



## Friday News

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Well done to this week's  
Steeton Superstars

Saplings Saara Iqbal		Seedlings Adam Nawaz	
Maple Phoebe Walshaw	Oak Maddie Church	Willow Inayah Khan	
Elder Toby Longden	Fir Ismaeel Ashraf	Rowan Mohammed Deen Hussain	
Ash Rohan Hassan	Holly Hooriya Hussain	Silver Birch Leila Staniland	

It feels like this week has been a 'proper' week in school – a full 5 days and no seasonal distractions. We have done a lot and children have been working very hard. I have been in many classrooms observing English lessons and spent time with teachers discussing progress.

In assembly on Monday, Mrs Birtwistle introduced our new '99 Club'. This is a new way to assess and track multiplication fluency across school to complement Times Table Rock Stars as a fun way to reinforce multiplication memory. Working their way through levels, children can apply to finally join the '99 Club' – 99 questions of mixed multiplication and division facts to be answered correctly in just 5 minutes. It is a tough challenge, but we think we will have some members soon this term.

She also introduced out lunchtime helpers from Year 6: Gabby, Inayah, Niamh and Kiese, who have volunteered to support in the dining room at lunchtime. We love our original school building where the dining room is but it does bring its problems: one being the size of the corridors. The access to and from the dining hall is narrow and requires a military operation each day to keep things running smoothly. In the cold, wintry months, children are wrapped up warm to make their way up to the dining hall but then need to hang up their coats and hats etc before sitting down to eat. With a capacity of over 100 at a time, it is not always easy to organise. I would like to ask parents at home to help. Most coats and jackets have a loop inside to enable the garment to be easily hung on a hook like these:



However, many do not have these loops and these coats need to therefore be hung by their hood. Lots of hoods are big and covered in fur and are extremely difficult to hang on the hooks. As a result, coats end up on the floor which can block the narrow corridor and also result in them becoming dirty. If you possibly could, sewing a simple loop into your child's coat would be a huge help.

I have been very impressed with the children in KS2 in English lessons this week. It has been a pleasure to listen to them talk about their work and see their wonderful books. We have been working really hard to present our work more creatively, which can be challenging, but the efforts are definitely paying off and work looks beautiful. Don't forget that you will have the opportunity to see your child's work at the end of this half term on 10<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm.

In Reception, the children are also seeing the results of their very hard work – they can read beautifully! Miss Bingham invited me into Saplings class to see them in action: reading their phonics books with a partner. It is wonderful to see our very youngest children making such good progress after such a short time at school.

Mr Shaw and the girls' team have been training hard for their tournament at Marley on Thursday. The girls all played to a high standard, winning all of their 4 games. They also met former Steeton pupil and now Liverpool professional football player Ceri Holland. They asked her some questions and she spoke about her pathway to professionalism. She asked about our school and shared her fond memories of Steeton whilst playing in Mr Shaw's team! Well done to: Zara, Maira, Anaya, Kiese, Violet, Annie, Hibah, Millie, Poppy and Sunaira.

I felt quite proud of myself a few years ago when I ran the Lancaster half marathon to raise funds for school. However, we have a parent who has made that look like a piece of cake! Joshua's dad (Year 2) has recently completed the same distance...but 217 miles into the Arctic Circle in below freezing temperatures. Joshua brought his dad's medal into school this week to show us. Very impressive. Joshua's dad is raising money for the POPI baby bank in Utley, where Joshua's mum is a trustee. This charity supports families with very small children by providing vital items needed by families. If you would like to support Joshua's dad, the link is here:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/TomsPolarNightChallenge> .

Last Friday, we invited parents into school to claim any lost property. This was successful and we are hoping to keep lost items to a minimum going forward. Please label all items – including lunchboxes and water bottles – that are brought into school and encourage your child to bring all their bits and pieces home each day.

Next week, we have a netball tournament on Thursday at Holy Family and the Bradford schools' cross county final - also on Thursday.

You receive a timetable for the schedule of PE lessons across each phase. Alongside these, children have, 'Fit in 30' sessions in school during the day. It is really important that children are dressed appropriately for these sessions. They need to be in full PE kit on PE days and please ensure that all children have suitable footwear for playtimes and fitness sessions. Shoes need to be supportive and stay on the foot. We encourage black trainers as suitable everyday footwear.

Safeguarding our children is something we take very seriously at school – all staff are well trained and follow strict protocol. Please support this by letting school know in good time if someone different will be collecting your child from the school gate. This keeps all our school community safe. If you are walking to school with a furry friend, remember that dogs are not allowed onto the school site for health and safety reasons.

Date	Event
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year assembly for all children
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 only – drug awareness education session in school
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Jewish educator visitor in school to speak to Y3/4
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Science planetarium in school – Years 2-6
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Netball tournament at Holy Family 4-5:15pm
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Bradford cross country final at Cliffe Castle PM
25,26,27 <sup>th</sup> January	Life Caravan sessions in school
1 <sup>st</sup> February	KS2 Performing Arts workshop at South Craven
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Ash class trip to Grassington
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day

Enjoy the weekend,

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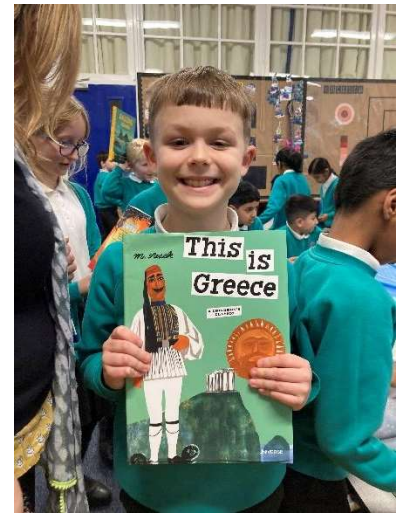
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Cleaning up in reception, Arctic medal, football success, boxercise, Y6 helpers...just snippets of the week at Steeton.