



Well done to all of our Stars of the Week award winners.

Reception News

In Reception, the children have finished looking at Space. They have really enjoyed the topic, learning lots of new facts and contributing to the learning environment. The children especially enjoyed their alien party for 'Nog' the visiting alien.

This term, we are moving on to dinosaurs and so far the contributions from the home learning activity have been fantastic. The children have been very proud to show their excellent work and tell us lots of interesting facts about dinosaurs. We'll continue to explore dinosaurs, their diets, physical features and habitats. The children are also looking forward to our PE sessions on a Wednesday with Mr Parker as well as Balanceability.



Year 1 News

The last few weeks in Year 1 have been very busy. We have been planning and preparing an acrostic poem to enter 'The Poetry Patrol' competition. The children have worked really hard on their poems. They have chosen an animal to write about and then edited their poems to include adjectives and alliteration. The adults in Year 1 were amazed by the hard work and effort that the children put in to their work.

Maths lessons have focused on addition on number lines. The children have been working on their knowledge of place value to help them recognise numbers. We have also had 'quick fire' rounds of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

For Valentine's Day, the children got creative by designing and making their own cards. They also made some delicious cookies from scratch and decorated them.



Year 2 News

In Year 2, we have been writing a fact sheet about Neil Armstrong trying to include everything that we have found out over the past 6 weeks.

In Maths, we have been focusing our learning on problem solving and trying to apply our calculation skills in different ways. This was really tricky and we will continue to look at this throughout the next term. We will master our problem solving abilities with practise.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have had our 'Healthy Lifestyles' session with JB Sport Coaching where we have applied all of our skills from the past 5 weeks. In Science, we have been looking at food chains and the components of a food chain. We have painted a map of Australia in the style of aboriginal art (Art). We have also had Music with Mrs Taylor and PE with Mr Parker.

In the last week of term we had our parent drop in, where we worked with our parents to complete a quiz. We showed just how hard we have been working and we think they were impressed.



Dates for the Diary

- W/C Monday 4th March—Parents Evenings
- Tuesday 5th March—Class Photos
- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day
- Monday 11th March—Clubs Re-start
- Thursday 14th March—Pilgrim Fathers Project Day
- Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day
- Friday 22nd March—BPA Quiz Night
- Tuesday 26th March—Y3/4 Volleyball Workshop
- Friday 5th April—Easter Holidays Begin
- Monday 22nd April—Drama Trip
- Tuesday 23rd April—School Returns

Year 4 News

Year 4 have been busy writing a diary as a Roman slave in their topic lessons, and have been practising their spelling of homophones in English. These are words that sound the same such as there/they're/their, and your/you're. We are now looking for these words to be spelt accurately in every lesson – what a challenge! In Art, they have made some amazing Roman shields, using designs that reflect their personality and interests. In Maths, we have been learning about the properties of quadrilaterals. Ask your child to explain how we changed VIP into VIQ to help us to remember this!



Thursday 7th March 2019

Dress up as your favourite character based on your class' book list.

Year 5 News

During the last two weeks of the first spring term, the Year 5 class concluded their science topic on space by looking at constellations. We turned out the lights in the Year 6 classroom and looked at the arrangement of the stars on the ceiling. Thank you to one of our classmates for bringing this wonderful piece of equipment in for us!



We have also been working hard in Computing, using our logic and programming skills to solve problems. Some of these were really tricky and we had to persevere to complete the challenges.

We also had our parent join in on the last day of term. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who came to join us and take part! We had to complete some tricky maths and SPaG questions but we all did really well in remembering our learning so far this year.



Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a very fun and exciting week. In Maths, we have been focusing on problem solving and reasoning. We have used RUCSAC as a method to help us solve our very challenging problems. Ask us all about RUCSAC, we would love to show you!

In English, we have been focusing on our spelling, punctuation and grammar. We have also been identifying different sentence types, such as commands, statements and questions.

In Science, we have been investigating the strength of different sized magnets. We conducted our own investigation to find out whether the size of a magnet changed the strength of the magnetic field.

In DT, we made our own pizzas! We used a variety of skills including, kneading, chopping and spreading. We hope you enjoyed them.



Syne Hills Visit

Children from the academy recently had the privilege of visiting Syne Hills Residential Home to meet some of their residents.

The purpose of the visit is hoped to actively encourage these two generations to communicate and share experiences through stimulation and activity. It is widely accepted that the benefits to both age groups are genuine and a lasting sense of happiness can be achieved.

Speaking about the visits, Christopher Sweeney (who is the owner/Director at Syne Hills) feels that "the residents may find their mobility, cognition and mood is improved whilst they enjoy a sense of purpose. They may also feel satisfaction through the help and supporting of the children with problem solving during the activity sessions. The children offer a unique and special kind of motivation that cannot be replicated as their willingness to speak their minds is so natural and magical."

Mrs Dawber is the Lead for the Academy and she has said "watching the children and residents interacting was truly magical. There was so much laughter and happiness in the room. We are all looking forward to our next visit."

One of the children said that he "felt really happy and warm inside when I visited Syne Hills. It reminded me of my Nanny." To watch a video and see photos of the day, please visit our Twitter page @BeaconAcad.