

Newsletter

Week 06: 06/10/25

AT A GLANCE

- ⇒ Dinner week 3
- ⇒ Wednesday 8th October YSC to perform Shakespeare to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the PM
- ⇒ Thursday 9th October P4Sport Y5/6 girls Netball competition at PGS 4.00-5.10PM-Selected pupils only
- ⇒ Friday 10th October Y4-6 girls football competition against High View Primary 4.00pm- selected pupils only

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had at Springvale! On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fantastic Harvest Festival. The children sang beautifully, and we were so proud of the Puffin Class pupils who confidently shared poems and readings. It was also lovely to see so many grandparents and friends of Springvale joining us. Having two opportunities to share the assembly this year worked brilliantly, as it meant we could accommodate everyone who wanted a ticket. A huge thank you for the generous food donations. With your support, we were able to create many hampers, which the children helped deliver to our elderly friends in the Springvale community on Thursday. The residents were so grateful for the gifts, and the children really enjoyed the chance to show kindness and experience what it means to be part of a wider community. We would also like to say a massive thank you for supporting our book fair. Together, we raised an incredible £1260.22! This will give us a significant number of vouchers to spend on improving our reading areas in school. Once we know exactly how much we can spend, we'll be sure to share with you which exciting new books we've chosen. Well done to all our pupils for another fantastic week of learning, teamwork and kindness — we are very proud of you all.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We just want to say a big thank you to anyone who donated baked goods to our Macmillan coffee event, it was such a lovely afternoon! We are thrilled to say that we managed to raise £238.90 for the Macmillan Cancer Trust-which is a fantastic result. A special mention and a big thank you to Keli Simmonite and Lauren Cooper who helped so much with this event-we do really appreciate your help and support!

Behaviour Updates

Thank you to all the families who completed our behaviour questionnaire— this was very helpful and on the information that we received we have been able to start to make positive changes to our current system. We have started by introducing Class Dojo throughout the whole school. This new system replaces the merit system and allows pupils to gain points for meeting our school values: Being Kind and Gentle, Being Resilient and Brave and Being Ready to Learn. Our school staff can award points for only these three skills-plus one more skill which is decided by individual class teachers to help them work on a classroom target. This half term we shall be inviting parents and carers to see your child's Class Dojo points online and watch them increase over the year. This new system is to promote positive behaviour in school-and help the children to make good choices in order to achieve a reward. The more they show their adults in school that they are being kind and gentle, resilient and brave and ready to learn-the more they will be rewarded. This system will also support consistency through school and parents can see how well their children are managing their behaviours in school. Please see below the newly designed posters that show the children what their Class Dojo rewards will be. Children will be able to collect these prizes-and will be able to display their badges on their school jumpers when they have achieved them.



You Said	We Did
<p>Take a more positive approach to behaviour management.</p> <p>Improve consistency of behaviour policy application across classes.</p>	<p>We have introduced Class Dojo school wide. This new system replaces the merit system and allows pupils to gain points for meeting our school values: Being Kind and Gentle, Being Resilient and Brave and Being Ready to Learn.</p> <p>School staff can award points for only the three skills above plus one more skill which is decided by individual class teachers to help them work on a classroom target.</p>
Increase parental communication	This half term, we will invite all parents and carers to see your child's Class Dojo points online as they increase over the year.
Develop inclusion support for pupils with SEND or other specific needs in relation to positive behaviour standards	We have introduced Individual Success Plans, to be written where appropriate alongside parents and carers, to explore early warning signs and proactive strategies to support pupils to be more successful in school.
Ensure the reward system is fairer to all children	The new individual reward system has three new certificates (taking the total to six) and five prize levels so that all children are able to achieve some recognition over each school year for positive behaviour. See the poster below for more information.
Remove the traffic light system	We are currently conducting more research around this area of our behaviour policy with a view to change it from January 2026.
Improve behaviour during unstructured times	Next half term, we will be training a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to act as Play Leaders during lunchtime. This will develop their confidence and allows them to be strong role models to younger pupils while increasing physical activity.

Year 1 to Year 6

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Collect points and earn amazing certificates & prizes!		
POINTS	CERTIFICATE	PRIZE
200	Class Dojo Certificate	
400	Bronze Certificate	School Bookmark
700	Silver Certificate	School Pencil
1,000	Gold Certificate	Year group key ring
1,400	Platinum Certificate	Year group badge
1,800	Diamond Certificate	£5 book token
<p>Keep earning Dojo Points... the more you collect, the bigger the reward!</p>		

Reception and Nursery

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Collect points and earn amazing certificates & prizes!		
POINTS	CERTIFICATE	PRIZE
100	Class Dojo Certificate	N/A
200	Bronze Certificate	School bookmark
300	Silver Certificate	School pencil
500	Gold Certificate	Year group key ring
700	Platinum Certificate	Year group badge
900	Diamond Certificate	£5 book token
<p>Keep earning Dojo Points... the more you collect, the bigger the reward!</p>		



YSC Wednesday 8th October

We have arranged for the Young Shakespeare Company to come into school to perform a Shakespeare play (we are not allowed to spoil it and tell you which one-it is a secret until Wednesday!) I just want to pre warn parents/carers that the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 may be a couple of minutes late leaving school on Wednesday 8th-as the play will not finish until 3.10pm in the school hall. Children will exit school as normal-through their classroom doors-but they may be slightly late. We will try very hard to make this minimal. We thank you for your understanding.

Polite request– keyrings on book bags

Can we please request that children only have one keyring attached to their school book bags please. This is because we do not have adequate space in the cloakrooms and classrooms for the amount of bulk these keyrings are requiring. We do understand that children enjoy having a keyring attached to their bags-as this can help them to identify it-so we please ask that maybe you decide which is the favourite one and just leave that one attached-they could always alternate them each week. :) We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Important Dates for this half term

- Wednesday 8th October Young Shakespeare Company to perform to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Thursday 9th September P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS-Y5/6 Girls Netball Competition-selected pupils
- Monday 13th October individual school photo
- Thursday 16th October flu immunisations in school F2-Y6
- Thursday 16th October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS top field– KS2 Get Mucky Fun Run– selected pupils
- Wednesday 22nd October Parents’ Evening for all classes 4.00-7.00pm in school hall
- Thursday 23rd October Parent’s Evening for all classes 4.00-7.00pm in school hall
- *Thursday 23rd October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS– KS1 and parents-Family Multi-Skills Activities—selected pupils*
- Thursday 23rd October Halloween Disco and dress up day in school
- Thursday 23rd October-last day of the half term for all pupils
- Friday 24th October INSET Day-school closed to all pupils

Please note that the PGS event “KS1 and parents family multi-skills Activities” taking place on Thursday 23rd October is on the same day as our second Parent’s Evening-so please bear that in mind when booking your child into this event-making sure it doesn't clash with your parents evening meeting time slot*

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Many Thanks,
Mrs R Fearn
Headteacher



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