

### Message from Mrs. Gray:

We had a super time in school last week.

Everyone enjoyed World Book Day. Mrs. Crouch started the day by reading a funny picture book story to the whole school. Children in all classes took part in a range of book related activities throughout the day. I have seen some lovely writing and character drawings produced. Well done everyone!

On Wednesday Class 4 were visited by Energy Heroes. Energy Heroes is a project delivered in schools to raise awareness of how to save energy and help the planet. All children attended a whole school assembly to introduce the project and Class 4 then participated in a workshop to learn more. A group of children from Class 4 have volunteered to be energy heroes and be part of a school Eco-Council. Thank-you!

Between 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March it is the Big Plastic Count. Our new Eco-Council pupils are going to be supporting with this. More details of the Big Plastic Count are included with this week's newsletter. We need your help to complete it! A tally sheet has been sent home today – please check book bags!

### Science Week

This week is Science Week. As last year, the FOMS group have supported a gadget shop in school with science themed items available to buy. Items cost between 50p - £1:00 and will be on sale at morning breaks all week. Science lessons this week will be focussed upon this year's Science week theme – *Time*.

### Special Mentions Assembly

Special Mentions were awarded on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March to:

**Class 1 – Kyrah-Ella and Rosie**

**Class 2 – Florence and Jim**

**Class 3 – Annabel and Everyln**

**Class 4 – Lily and Tommy**

**Class 5 – Leon and Jacob**

Fabulous effort!



### Attendance

Class 2 achieved the highest attendance again last week with an amazing 99.5%. Well done!

**Remember every school day counts!**

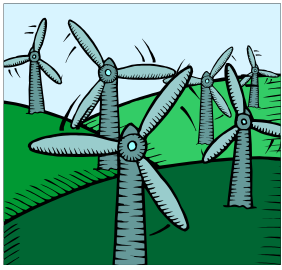


### Late arrivals

We monitor the number of lates carefully and letters will be sent by school to any families where children have been late 5 times. If 10 lates occur, a letter from the Local Authority will be received. Please ensure children arrive before 9 o'clock. There were **3** recorded lates w/c 4.3.24.

### Dinner Money

Barnsley Catering Service has increased the cost of school dinners from £2.50 to £2.75 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. This will come into effect after the Easter holidays.



### Pondering Pandas

This half term we are encouraging children to plan activities carefully, to review their work and to think about how they can improve it. Our Pondering Pandas of the week were:

Phoebe (Class 1);

Luna (Class 2);

Lyrach-Jayne (Class 3);

Ted (Class 4);

Maya (Class 5).



**Well done!**

### Reminder - Comic Relief Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, it is Comic Relief Day. We are having a non-uniform day in return for a small donation to Comic Relief. The School Council has organised a *Design a Red Nose* competition. Entry forms are available in classrooms and cost 20p each. Please return completed entries to school by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



### Reminder - School trips

Children across school are looking forward to their school trips this week – KS2 to Scarborough (Wednesday) and KS1 to the Butterfly House at North Anston (Thursday). Let's hope that the weather is kind to us! Please ensure children arrive at school promptly at the times requested:

8:15am – Key Stage 2 visit to Scarborough

8:45am – Key Stage 1 visit to the Butterfly house

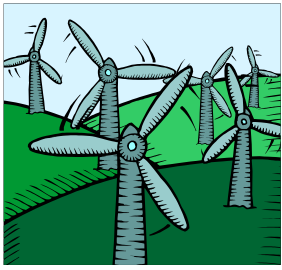
### Reminder - Parent Consultations

Our second round of parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> (4:00pm – 6:00pm). These will be face to face in school. There will be the opportunity to look at your child's work as part of these. Appointments can be booked via email ([schooloffice@millhouseprimary.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@millhouseprimary.co.uk)) or telephone. Staff are keen to speak to all children's parents/carers. If these dates are not convenient, please get in touch to arrange an alternative.

### Reminder - Penistone Arts Week

Penistone Arts Week takes place between 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March. I was recently visited by one of the organisers who is keen for local schools and children to become more involved this year. We have been asked to send photographs of work the children produced around World Book Day so that it can be shared on Penistone Arts Week's social media platforms. There will be a children's book trail around Penistone (entry forms will be available from Penistone Library). Organisers are keen for families to take part/ promote this event personally by creating a favourite book display in their front window – your child's favourite book could be placed in the window, decorated with artwork/ fairy lights etc for other children to see as they walk past. Details of all the events and activities planned can be found by following this link: <https://penistoneartsweek.wordpress.com/>





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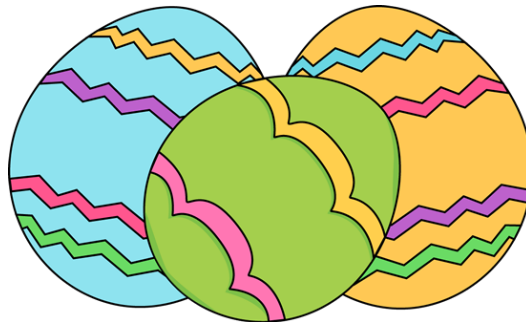
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### Easter events

We are holding a decorating an egg competition again this year for pupils who wish to take part. The egg can be part of a scene or a single character. (Only include one egg in each entry.) Please bring entries into school by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March for judging (they will be returned on the same day and winners announced in Friday's assembly). The FOMS group have kindly agreed to provide prizes – a winner and runner up prize will be awarded for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

We are also planning to hold our traditional egg rolling competition in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Children need to bring a decorated egg (hard boiled!) in to school to take part – each class will hold their own competition. It can be the same egg used to enter the decorating the egg competition. I wonder who will be the winner of the longest egg roll?! The lucky winner in each class will win a prize provided by the FOMS group.



### School Council request

The School Council would like to ask for donations of games to add to class wet play boxes. If you have any games, in good condition, which you no longer want, they would be grateful if you could send them into school. Thank-you!

### Wraparound childcare survey

The Government committed in March 2023 to developing wraparound childcare for all families in need of it, across the country in a new programme. In order to achieve this, the Department for Education requires all Local Authorities to seek views from parents and carers and identify any areas where breakfast or after school clubs may be needed. We have been asked to share the link below to access the survey to share your views. Anyone completing the survey is in with a chance of winning £100 in shopping vouchers.

<https://surveys.barnsley.gov.uk/s/WraparoundSurvey/>