



Head's Message

Aspirations for the year ahead have been a hot topic of conversation at Conway over the last couple of weeks. It's been great hearing the range of challenges children have been setting themselves, varying from studying hard to achieve the long-term goal of becoming an astronaut to reading more than one novel a week! This focus on aspiration has definitely ensured the spring term has started positively with high expectations for all.

This week teachers have been scratching their heads to consider how we can spruce up Home Learning with an injection of passion and excitement. We know Home Learning is already jump-starting some high quality outcomes, but we're keen to see creative juices run wild with a whole range of responses evident for Home Learning tasks. Think 3-D models, annotated photos of family days out and perhaps even an online blog! If readily available, we are always willing to supply resources - just ask!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Lewis Class	98.79%
2 nd	Carroll Class	97.88%
3 rd	Dickens Class	96.36%
3 rd	Austen Class	96.36%
5 th	Dahl class	95.15%
6 th	Potter Class	94.55%

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:

Johann Sebastian Bach



Celebration Assemblies

Friday 27th January – Year 4 Maths Specialist Class Assembly – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

Friday 3rd February – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What can you find out about the North Pole?

Year 2: Do you think Big Ben is London's best building? Explain your answer.

Year 3: Which Victorian has changed life the most?

Year 4: What would the world be like without any numbers? You could represent your ideas through a PowerPoint presentation, a poster or even within a play! Additionally, continue to learn your homophone spellings from last week ready for our big review on Friday.

Year 5: How could you use fractions and decimals in our local area, W12? You could represent your ideas through posters, a maths story or photographs. Additionally, continue to learn your spellings from last week, with the prefix 'inter' ready for our big review on Friday.

Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration, our stars of the week are:

Jotham	Kay-Jay	Noah
Steven	Rahaf	Elisabeth

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 25th January – Year 1 trip to Bunny Park

Wednesday 25th January – Year 4 trip to Westfield

w/c 30th January – Storytelling Week

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February – School closes for half term

Monday 20th February – INSET day

Tuesday 21st February – School re-opens after half term

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

w/c 13th March – STEM Week

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 17th March 2017 – INSET Day – School closed for pupils

Friday 31st March 2017 – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Notices

Year 1 Class Assembly



Well done to Potter Class who performed so well in this morning's assembly which focussed on what they had learnt so far this year, including different types of trees and leaves, the time and the brain. There was also an excellent example of Home Learning from Olly!

Year 4 and 5 Reading List

Year 4 and 5 received a reading list today of acclaimed and popular books for their age group. Plenty of these should be stocked in local libraries and we have many of the titles at school. Please encourage your child to read for half an hour every night including ten minutes of reading out loud. The list is by no means exhaustive so keep encouraging your child to explore new books beyond the list. Please check the content of books before your child reads them to decide whether it is appropriate.

If you need any advice around reading with your child at home, please do not hesitate to meet with Mrs Mabile.

Year 5 Visit to Phoenix Academy

'Year 5 visited Phoenix Academy for an experience day today. They completed a science experiment in a proper lab and used Bunsen burners. They visited the onsite farm, had a drama lesson and a multisports P.E lesson. They ate their lunch in the dining hall and luckily Phoenix Academy have fish and chip day on Friday too!'

EYFS News

This week has been filled with imaginative alliteration in Reception as we completed our newspaper articles about space. Amongst our favourite titles were 'Jumping Jupiter' and 'Silly Saturn'! We are looking forward to sharing some of our articles at the class exhibition at the end of term. Carroll class have also been impressing their teachers with their flying saucers, alien art and planet facts! In maths we have been solving one more and one fewer problems within 20, and generating challenges for our partners. Next week we are moving onto the exploration of 3D shapes in Maths and a new literacy book called 'Toys in Space'. We will be making our own toys and parachuting them back to earth! We will also be measuring the distance they travel using metre sticks. This weekend you could: Make a parachute for a toy, and see how far it travels. You could make a space object using a 3D shape, and discuss the 3D names and properties (see pictures below for ideas).



You could practise different ways of measuring distance, and put a video on tapestry (eg. counting the steps to your front door from somewhere else in the house, or measuring a toy with a ruler!).

Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team