

Hannah Ball School

Weekly Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher:

Today we have been supporting the Red Nose appeal and our pupils came dressed as superheroes. The school has been awash with colour and it has been lovely to see the pupils come to school so happy and proud. Our pupils have done well all week with their positive attitudes and determination to learn. Well done everyone and thank-you for supporting such a good cause today.

My superheroes are the staff of our school. It is often forgotten that schools remained open throughout the whole pandemic, and even though some of our own staff have been directly affected by COVID, they have remained determined and resilient. They are all working so hard at the moment within school to provide your children with the best possible learning experiences against the backdrop of such uncertainty. Thank-you doesn't seem enough, but your very kind words and messages of support have gone along way.

We have now completed our second week of full re-opening and we are getting used to the 'new normal'. This has given us a chance to reflect on 'best practice'. Are there things that we can use in our day to day schooling that was success in lockdown? We have certainly learnt lots about IT! Google classroom has been a revelation and will continue to be used across the school. We have also purchased further Chromebooks so that we have a whole class set. This is on top of the laptops that are already in place (enough for one between two across the whole school) .We have also ensured that reading can be done online through Myon - and some of our pupils who would not normally enjoy reading for pleasure are now avid readers. We have had to develop our

use of cloud based systems that carry targeted learning opportunities and will we strive to maintain this momentum, both of the development of our IT provision, and of the pupils' learning.

This term our PSHE curriculum focuses on health.

Please have a look at the link for healthy lunchbox swaps for those of you sending in packed lunches. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

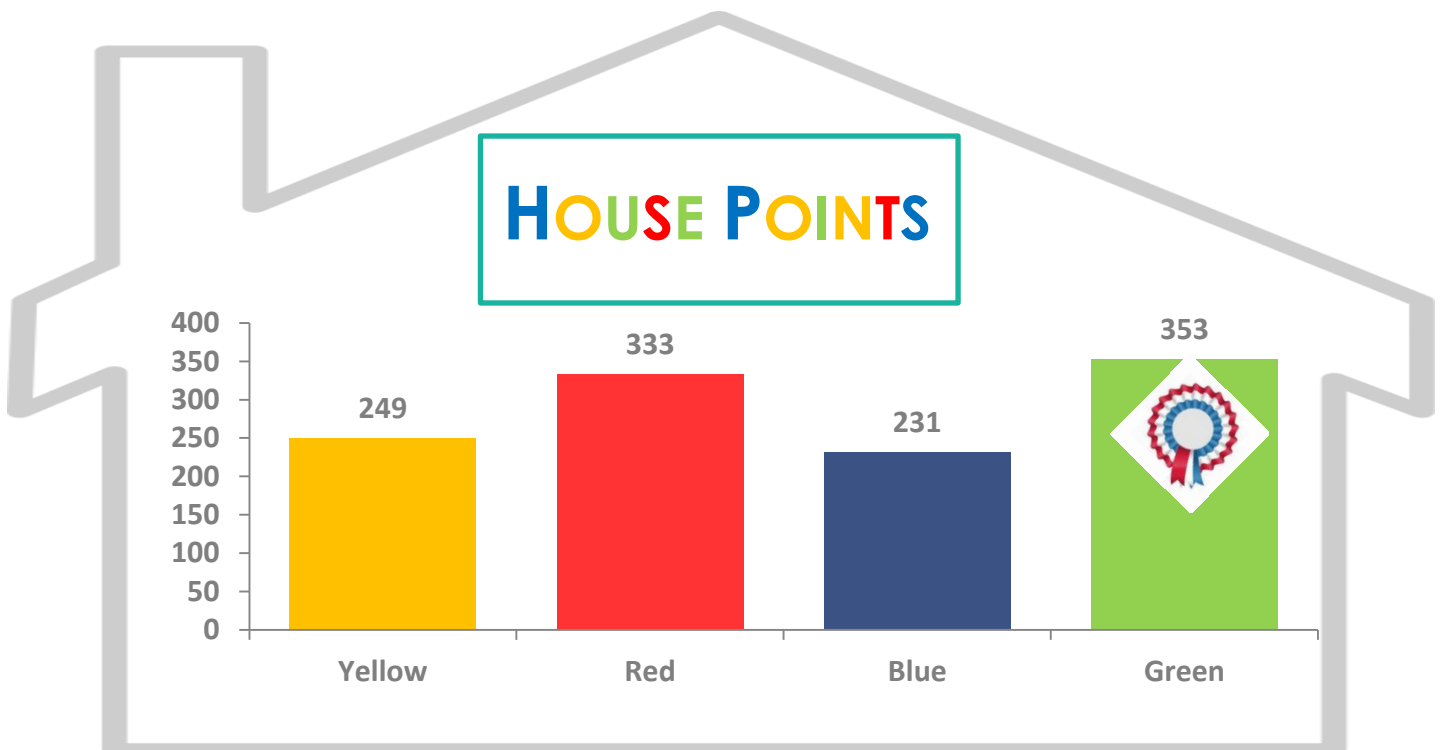
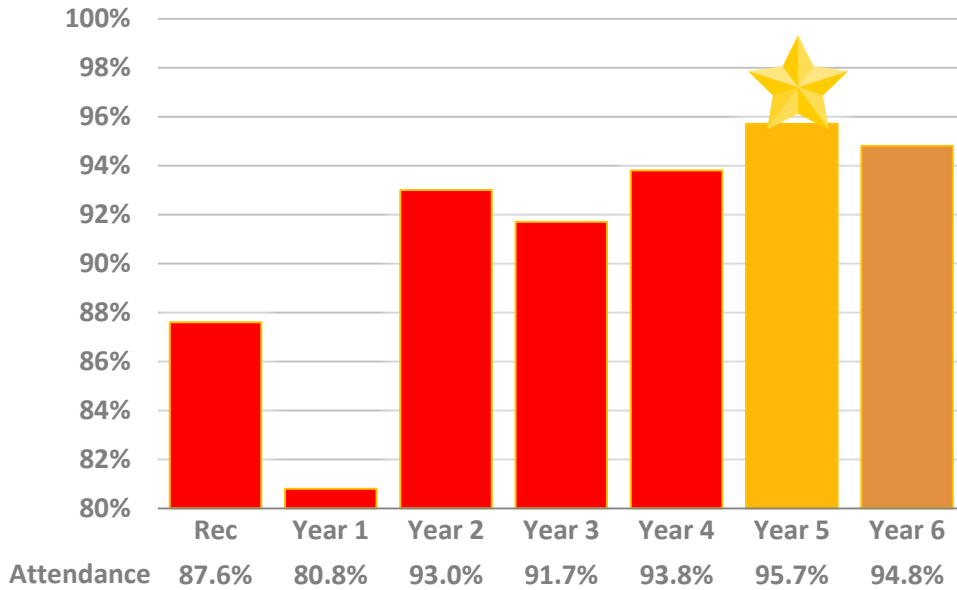
Have a look at another part of our school that is 'awash' with colour - our playground! Our school council worked hard to finalise the design and it now looks wonderful. (Photo to follow)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. Hingley

This week's attendance

Year 5 have had an impressive 95.7% attendance so they are this weeks winners! Well done!
Year 6 have also done really well with 94.8 attendance and Year 4 with 93.8%





Math-Whizz

Class Progressions

-  1st - 
-  2nd - Year 3
-  3rd - Year 4

- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Year 1	Wera	Yasmine	Aniela
Year 2	Jasmine	Sara	Esterlyn
Year 3	Nicholas	Aaron	Kira
Year 4	Zara	Zakriya	Olivia
Year 5	Ines		
Year 6	Zara Ah	Riney	



Most Valuable Band Players

- Year 2 - Hakimah
- Year 3 - Muhammad
- Year 4 - Amana
- Year 5 - Sitki
- Year 6 - Ali

Position		
1	Year 3 - Hannah Ball School	966
2	Year 5 - Hannah Ball School	884
3	Year 4 - Hannah Ball School	745
4	Year 2 - Hannah Ball School	496
5	Year 6 - Hannah Ball School	391

STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception

Tayyab for his expressive language and his positive attitude to learning.

Year 1

Aniela - For thinking really hard in ICT and helping the rest of the class work out the moves needed to get a boat to the right spot. Also for being such an enthusiastic learner during our virtual lessons.

Year 2

Hakimah for her excellent instructions for planting seeds.

Year 3

Kira for her courage and confidence in participating in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 4

Sarah for always being amazing, helping others and working hard. Well done for developing your vocabulary in your hot write.

Year 5

Star of the week is Nicolas for showing resilience in completing the most laps around the playground in PE. Well done to our future Olympian!!

Year 6

Sonila for always working hard being polite, kind and friendly



MESSAGES FROM THE TEACHERS...

RECEPTION

This week the children have been learning about the different signs of spring, we have done some observational drawings of daffodils and have been caring for the plants and worms that live in the outdoor area. The children have been working hard on their phonics, writing and maths. We have been exploring 3d shapes and using our sounds to write captions and sentences. There have been lots of conversations about all the things they have learnt to do over the past 2 months. It has been great fun. Well done Reception, keep it up!

YEAR 1

Year 1 are settling back into the classroom really well, relearning our class rules and applying them. We have been continuing our work on trees in Science, writing labels and putting them in the correct place on one of fabulous school trees. In maths we have started to count in twos and year 1 have amazed us with how quickly they have learned how to do this. They have been bringing their reading books to school regularly and are getting really good now at writing sentences. Well done Year 1.

YEAR2

Year 2 have made super progress in making their Maasai necklaces and have done some incredibly neat and detailed patterns on their work. During English lessons we have focused on writing instructions for planting seeds, the children are now making their own seed packets with their instructions on; these look great! We have continued our work on fractions in Maths and the class have worked hard to find a fraction of an amount- well done! In Science we have been very excited to observe the progress of our bean seeds growth, we now have green shoots forming as well as roots. On Friday the children dressed up as Superheroes for Comic Relief, the effort put in by Year 2 has been fantastic- well done, you all look super!

YEAR3

This week year 3 have made an excellent start to their planning of their stories. They have also made a real effort with their learning in Maths with fractions. I have been super impressed with their kindness in welcoming a new member of year 3 and also welcoming Mrs Mir to our class! Their excitement around the new playground markings has been catching and it's lovely to see everyone playing so well together! We were also very lucky to have a music lesson from a special visitor this week - the children loved learning all about pitch and playing the glockenspiel! Well done year 3 for all your enthusiasm to your learning and your excellent attitudes and hard work!

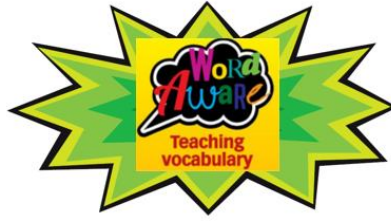
YEAR5

Year 5 have had a busy week in and out of the classroom. We are focusing on our fitness in PE this term and we started with a 12-minute run around the playground, the children displayed very good levels of fitness with some of them completing as many as 20 laps. In Science, our topic for this term is Animals including humans and the children enjoyed creating a timeline showing the different stages of human life in groups. It was a real pleasure seeing the children having meaningful discussions, correcting themselves and collaborating in order to complete the activity. PSHE, we have been looking at the dangers of alcohol and once again, the focus was on teamwork and the children being actively involved in their learning. This time the children were given a piece of puzzle and they had to find the 8 other people who could have helped them to complete the picture. I must say these children are a very competitive and determined group who know how to have fun and at the same time get the task completed. Finally, in Topic, Year 5 brought their artistic skills to the fore with a focus on using pastels to draw pictures of Tudor clothing. I hastily add here, that despite the children enjoying the activity, they (mainly the girls) were not keen on the style of fashion during that era. Have a great weekend, guys!!

YEAR6 (Written by two Year 6 pupils)

In Maths we learnt how to find the perimeter and area of shapes like parallelograms. In English we read a heart touching story of romance and tragedy called the Lady of Shallott. The class deeply enjoyed it and so did I, especially when we were to be creative and guess what the poem was about.

In topic this week we have painted our clay animals and today we have made pizzas for our topic called 'Gallery Rebels'. Everyone in year 6 has had a fun week all thanks to our amazing teacher Mrs Barker.



KS1's Word of the week is...

nourish

KS2's Word of the week is...

partially