enjoyed sharing their individual projects this afternoon. A real pleasure to see the children deliver their projects with such enthusiasm, confidence and clarity.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



PE Gymnastics work

Year 5 have been exploring symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes in mat work with a focus on collaboration, balance and counterbalancing. Some real thinking about use of body to create interesting transitions during a sequence.



Outwood Together Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Winners

A huge congratulation to our Year 5/6 children who were winners in the Outwood Together Tag Rugby event held at Newton Hill. Such a privilege to see how fantastic the children were in encouraging and supporting each other during the games demonstrating a high level of skill. We continue to be so proud of all our children's achievements!



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 6

PE: During gymnastics sessions, **Year 6's** have been enjoying practising different shapes to apply within a shared routine. Children shared their fantastic performances to peers within the session.

ICT: Children have been using the software 'micro:bit' to create code which is used to run through a 'micro:bit' plug-in to show LEDs. They were amazing at learning so many different new codes so quickly!



Music: In music, children have been learning to read music and practising performing with different instruments.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

22nd November	EYFS new parent/carer look around 3pm
22nd November	Autumn reports out today
25th November	Parent/carers and teacher meetings 2:45 – 6p.m
26th November	Year 5 and 6 Leeds Playhouse
27th November	Parent/Carer and teacher meetings 2:45 – 5p.m.
29th November	INSET DAY. School closed to the children.
29th November	Last day to order a ticket to see Santa at the Christmas fair. <i>(see details on the parent hub when this is released)</i>

DECEMBER

6th December	INSET DAY <i>(please note change of inset day previously communicated due to change in training dates set)</i> School closed to children.
9th December	UKS2 Christmas performance (Year 5 and 6) 9a.m
10th December	KS1 Christmas performance (Year 1 and 2) 9a.m.
10th December	Christmas House Point Event with parents organised by Mrs Bell's family.
11th December	LKS2 Christmas performance (Year 3 and 4) 9a.m.
13th December	Reception Christmas performance 9a.m.
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day. Donations for Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Scanner Charity.
16th December	Please bring in any contributions for the Christmas fair on this day. Tombola items, sweets and chocolate, unwanted gifts, bottles – unused bottles of items for our bottle stall. We will also have a visit from Santa for any child who has bought a ticket.
17th December	KS 2 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th December EYFS Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)

18th December Christmas Fair 2:45p.m.

18th December School Christmas lunch. Please order if you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner (use Feeding Hungry Minds App)

19th December KS1 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)

20th December School closes.

JANUARY

6th January 2025 INSET DAY. School closed to children.

7th January 2025 School opens.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Timings.

Please see the start times for each class below which is also on our website.

Please ensure that you arrive **BEFORE** the start time so that lessons start promptly and your child does not miss out on any learning or teacher input.

8:30am – 2:30pm

Nursery and Reception

Class 1

Class 2

Class 4

Class 6

8:35am – 2:35pm

Class 3

Class 5

Teaching Staff for 2024 - 2025

Nursery - Mrs Johnson

Reception - Miss Slater

Year 1 - Mrs Brown

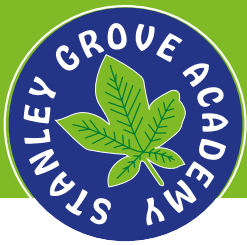
Year 2 - Miss Franks

Year 3 - Ms Gibbings and Mrs Hughes

Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson

Year 5 - Mr Whipp

Year 6 - Mr Reynolds



ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL
TARGET**



100-95%
GOOD



94-85%
WORRYING



Below 85%
SERIOUS
CONCERN



YEAR GROUP	CURRENT	AVERAGE THIS YEAR
NURSERY YEAR 1	00.0%	00.0%
NURSERY YEAR 2	95.3%	92.7%
RECEPTION	96.7%	94.8%
YEAR 1	93.1%	95.8%
YEAR 2	96.7%	95.8%
YEAR 3	100%	96.4%
YEAR 4	96.8%	93.5%
YEAR 5	100%	96.8%
YEAR 6	95.0%	93.5%

Children who are lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and are monitored by school and our education welfare officer every week.

We are sending home letters to children with less than 90% attendance this week, so parents are aware of this monitoring and the need to improve on their education.

We are also sending home letters and organising meetings with parents of children who are persistently late to school, as children are missing out on teacher input at the beginning of the school day and interrupting the start of lessons for children; we would ask that you get children into school on time. Thank you for your support with this.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.