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Please help us to keep children in school safe, and also make sure you ask your children how their day at school has gone. We have an <u>increasing number of adults using mobile phones on their way into and out of school.</u> Please remember to leave your phones in your pockets and instead, chat to your child.

ATTENDANCE

Here are this week's attendance figures. The attendance prizes for next week with extra break time go to Kevin Sinfield class in Key Stage 2 and Julia Donaldson class in EY and KS1!

Year group	Class name	Attendance
Reception	Hardworking Hippos	83.5%
	Curious Caterpillars	99.2%
1	Millie Bright	87.6%
	Julia Donaldson	99.3%
2	Sir David Attenborough	94.2%
	Rosa Parks	95%
3	Kevin Sinfield	95.2%
	Martin Luther King	94.8%
4	Michael Jordan	94.8%
	Nelson Mandela	94.8%
5	Sir Mo Farah	85%
	Marcus Rashford	96.7%
6	Katherine Johnson	99.3%
	Tim Peake	93.3%

YEAR 6 DEBATING COMPETITION

This week a small group of Year 6 children took part in a debating competition. While they were disappointed not to win, the performed brilliantly and we are very proud!

NURSERY CONSULTATION

Mrs Thackray is still collecting your views, please speak to her if you wish to support our bid to open a NURSERY with a comment, we want this to happen!

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all families who attended the meetings this week, it was great to see so many of you. If you did not manage to attend, please message the class teacher on Dojo and request a follow up phone call.

All of the questionnaires are being collated and we will share the results with you all soon.

GORSE WRITING COMPETITION

Last week, we launched GORSE writing competition with some amazing prizes of Amazon vouchers up to the value of £150! The theme is 'colour' and pupils in all year groups were invited to submit entries written at home which might be short stories, poetry or captions and cartoons. We have had some amazing entries; the closing date was today. Good luck!

RAMADAN MUBARAK AND EID

This week welcomes the start of Ramadan for our Muslim community. We wish you all health and happiness. Eid falls in the holidays this time, so we will arrange for Eid parties on the first day back (15 April).

YEAR 5 INTO UNIVERSITY

Another brilliant experience for our Year 5s this week as the welcomed the team from Leeds University into school.

COMIC RELIEF FUNDRAISING

Today saw lots of very funny activities to raise money for the Comic Relief charity organised by individual classes. We will share more information next week!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

KS1 performance of The Gingerbread Man: Tuesday 27th 2.45pm and Wednesday 28th 9.15am. Please return your reply slips for tickets! Have a lovely weekend!

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Year group	Class name	Star Award	Achievement Award
Reception	Curious Caterpillars	Hadja D	Weam A
	Hardworking Hippos	Rawan M	Miral AE
1	Millie Bright	Amna A	Nehemia H
	Julia Donaldson	Umar M	Delina
2	Rosa Parks	Eloise F	Alhassan A
	Sir David Attenborough	Mohammed	Afiyah
3	Kevin Sinfield	Abdullah AF	Rayan A
	Martin Luther King	Robel H	Ammaar J
4	Michael Jordan	Althaf W	Naomi F
	Nelson Mandela	Zachary S	Abbas A
5	Sir Mo Farah	Alyas A	Andrei S
	Marcus Rashford	Landing K	Netania M
6	Katherine Johnson	Jesse N	Namarigh M
	Tim Peake	Elias A	Mohammed A