

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been another busy week at Layfield Primary School!

Yesterday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. As you know, this year's theme was 'A World of Wonder', and our children certainly let their imaginations run wild as they dressed up as something that inspires their imagination. Our children brought all sorts of characters to life - superheroes, pirates, magical creatures, wizards and many more!

Throughout the day, children across the school also explored the wonderful world of poetry, using their creativity and imagination to write their own poems and take part in the Young Writers 'A World of Wonder' poetry competition. I can also testify to the fact that the children very much enjoyed the 'World of Wonder' themed lunch!

Remaining on the theme of food, it was also fantastic to see our Reception children and their Year 4 buddies enjoying a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the October sunshine. It was lovely to see them spending time together, sharing stories and making the most of the beautiful autumn weather.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the first of our 'Join Your Child for...' sessions. This week's theme was Reception and KS1 Phonics. The children loved sharing their learning with you, and we hope the session gave you a flavour of how these sessions operate. The next set of sessions will see us inviting parents / carers of KS2 children into school to join a Maths lesson.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It has certainly been a wonderful week of imagination, creativity, learning and fun!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week (Thurs-Thurs) is summarised below. Well done to Year 5 for having the highest attendance this week!

Nursery	96.33%
Reception	97.65%
Year 1	93.77%
Year 2	99.06%
Year 3	95.83%
Year 4	94.05%
Year 5	99.68%
Year 6	92.24%

Whole School Attendance:
Cumulative attendance, since
September, is shown below:

Nursery	95.85%
Reception	96.61%
Year 1	95.55%
Year 2	96.37%
Year 3	96.43%
Year 4	94.47%
Year 5	99.63%
Year 6	93.97%

Cumulative whole school
attendance:
96.1%

Attendance	Description
98-100%	Excellent
95-97.9%	Good
92-94.9%	Caution (Below national)
90-91.9%	Cause for concern
89.9 or below	Presistent Absence Serious Concern

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Please contact Miss Lock, Mrs Smith or Mr Pinkham if you have any safeguarding concerns.

THIS WEEK IN

NURSERY

Nursery's learning was linked to an autumn book called 'The Oak Tree.' As a class, we went for a walk around the school grounds looking for signs of autumn.. In the classroom, the children did some leaf rubbings, painted pictures of autumn trees and started to grow some cress. They will be encouraged to look after their cress over the next couple of weeks.

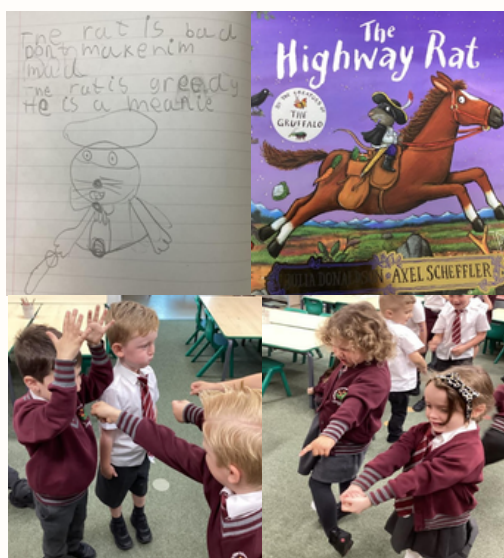


RECEPTION

Reception have had a very fun and busy week. We started the week off reading 'The Oak Tree' by Julia Donaldson. We planted cress seeds and learned about what seeds need to grow and we have watched our cress grow. We collected leaves on our Welly Walk and made leaf rubbings when returned to school. We had a lovely Teddy Bear's picnic with our Year 4 Buddies sitting under the oak tree in the beautiful sunshine listening to the Year 4's reading their poems they made during Poetry Day.



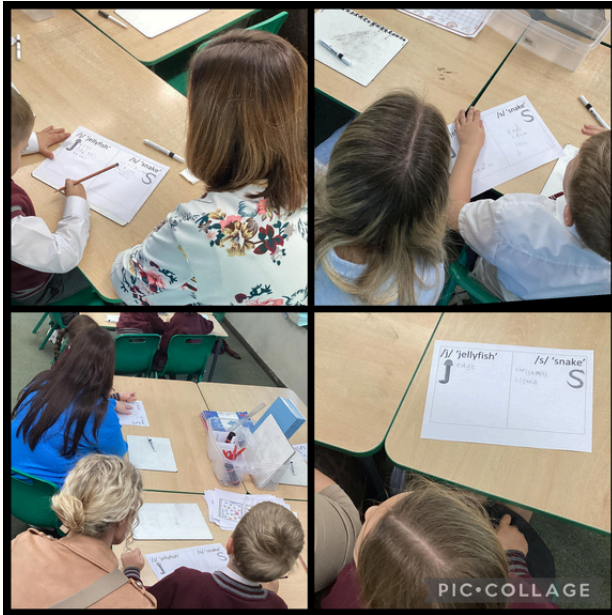
YEAR 1



This week in Year 1, we have been enjoying reading 'The Highway Rat'.

The children have written their own poems about the rat to celebrate World Poetry Day. We have also explored the story through drama, creating freeze frames of key parts of the story.

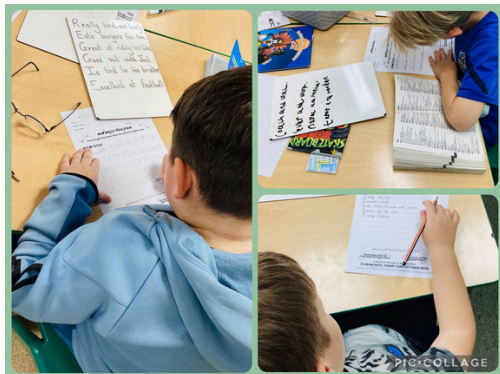
YEAR 2



Another wonderful week of learning has taken place in Year 2 this week. It has been lovely to welcome parents and guardian into the classroom to experience phonics across the week - the children were very excited to share their grapheme and phoneme knowledge. Pupils also got busy in a range of costumes on National Poetry Day - creating a poem titled 'Little things, Big Smiles'

YEAR 3

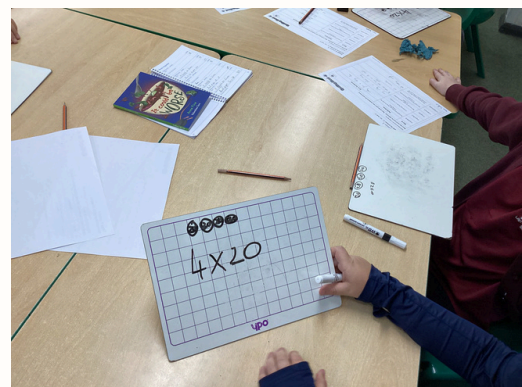
Y3 enjoyed writing acrostic poems as part of our work for the Young Writers competition, A World of Wonder.



YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have started their Mastering Number sessions. These are short, daily sessions designed to help children become confident and fluent with their multiplication and division facts, while developing a deeper understanding of how numbers work together.

The children have really enjoyed getting hands-on with their learning and exploring numbers through practical activities. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm and confidence grow as they develop their mathematical skills.



YEAR 5

Year 5 had a brilliant morning out of school on Wednesday. The children had the chance to experience T1 rugby which is a new variation on rugby playing in school. They learned new skills and developed teamwork.



YEAR 6

We have been really enjoying our music lessons with Mrs Turton! This week, we analysed Happy by Pharrell Williams, exploring the beat and rhythm. We even had a go at clapping and dancing along (some of us a little more enthusiastically than others!).



SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday 8th September - Thursday 22nd October 3:30pm-4:30pm

MONDAY	Choir - Year 1 - Year 6 (Mrs Rosana Turton)
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts – Reception to Year 3 Karate – Year 2 to Year 6 (Yarm Martial Arts)
WEDNESDAY	Football – Reception to Year 2 (DF Coaching) Diva Dance – Year 1 to Year 6 (Miss Rachael)
THURSDAY	Sports Stars – Year 1 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)
FRIDAY	Dodgeball – Year 1 to Year 3 (DF Coaching) Football – Year 3 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)



WEEKLY MENU 3



Weeks beginning 14 September, 5th October, 26th October, 16th November & 7th December, 2026

Dish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional	Breaded Chicken Breast Fillet Potato Waffles Garden Peas	Minced Beef & Dumplings Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower & Green Beans	Lasagne Homemade Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Homemade Pizza Whirls Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans	Fish Fillet Fingers Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas & Baked Beans
Popular	Homemade Quiche Potato Waffles Garden Peas	Macaroni Cheese Homemade Garlic Bread Cauliflower & Green Beans	Sausage Roll Potato Wedges Sweetcorn		Baked Sausages Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas & Baked Beans
Vegetarian	Vegan Dippers Potato Waffles Garden Peas	Minced Quorn & Dumplings Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower & Green Beans	Vegan Sausage Roll Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Vegetable Fingers Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans	Baked Quorn Sausages Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas & Baked Beans
Sandwich Selection	Cheese Potato Waffles	Tuna Mayonnaise Roasted Potatoes	Roast Ham Potato Wedges	Egg Mayonnaise Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Oven Baked Chips
Dessert	Jam Sponge & Custard Sauce Fruity Cookie Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Choc Chip Sponge & Custard Sauce Cup Cake Homemade Biscuit & Yoghurt	Syrup Sponge & Custard Sauce Jelly Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Crunch & Custard Sauce Fruity Muffin Homemade Biscuit & Yoghurt	Decorated Iced Sponge & Custard Sauce Ice Cream Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit

Available daily – Salad bar, milk and drinking water

All our menus are compliant with the School Food Standards - we only serve farm assured meat, MCS fish and free range eggs.
Low fat milk. If you require advice regarding allergens, please contact the School Catering Supervisor.



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