



Newsletter Thursday 22nd October 2020



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 12th October 2020

	197		201
	229		194

Message from Mrs Grainger

The PTFA have worked really hard organising both the Pumpkin Hunt in school and the Halloween Trail for the holiday. Huge thanks to Mrs Heathcote, Mrs Rigby, Mrs Cutland, Mrs Bytheway and Mrs Birchall. We especially enjoyed seeing the costumes on Wednesday. Thank you for your support with donations.

If you are at the main school entrance for drop off, you may have noticed the Gardening Club have been very busy planting the beds in our new sensory garden. You will be able to see this develop through the seasons. The children will learn about the plants as they grow throughout the year. A thank you to the parents that have donated plants and Dr Sarson, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Tremayne who turn up each week, mostly in the rain, to keep all our garden beds and planters alive and well. These ladies also judged the Naming of the Bughouse competition.

As we reach the end of the first term this academic year, we reflect on the past few weeks with smiles and positivity. It was different to begin with, it was new, but it was logical and safe. As the weeks progressed everyone settled into the new routines and ways of working and as we reach the first holiday of the year, we can confidently say 'it's great to be back at school'. Have a peaceful half term.

If you or your family member take a coronavirus test for whatever reason, until you get a result, you must self-isolate and stay at home. Please always notify school to protect the safety of others. Thank you.

Be Bright & Be Seen

This Saturday night we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.

The latest available government statistics (2015) * show that 58% of children who die or are seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3 and 7pm. From next Sunday, much of those will happen in darkness.

Please help remind children about road safety and safe cycling.



Years 1 & 2

This week has been a fabulous end to the half term. The children have been reading and writing poems. We have spent our afternoons focussing on data and information in our computing lessons. The children have been grouping, sorting and labelling objects using different criteria.

Wednesday was a fabulous day celebrating Halloween, wearing different costumes and completing Halloween themed activities.

NEXT THEME - Our new theme after half term is SUPERHEROES.

We will have a Superhero theme day on the first day back (Monday 2nd November). The children can come into school wearing a superhero costume.

Years 3 & 4

Well we made it to half term!!

It has been clear to see how much the children have enjoyed the return to a new normal in our Years 3 & 4 bubble. Children have said to me that the first day back after the summer/lockdown seems ages ago and that they feel they have learned lots.

We have settled into our new routines extremely well and are now absolutely expert at keeping great hygiene, catching, killing and binning germs, using the crooks of our arms to sneeze/cough if we have no tissue, staying distant from others, regularly sanitising hands etc etc.

Everyone has shown how they can work hard and achieve excellent standards.

We hope the children enjoyed our fun/Halloween dress up day and pumpkin trail. Even though this year is different we still had a good time!

We wish everyone a happy half term holiday and look forward to seeing you in November!

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week compared our book 'Wonder' with the film of the same name. We have also written some non-chronological writing about fingerprints. In maths, we have concentrated on multiplication and division using formal written methods. Some of us have used the computer room concentrating on vector drawings whilst others have learnt about compass directions. We also enjoyed our Halloween hunt.

Bughouse Naming Competition

Thank you to all of you who submitted a name for the new bughouse - the number of suggestions was fantastic! They were funny and apt which made choosing a winner really difficult. Below is a list of those names which we wanted to give a shout out to for being so good, well done.

The Bug Clubhouse	Minibeast Manor
Acorn Acres	Bugtopia
Creepy Crawlle Castle	The Bug Emporium
The Bugalow	Bug School
Bug Funhouse	Bug Village

However, as it was so difficult to choose we have decided to have 2 winners, one for the overall bughouse area and one for the bughouse itself.

The winners are:

For the bughouse: Bugsmead Hotel - Anjali (Elder Class)

For the overall area: The Wriggley Resort – Jack (Sycamore Class)

Children were awarded certificates and prizes in the star of the week assembly. The names will be made into signs for the areas, so keep an eye out for when they are installed. Thanks for your great imagination and input.

The Gardening Club!

Year 1 – 4 Maths with Parents

We have had some lovely photos of children engaging in the 'Maths with Parents' homework.

Well done to everybody - the comments on the site from both parents and children have been lovely to read and give some useful feedback. There are so many great ways to explore learning at home. Your child's teacher picks topics to give you fun activities to do together. This could be anything from solving a puzzle to building a tower!

It's not too late for parents of children in Years 1-4 to register. To register your child, follow the simple step-by-step instructions printed on the letter you have received. We look forward to reading your comments and seeing more photos of families enjoying some fantastic maths activities.

