

Hannah Ball School

Weekly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER:

Mrs Machingauta and I had the pleasure of listening to the first round of applications for our year 5 and 6 team captains and pupil leadership teams. It is safe to say that the future of our country is in safe hands. Their speeches were powerful and persuasive. They were delivered with confidence and authority and some even (nearly) reduced us to tears. The next round is early next week and we are excited to see who will be appointed and how they perform in the variety of roles we have for them.

Giving our pupils, and your children, responsibility is an important part of life. We often find that we do things for our children, or take over 'just in case'. However, giving children responsibility is how they learn. We have already seen within school an array of willing volunteers to do things like planting, collecting and counting house points and unpacking deliveries. All of our classes have monitors too and all of these jobs feed into the successful running of the school and more importantly, provide lifelong learning opportunities for our pupils.

Attendance

Some of you will have recently received letters about attendance. When your child comes to school, they learn. Within a day, they may have up to 5 different lessons. Add on to this the amount of opportunities they have to read and to share their learning with their friends, as well as the important social aspect of school, you realise how much they do miss out on when they have 'just a day off'.

Your job as a parent to ensure that they are coming to school every day, unless of course they are ill. Coughs and colds are a normal part of life but they shouldn't stop us going to work, nor coming to school. If your child is ill, you must telephone Mrs. Sullivan in the office to explain why they are not in school. This must be done on each day of the absence. We now have one week to go before half term, so let's have a push and see how many of us can come into school every day!

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

We aim for each class to have above 96% attendance each week. I know that we can do this next week, so let's see who are winning class will be!

African Drumming

It was very noisy in our school today – but full of music too and the beats of African drumming. Each class took part in an African Drumming workshop. The rhythms and the interactions seemed to get more complex as they day wore on. It was a wonderful day organised by Mrs. Machingauta as part of our Black History Month Celebrations. We were also lucky to welcome Darlene (Mrs. Machingauta's daughter) to year 4 for an African Dance workshop. I know that the boys and girls in that class enjoyed themselves immensely and are already asking when she can come back into school!

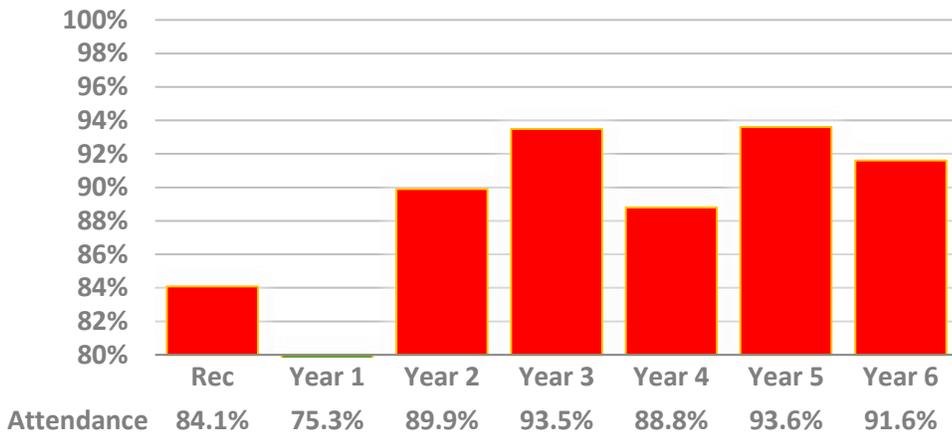
We also took delivery of some wonderful new books that have been safely delivered to each classroom to celebrate Black History Month. (We also have a wonderful display of books in the main entrance.)

I must sign off my thanking all of our families that continue to support us within school. The thank-you's and smiles that we receive really make our day. Thank you for making sure that your children are in school, in the correct uniform, with their reading books and planners. It really does help.

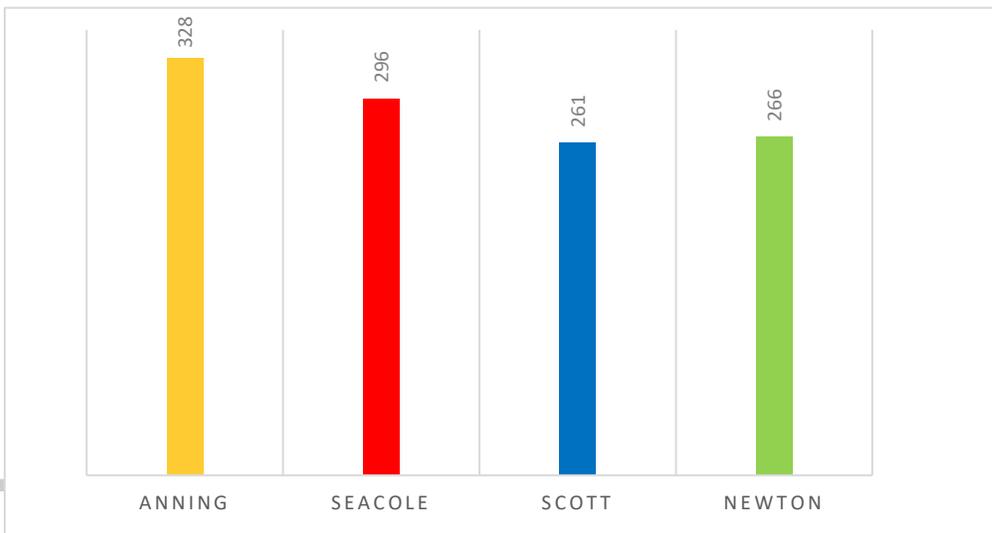
Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mr. Hingley

Attendance & House Points...



HOUSE POINTS





Star of the Week

Reception

Paige, for making a great road for the diggers using all the outdoor wooden pieces and then drawing a map of her road and used her sounds to try to write the word 'digger'. Great job Paige!

Year 1

Ashvika for writing an excellent postcard about our trip to the moon.

Year 2

Filip – for his improved writing over the course of our writing week. He has been using his sounds to spell difficult words and using his best handwriting and finger spaces to develop his writing.

Year 3

Star of the week is Anaum. Anaum is a hardworking member of the Year 3 class. She does her best everyday and is very helpful keeping the classroom tidy and neat. She enjoys writing about the Romans.

Year 4

Harry, for helping year 3 understand life as a Roman citizen. With confidence he stood in front of the class and spoke about what it feels like to be a Roman. Well done Harry.

Year 5

Fareed for his good use of scientific vocabulary to describe the movement of the moon in Science.

Year 6

Umaiza for her growing confidence which she has shown in her speech for pupil leader and her participation in our class debate this week. It's wonderful to see - well done Umaiza!



Math-Whizz

Class Progressions

 1st - Year 2



 2nd - Year 3

 3rd - Year 6

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

GOLD

Phoebe

Filipe

Mihai

Laeq

Olivia

Ines

SILVER

Nafisa

Yasmine

Kyle

Nicholas

Nathan

Ameera

BRONZE

Laila

Aniela

Nawal

Ibrahim

Ruby

Mia



Coins Earned

Year 4 - 1513

Year 5 - 742

Year 6 - 675

Year 3 - 0



This week's Rock Legends

Year 3 - Layan

Year 4 - Nicholas

Year 5 - Amana

Year 6 - Araiz

MESSAGES FROM THE TEACHERS & STUDENTS...

Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We have enjoyed trying to learn the song from the story and make up some actions to tell the story without having to use the book! We have also been learning about the things we can do to be kind to our friends and family, just like the Giant. In maths we have been comparing different quantities and learning the key vocabulary of 'more' and 'fewer'. Next week your child will be bringing a library book home, please make sure this is in their book bag every Tuesday.

Year 1

This week we have been celebrating Black History and learning about the first female black woman astronaut Mae Jemison. We have been ordering numbers and using the words greater than and less than when putting them in order. Lots of children have been using Jackson Pollock's splatter technique when painting outside and we have enjoyed singing the Solar System songs at the end of every day. Next week we will be talking about the seasons as we move into Autumn and your child will have a Sunrise/Sunset diary that they need to fill in and return to school next Friday.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been writing up their story and I am so impressed with the speed in which they have progressed since just last Wednesday. Each day has just got better and better! They have begun to edit and improve their writing with their red pens too. For black history month, we have been reading the story of Rosa Parks through Faith Ringgold's beautiful book and have created freeze frames in groups to show the different parts of the story read for our assembly next week. Next week, we will look at Faith Ringgold's art and have a go at making some in our own style ourselves. In science we stretched, twisted, bent and squashed different materials and began to categorise them based on their properties, we pulled a pair of Miss Peters' tights from one end of the room to the other without breaking them, they were so stretchy!



Year 3

All the children in Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the African Dance workshop and are very excited about today's African Drumming workshop, which forms part of Black History Month. In class the children are researching Marcus Rashford and what he has done for children across Britain. In Maths the children have been using manipulatives to support their learning of adding and subtracting using exchange. During Science the children created a puppet to investigate how shadows change over time

The children are enjoying learning about the strange things that the Romans ate and the clothing that they wore.

Year 4

This week we are celebrating Black History Month and have enjoyed learning about some important figures who have contributed towards improving the lives of many Black people. We kick started our Topic with taking part in an African dance workshop last Friday. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this and showed off some of their impressive hip movements! We are now working on our own performance to show our school next week during our celebration assembly. Year 4 have also been taking part in additional drama in our English lessons to help them understand our text 'Romulus and Remus'. This will support our narrative writing next week. Well done year 4, keep up the hard work...one more week to go until half term! Mrs Mir :)

Year 5

Year 5 have shown resilience this week as we approach the end of this busy half term. During English lessons they have been planning and researching facts to use in their non chronological reports. They have shown a keen interest in this and have used different sources of information well. In Maths the class have continued working on their addition and subtraction skills, focusing on calculations with more than one exchange. The children built on their existing knowledge of the moon during Science lessons, describing the movement of the moon in relation to planet Earth. We have continued to celebrate Black History month by learning to recite Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'Clever Trevor' and taking part in a fantastic African drumming workshop at the end of the week. Well done Year 5!

Year 6

Y6 have had a great week - especially in enhancing their public speaking skills. In our English lessons the children prepared, participated in and judged a debate on Fairtrade. It was wonderful to see the confidence and hear the passion when they spoke. They were able to judge the debate fairly and provide constructive criticism in a helpful and kind way. They also prepared speeches for Mrs Machingauta and Mr Hingley to become pupil leaders and house captains. I know they were very impressed and almost brought to tears by the quality of the speeches and the confidence that came through when the children presented them!

The children have been learning all about the life of Nelson Mandela and are preparing for their presentation to the school next week for the Black History Month celebration assembly which they are very excited for. They also had an African drumming workshop this morning which they loved.

Y6 have been spending time getting to know MYON and Accelerated reader again after completing their reading assessments. Beginning after half term, we will have a 'reader of the week' and a 'quiz master of the week'. Make sure you're reading books on MYON and completing the AR quizzes for books **within your ZPD score** to win these titles! Well done for another great week Y6!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

		Who?
Oct-21		
Friday 22 nd October	Black History celebration assembly	Whole School
Friday 22 nd October	End of Term	Whole School
Nov-21		
Monday 1 st November	Start of Term	Whole School
Dec-21		
Friday 17 th December	End of Term	Whole School
Jan 2022		
Tuesday 4 th January	Inset day	Whole School
Wednesday 5 th January	Start of Term	Whole School