

Lingdale Letterbox

Friday 28th May 2021



Working together to be the best we can be

What an amazing first full half term we have had since the last lockdown. The children have worked incredibly hard and so have the staff. Thank you to all the parents who have supported with learning at home and supported the staff in what has been a difficult year. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their weekly homework and complete a minimum of three reads per week. We have a lot of lost learning to catch up on and many gaps to close. Now that interventions have started, it is vital that your child arrives at school punctually—school starts at 8.55am. The gates are opened between 8.40-45 and if your child is not in class until 9am, that is minutes of lost opportunities. Thank you for the continued support.

Here is a summary of the last half term:



This half term **Little Explorers** have been exploring down at the bottom of the garden. We have made the most of our fantastic outdoor space, hunting for mini beasts and planting seeds. Indoors we have had lots of sensory play experiences and have created some amazing artwork. We have also been very lucky to receive our very own climbing apparatus which has helped the children develop their climbing skills and confidence.



Children in EYFS have been archaeologists

this half term. They have been digging for dinosaur fossils and exploring how scientists learn about the past. It was an exciting start when we found some eggs in our outdoor area and they hatched in our school. The children used their detective skills to work out which dinosaur the footprints belonged to. They have learned about the features of different dinosaurs and how they became extinct. They have made their own fossils and learned about fossilisation. The children have also learned about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores by making dinosaur poo, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 5/6: 90% Below
Year 3/4: 96% Good
Year 1/2: 96.7% Good
Reception: 84.4% Well below
Nursery: 76.35 Well below

This week's whole school attendance

93% Below

Yearly school attendance to date:

95% Below

Target 96.6%

This is the expected standard for all schools.

Poor attendance impacts negatively on your child's potential and life chances.

Dates for the diary:

Friday 28th May—Break up for half term (1 week)

Monday 7th June—Return to school

Monday 7th June—Sports Day—(children only) PE kits please for whole school

Friday 11th June—Y6 class photo (please wear full school uniform and black shoes) Friday 16th July—Break up for summer

If your child tests positive for covid over half term, please email the school office on office@lingdale.org

Thank you

Head Teacher's Awards: For Friendship

Elijah W- Mrs Jones

Emily O—Miss Stonehouse

Anna B— Mr Fairbridge

Sophie O—Mrs Norris

Pen Licences- Harley D, Bethany P



Years Three and Four have shown amazing resilience and drive throughout this half term. They have worked tirelessly to improve their skills across the whole curriculum.

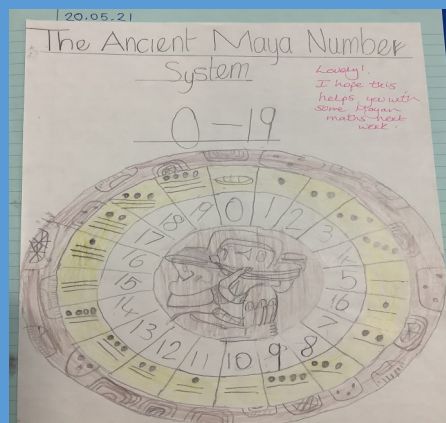
All of the children have been really engaged in our topic of Ancient Egypt - even designing and making shadufs (a device to collect water from the Nile) in their D.T. lessons. Alongside this, they have learnt about light and explored the changing sizes of shadows - undertaking a range of investigations. They are now becoming experts at Scratch programming developing their knowledge of how computers work and how we use code to instruct computers differently to how a human would be instructed. This has been topped off with weekly visits from the MFC Foundation and a couple of sessions with the Fire Brigade. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and long may it continue.



Years Five and Six have certainly had a jam-packed half term! Apart from sitting their tests for us to assess how best to support them in the final half term, they have participated in a multitude of learning experiences. We have learned about the ancient civilisation of the Maya and even tried some Mayan maths!

Staff from Redcar and Cleveland Fire Brigade have visited school to reinforce essential safety messages around road and fire safety. The children have worked alongside MFCF weekly to learn about the importance of keeping healthy mentally and physically ;today saw the culmination of our tennis tournament. We have some budding tennis players in our midst!

To further enhance our cultural capital, pupils have been taught how to play the guitar and steel pans -Wednesday afternoons have been music to our ears!



After school club update! Clubs will continue after half term

Monday 3-4pm Gardening Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3-4.15pm SCSS Multi Sports Club Y1/2 Wednesday 3-4.15pm SCSS Multi Sports Club Y3/4

Thursday 3-4.15pm SCSS Multi Sports Club Y5/6 If not a PE day, children MUST bring a PE kit to school for sports after school clubs.

Please book a place by ringing or emailing the office. ALL CLUBS ARE FREE OF CHARGE!

PLEASE BE PROMPT AT PICK UP TIME!

Keep an eye on social media to see which free clubs MFCF are offering in the area too.

What a delightful half term **Year 1 & 2** have had! We practised mindfulness and mediation during World Mental Health day and the children enjoyed making friendship bracelets.

It's fair to say that our class have certainly got their hands dirty in our art and design technology lessons too. We shaped and modelled clay portraits of ourselves and then used our knowledge of colour mixing to consider which skin and hair tone we have. Just look at our wonderful models! We considered ways in which we could keep our bodies healthy and went on to make fruit kebabs. We thoroughly enjoyed our tasty snack especially dipping it into a tasty, but fat free yoghurt.

We can't see to see what adventures await us on our final half term of the year.



Have a lovely half term break everyone! Stay safe and see you all on Monday 7th June 21.

