



'We work as one to be the best that we can be'

Spring 1  
2024

### Year 5 visit Aspire

We went to Aspire Academy to do a DT lesson, where they were able to use the wood work studio to measure and cut their wood ready to assemble their bee houses back in school. This was an exciting opportunity to see a real DT classroom at Aspire and to use the correct tools and equipment!



### No Pens Morning

The whole school participated in another 'No Pens Day' this half-term with lots of practical, interactive and speaking and listening activities. It is a great day to get talking and active and the children thoroughly enjoy taking part.

**We're putting down our pens and picking up our language!**

### RSE Week

This week all children across school have been completing their Relationships and Sex Education objectives for their year group. From discussing our emotions, taking care of ourselves and emotional and physical changes each class has produced work you can see on their class blog.



### Year 6 Magistrate visit

Year 6 were visited by local magistrates who told us them about their jobs and how they play integral roles in the court system. They took part in a mock trial, which centred around a case of online bullying. Children were given roles to play and words to read out. The children really got a feel for what goes on in a courtroom and some of us are even considering future careers!



### Forest School

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed forest school this half-term. Well done for still learning in the wind and rain!

## **SPORT NEWS**

This half term has been full of lots of exciting learning within our PE lessons and our competition timetable. During our PE lessons KS2 have been focusing on developing their Invasion Games skills linked to a range of different activities and sports. Within KS1 our pupils have really focused on developing their net and wall skills so they can play games linked to tennis, volleyball and badminton. Throughout school Gymnastics, Dance and Yoga have helped pupils to develop creative movement, balance and coordination. During the half term we took our Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics team to Stanley Park to participate in the finals against 10 schools from across Blackpool. Our pupils were fantastic role models and finished 5th in Blackpool. Our netball team have been preparing for the start of their league next half term and can't wait to take on their first opponents. We look to another half term full of learning and competition.

### Road Safety Week

At the beginning of January we held our whole school Road Safety week, with all classes taking part in a range of activities centered around the 'Brake' Road Safety campaign and our theme of 'Being Responsible'



### The PCSOs visit Boundary

This half-term the PCSO's led an assembly to speak with our pupils about what they do as the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.



## Safer Internet Day 2024

On Tuesday 6th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day with the theme of 'Inspiring Change'. We explored how to stay safe online to make the internet a safer and better place for everyone.



## Year 4 Food Technology

What a great day we had for our DT Food Day! We started the day planning what we wanted in our sandwiches and what we wanted the sandwich to look like. Then we recapped how to do the bridge and claw method for cutting food. When we were deciding what to put in our sandwiches we had to remember that they needed to look appetising and needed to be an example of a balanced diet. Year 4 did a great job!



## Year 6 Primary Futures

Year 6 took part in a Boundary-led Primary Futures event. This involved meeting 4 different people from the world of work.

After listening to them all, we realised that they shared the common theme of writing. The jobs included a medical writer, a writer for BBC Sport as well as writing news articles and a TV/Film director/writer. It was a really informal and interesting event and it helped us to be informed of a range of jobs.



## Year 4 Trip to the river

WOW! What a great trip with Ribble Rivers Trust today down at Preston Docks. We went for a lovely walk along the river itself, visited the Pyramid building which controls the docks. Here we learned about the history of the dock. When Preston Docks was fully open (before 1981) it saw cargo bring in things like silk, cotton and bananas. Nowadays, the dock is used for leisure craft. Back at the boatyard, we learned about river safety.



## Elmer's ready for the Big Parade!

At the end of January our children finished painting their designs onto our 'Always Elmer'. Here's a sneak peek...I think you can see from their faces that they are pleased with the finished product!



## Travelling by Tuba

Last week the children were excited to be visited by Travelling by Tuba. The whole school enjoyed an assembly taking us through musicals periods, exploring a wide range of instruments and listening to fantastic live music! Year 1 and Year 2 then had workshops, in which they were able to play a selection of instruments.



## Acorn's Winter Wonderland

Acorns have enjoyed exploring all things wintery during this half-term. Ice, snow and snowmen have all made an appearance inside the classroom as well as outside. Students have had fun exploring all things wintery.



## Attendance—Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

Our overall attendance is currently **91%** - we must aim to be above 96% so here's hoping this figure improves!

Please remember that if your child is ill or has an appointment, you must provide the school with evidence, otherwise absences will remain unauthorised. Please ensure that your children are in school every day and dropped off and collected on time.



Holidays during term time will not be authorised and if taken, penalty notices will be issued.

## Key Dates

**19/02/24—School Opens**

19/2/24—Nursery Parent's Day

20/2/24—Reception Parent's Day

21/2/24—Year 1 Parent's Day

22/2/24—Year 2 Parent's Day

26/2/24—Year 6 Parent's Day

27/2/24—Year 5 Parent's Day

28/2/24—Year 4 Parent's Day

29/2/24—Year 3 Parent's Day

TBC — School's Alive

7/3/24—World Book Day

15/3/24—Comic Relief

20/3/24—Music Concert

21/3/24—Science Day

27/3/24—Easter Disco

**27/4/23—School Closes**

## Digital Literacy in Year 5

Pupils in year 5 have taken the next step in their computer coding journey. With thanks to Micro:bit Educational Foundation BBC and Nominet's 'BBC microbit - the next gen campaign' - we have received a free class set of Micro:bit computers to support our computing curriculum and develop the pupils' digital literacy.

Pupils wrote code to make a game on the Micro:bit. The code used the accelerometer and LED display to allow users to play Rock, scissors, paper by shaking it in their hand.



## Tower of Support

The next wellbeing drop-in surgery is on Tuesday 27th February here at School.

The theme is Access to Local Services.

Everyone is welcome!



## Uniform Reminder

Please remember that all children must be in full school uniform - this includes a tie and school shoes which should be fully black. 'Always Badges' must be worn! Thank you!

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