



**SILVERDALE**  
PRIMARY  
ACADEMY

*Becoming the Ultimate...*

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Over the past week, we gave out nearly 5000 smileys! The official **weekly** smiley house winners this week are...

**Courageous! Well done to all those Courageous ninjas.**

Courageous have narrowly retained their overall lead, with scores currently standing at; Ambitious 14094; Courageous 14516; Determined 14116; Dynamic 14261; Inspirational 13855; and Resilient 14367

An improvement from last week, although still only 7 out of our 21 classes achieved an overall attendance of over 96%. Top classes were: KS1: Ladybirds, 98.7% KS2: Shakespeare, 97.3% with the whole school attendance at 94.1%

Thank you for sending in your child's favourite vegetable, last week EYFS made delicious vegetable soup. 'The Enormous Turnip' has been a great traditional tale, promoting vegetables, encouraging working together and not giving up. The children have been creating graphs to show their favourite vegetables and fruit. They have also been drawing pictures of vegetables and writing shopping lists too. This week, for our final week of Term 3 we will explore 'The Little Red Hen', this again will encourage discussions around teamwork, as well as the process of making bread. The smell of freshly cooked bread will be wafting through the academy.

Year 1 have been busy exploring our local area, using maps and looking at map keys. We have continued looking at amazing arrays. This week we have been linking them to division. In Art we have been looking at different materials and how to join them together in different ways. Some amazing sewing has been taking place!

Last week, in year 2, we continued our non-fiction writing and used specific features like headings, subheadings and time adverbials to write an explanation text. We wrote an introduction and explained where and how the fire started and what has happened after the disaster. We have also enjoyed learning more about the Great Plague through the eyes of Vlad, a flea living on his best friend Boxtton the Rat. In maths, we have continued to use arrays to multiply and used these pictorial presentation to solve two step word problems. Congratulations to Kingfishers on their brilliant assembly and amazing creations. A great way to have finished the week!

Year 3 loved dancing their way into a brand new week at the sponsored Danceathon for the Sara Lee Trust. We are adamant they would like to tap their toes every week, judging by the enthusiasm and smiley faces witnessed at the event - well done Year 3! This week in English, the children will be continuing their poetry unit. So far, the children have experimented with free verse and this week they will be working on rhyming and structure. The children will also have the opportunity to incorporate their poetry skills into Music, using a concept from Krindlekrax, instruments and spoken word to create a soundscape in which to tell the



story. In Maths, the children have been working on multiplication and division and they will be tackling some problems solving activities to test their developing skills. As another term draws to a close, we would like to say a huge thank you for supporting your child with the homework medley. We love seeing and hearing about the ways in which the topics come to life at home and the impact the children's learning is having outside of the academy.



Last week, year 4 have been writing persuasive letters trying to convince the King not to execute Lalchand. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100. I think the highlight of last week, was preparing a curry which simmered away all day and we used chopsticks to eat it! In art, we have used oil pastels to completely cover a piece of paper. We plan to cover it in black paint and when it is dry, use cocktail sticks to scratch of some of the paint to create a firework picture.

Last week in year 5 we were busy writing poetry for a literacy competition. The children created Haikus, Cinquains and Limericks all linked to our topic of space, they were very imaginative and entertaining. In maths the children were focusing on written methods of division - they worked so hard and did amazingly well. In science the children calculated how old they would be on the different planets within the solar system. On Mercury the children would be 41 years old! The children also loved calculating the ages of different adults within the academy. Please can we ask that all children make sure they have their PE kits in school on Friday afternoon for a very special PE lesson.

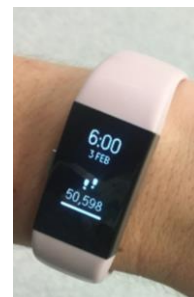
In year 6 the children had a practise run at the SATs papers last week. They worked incredibly hard and we are really proud of their determination to achieve their absolute best. This week, we will continue with our work on Shakespeare and they will be using their research to write biographies of his life. In maths we will learn about statistics and coordinates.

A huge well done to Shakespeare for a very entertaining assembly last week; we look forward to Morpurgo's class assembly on Friday.

### DANCE-A-THON



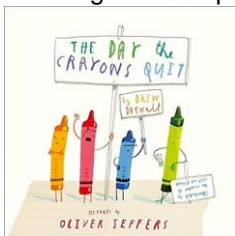
We had a great time last Monday dancing all day in aid of the Sara Lee Trust. The amazing Miss Barber managed to keep going from 8.00am to 6.00pm clocking up over 50500 steps along the way. Thank you to all the children who took part throughout the day and have helped to raise £330.19 for the Silverdale Solution Squad charity of the year.



Whatever will the Solution Squad plan next!!

### WORLD BOOK DAY

This year we will be once again joining in with the celebration that is World Book Day. Children will receive a book token on the day that can be exchanged for a special WBD release.



As a school we will all be exploring the same story throughout the day, "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt, with lots of exciting activities planned. Children are invited to come in to school dressed as their favourite book character, or dressed as in the colour of one of the crayons. Each year group will be allotted a specific coloured crayon.



**EYFS – Blue; Year 1 – Green; Year 2 – Yellow; Year 3 – Pink; Year 4 – Red; Year 5 – Purple; and Year 6 Orange.**

## PIANO LESSONS COMING TO SILVERDALE

In this morning's assemblies the children were treated to an introduction to our new piano teacher, Mr Jason McNiff. Many of them expressed an interest in taking piano lessons, I am sure they will speak to you when they get home. Please see the flier below as to how to sign up for lessons, or if you have any questions please feel free to email the address;

SILVERDALE PRIMARY ACADEMY

*The Music Tree*

# Piano Lessons

Experienced tutor with  
100% Trinity College pass rate

**THURSDAYS 1.00-3.00PM  
IN THE SCHOOL MUSIC HUB**

£10 per 20min lesson (max three children)  
\*discount for block booking\*

**STARTS ON THE 27TH FEBRUARY**

To reserve your place contact JASON at  
[jasonmcniff@hotmail.com](mailto:jasonmcniff@hotmail.com)



## OLD BOOTS

Old boots needed.....

We are looking to source old welly boots and football boots for those children who forget/ don't have their own pairs. If you have any boots that no longer fit your



children please consider donating these to the Academy for other children to get use out of. Thank you!



## FAT TUESDAY

Looking for something to do over the half term, why not get involved with the Fat Tuesday Parade?

Free open drop in umbrella decorating workshops. Come and decorate your umbrella ahead of the Parade at one of the Radiator Arts drop in

workshops. The workshops are free and suitable for everyone. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You will need an hour of your time although you are welcome to stay as long as you want, and most importantly an UMBRELLA.

An array of materials to use but feel free to bring along anything of your own.

The workshops are as follows:

### Saturday 15th February

Downs Farm, Crowborough Rd, Hastings TN35 5EE - Workshop 1 – 4pm

### Sunday 16th February

Concordia hall, Church Rd, St Leonards, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN37 - Workshop 1 – 4pm

### Thursday 20th February

White rock Theatre (Sussex room downstairs), White Rock, Hastings TN34 1JX - Workshop 10.30- 4pm

### Saturday 22nd February

Stade Hall, 20 Rock-A-Nore Rd, Hastings TN34 3DW - Workshop 10.30 -4pm



## HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Our half term holiday club will be running again in the up-coming half term, running every day from 8.30am to 5.00pm. Forms are available on request from the Academy office.

# Dates for your diary

14.2.20 Morpurgo Class Assembly (2.30pm)

28.2.20 – Oak and Eagles Class Assemblies (2.30pm)

5.3.20 – World Book Day

6.3.20 – Woodpeckers and Nelson Class Assemblies (2.30pm)

13.3.20 – Ladybirds and Kites Class Assemblies (2.30pm)

20.3.20 – Willow and Nightingale Class Assemblies (2.30pm)

**20.3.20 – Year 6 Parents meeting at The Welcome – (19.00) to discuss Yr 6 Prom**

27.3.20 – Robins and Churchill Class Assemblies (2.30pm)

3.4.20 – Bumblebees and Falcons Class Assemblies (2.30pm)

8.5.20 – Mayday Bank Holiday

20.5.20 – 26.5.20 – National Epilepsy Week (Information to follow)

22.5.20 – INSET day

10.7.20 – Year 6 PGL

16.7.20 – END OF YEAR PICNIC. 12.30pm onwards (More information to follow closer to the date)

16.7.20 – Year 6 Prom (Details to follow closer to the date)

17.7.20 – INSET

