Friday News

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Well done to this week's Steeton Superstars

Saplings Dariya Arif	**Seedlings** Samiullah Siddique
Maple Oak Willow Whole of Maple, Oak and Willow for the Tropical World trip	
Elder Maulik Nediyachalil	**Fir** Amaan Nawaz	**Rowan** Ayesha Amin
Ash Zakir Ali	**Holly** Zoya Hussain	**Silver Birch** Falaq Haleem

Well it is the end of another half term. We are officially halfway through the school year. We are sad to be saying goodbye to two of our pupils today as they are moving house– Majuli and Maulik. We will miss them and wish them a happy time in their new school.

Mrs. Birtwistle began the week with an assembly about being safe online. She outlined various ways of ensuring we all enjoy ourselves safely when browsing, shopping or gaming. We talked about how you would not invite strangers into your bedroom in real-life, yet that is exactly what we do virtually when playing online. It is really important that we know who we are talking to and that parents control and monitor children's habits on the internet. Mrs Kennedy ran a parents' session on Wednesday to reinforce this. Our safeguarding governor – Steff Mills – was in attendance. Look out for more of these in the future. If you need any support or information, please get in touch – sharmyn.kennedy@steeton.bradford.sch.uk .

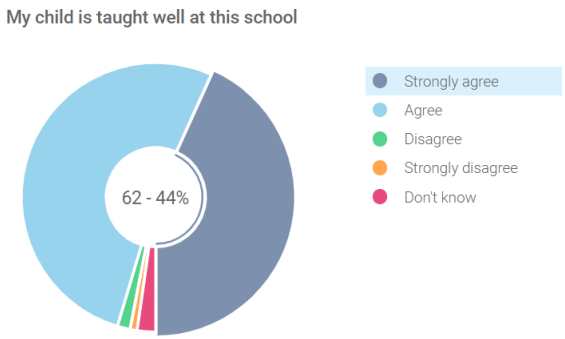
Year 1 and 2 went on a trip to Tropical World on Wednesday. They had a wonderful time in Creature Corner and the butterfly house, and life was in full bloom in each of the animal habitats. Everyone enjoyed the gift shop, and much fun was had on the park too before returning to school. Thank you to all our parent volunteers; we could not run our trips without you.

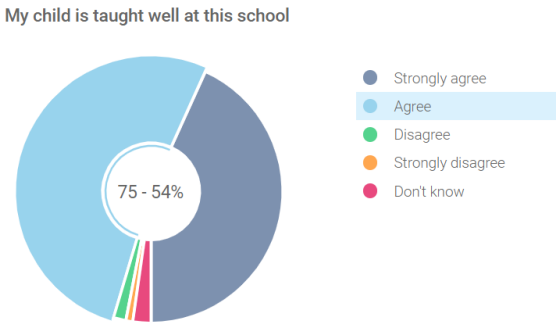
Several of our children received commendation from The Mayor of Bradford this week. They were recognised by their Mosque as being hardworking and conscientious. They travelled to Bradford Town Hall for tea, biscuits and a question-and-answer session with The Mayor. Well done to: Eesa, Jemimah, Hashim, Zayan, Ibrahim and Aamnah.

Mr Shaw took a team of runners to Cliffe Castle on Thursday. We had more fantastic results including Violet, Joselyn, Annie, Florence, Annabel and Kara all finishing in the top ten – fantastic running by them all. Strong runs too from: Alex, Albie, Logan, Johnan, Conan, Zain and Arthur. Joseph was 3rd and special congratulations to Anna who was placed 1st for Year 3. Well done to everyone.

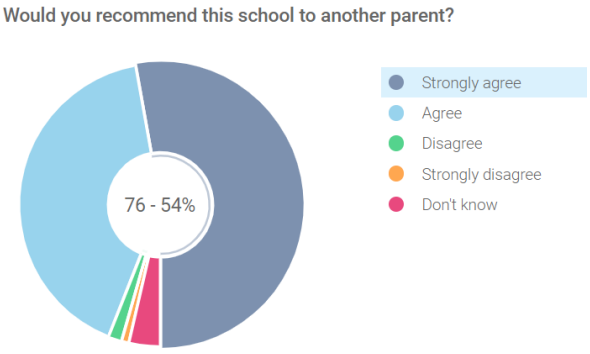
A special thank you to all our parents, carers and relatives who came to our book look on Thursday. It is so wonderful to see the happiness and pride on the children's faces when they share their work with you all. There were a few past pupils who dropped in which is always a pleasure. We also got cuddles with several babies – a highlight of the week and hopefully pupils of the future!

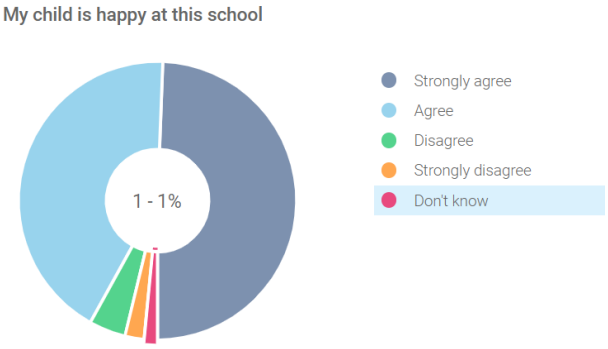
Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey sent out via Ping earlier in the week. It is always good to get your views. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive – which is great to hear. At the time of writing, we had received 150 responses. Perhaps the most pleasing response was the one to the question, 'My child is taught well at this school.' That is our job and our main priority, and so it is pleasing to know that 44% of responses, 'strongly agree' with this. Another 54%, 'agree' with this.





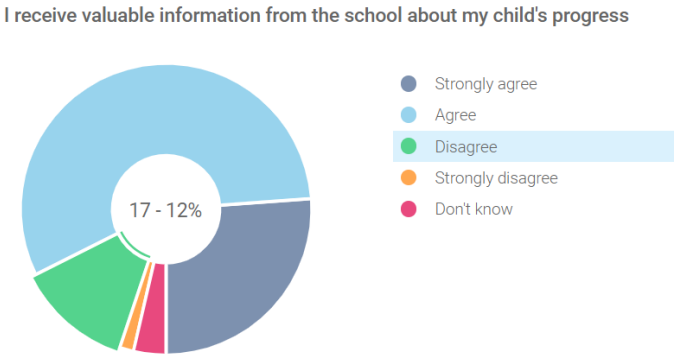
54% of responses, 'strongly agree' that they would recommend Steeton Primary to another parent.





It is good to see that the vast majority of our children enjoy coming to school. From your responses, we can see that a very small number of children may not be enjoying school at this time, and we can take steps to improve this.

The most concerning response was regarding the information you receive about your child's progress. 12% of responses, 'disagree' with this. We will be getting in touch to see what we can do to improve this.



I have had several parents ask about the potential union action strike day on 28th February. Whilst I do understand that it is frustrating, it is very difficult to be able to give an answer at this stage as to whether or not school will be open. I am looking to open school – if possible – for a limited number of children. However, given the limitations that accompany such action, I am not sure that it will be possible. If a decision ***is*** made to open, this is also subject to change on the 28th, as staff are not obligated to tell me their intentions until the morning of the strike.

I have spoken to or met with several parents and residents of School and Market Street this week who are worried about the parking at the end of the school day. The pavements are narrow and usually have wheelie bins on them, which leaves little room for pedestrians - especially those with prams.

Many parents arrive in good time and park responsibly on the main road (or side roads that are not for permit holders only). Many parents choose to park on Market or School Street. This is fine, but please can I ask ***on behalf of our children*** that you park without mounting the kerb, do not double-park and ensure that you leave room for children to pass safely on the pavements without having to walk in the road. Please do not park on the double yellow lines by the car park at the bottom of Market Street, nor undertake dangerous manoeuvres that can put children's safety at risk, such as a 3-point turn.

It is frustrating that there is absolutely nothing that school can do to improve the situation. However, if we work together positively, we can improve things for our children. One small thing we have managed to change is the timing of the traffic lights which, when changed, should assist in the movement of traffic around school and also result in less condensed emissions.

Please note that children will no longer be able to use the main door via the office as a thoroughfare after the half term break. They will need to enter school through the cloakroom doors. This is a particular issue for children that are late. Unfortunately, we seem to live in an area of constant roadworks – and roadworks that change location from one day to the next. This is not an excuse for lateness. Every endeavour needs to be made to get children to school in good time to start at 8:45am.

I hope that you and your families enjoy a well-earned rest from school over the coming week. We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 20th February with gates open from 8:30am.

Miss C Redman

Date	Event
20th February	EYFS hearing tests
20th February	NHS assembly
21st February	Netball tournament – Holy Family 4-5:15pm
23rd February	Holly class to Grassington
28th February	Potential union action
1st March	Cross Country at Marley 3:45pm
1st March	Netball festival at South Craven
2nd March	Year 5 and 6 girls netball at Marley
3rd March	Parents' PSHRE sessions in school – 9am or 3pm

Is your child really 'too ill' to come to school? Check out these helpful guides

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)]

[How long should you keep your child off school - checklist poster (text version) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)]

This one can be translated:

[Worried about your child (aged 3 months and over)? :: Healthier Together (what0-18.nhs.uk)]

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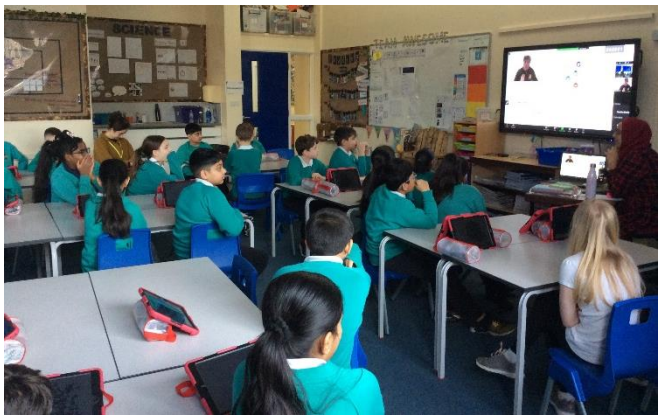

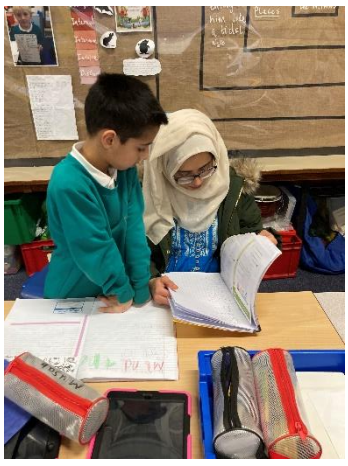
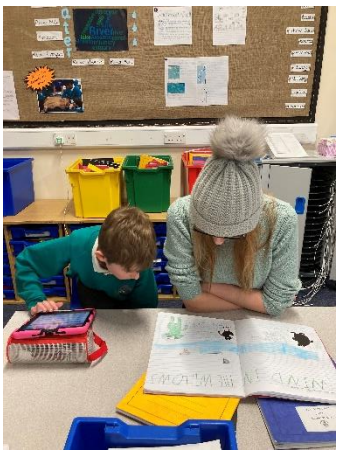

Book look, certificates from the Mayor, Youth in Mind webinar, cross country, Tropical World, Magic Monday... just snippets of another week at Steeton

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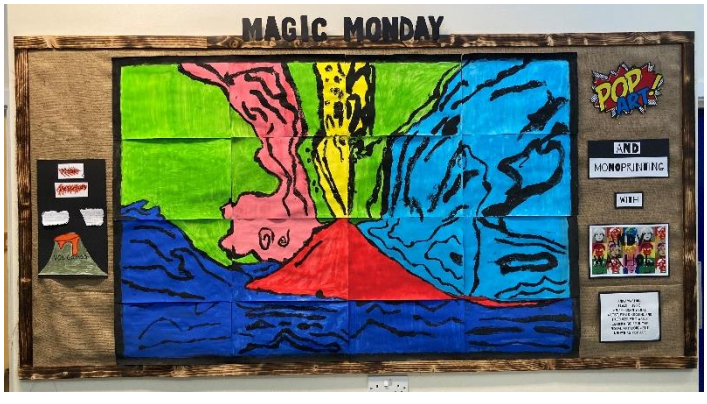
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