

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

14th February 2025

Magic Maths Workshop

On Monday 10th February, Year 1 children were joined by Mr Tony Charles who visited Five Ways. He completed a 'Magic Maths Workshop' with each Year 1 class. The children thoroughly enjoyed the maths activities and liked showing off their ever growing mathematical knowledge! Mr Charles also showed the children some fantastic magic tricks. Children revisited their learning of counting, repeating patterns, counting in groups, 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, positional and directional language, and much more!

Children even learned a maths magic trick that they can show their parents at home!

We would like to thank Year 1 parents for your support in raising sponsor money that helped to fund this enrichment activity.



Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning
24th February 2025 –
Menu week 1.



24th February - School Opens for staff and pupils

25th February – PTFA Meeting
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All welcome!*)

6th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (*Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.*)

12th March – KS2 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6.*)

14th March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day (*More details to follow.*)

27th March – Year 6 Latches Wood Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6.*)

3rd April – Year 5 Meeting Dearne Valley 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 5.*)

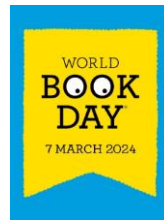
4th April – PTFA Easter Bingo Event (*More details to follow*)

10th April – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

11th April - School Closes (*Normal Times*)

Further dates will be added as we progress through the year.

World Book Day We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. We will be undertaking a variety of activities relating to books and reading throughout the week leading up to 6th March. This is a reminder that children are asked to come dressed as a book or Nursery Rhyme character on this day. Please make the costume as simple or complex as you like. You might choose a character from your child's favourite book or from a story your child has read recently. Children should come to school in their costume on Thursday 6th March and will wear it all day. The PTFA would also like to remind you to visit the PTA dashboard for any pre-loved World Book Day costumes you may want to purchase in readiness for World Book Day.



I look forward to seeing your costumes on the day and I also look forward to celebrating books and reading throughout the week. Some members of staff might also choose to dress up! Who knows who you might meet?

Half Term

Please note that school closes today for half term, and will re-open on Monday 24th February. I would like to wish you all a lovely half term break with your family and friends.

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My Happy Mind



An important part of life at Five Ways is celebrating the achievements of our pupils. You will be aware that as a school, we take part in the 'myHappyMind' well-being programme to support pupils' mental health. As part of the programme, we hold half termly 'End of Module' assemblies where pupils who have engaged well in the myHappyMind modules and have been an ambassador for the programme, receive a certificate in front of the rest of their year group as a celebration of their engagement. The pupils who have received a certificate this half term are listed here:

Year 1: James P, Louis H, Eliza L

Year 2: Isabelle S, Georgia M, Fleur L

Year 3: Darcie-Mai E, Maddison W, Thomas B

Year 4: Chase K, Freyja W, Mollie J

Year 5: Rosie H-G, Bobby T, Ava D-Y

Year 6: Liam L, Isabelle B, Noah C.

Well done everyone! We are very proud of you!

Mrs Robinson

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to Mrs Robinson, who was one of our Year 4 classteachers. Mrs Robinson has decided to take early retirement due to recent health issues she has been experiencing. Mrs Robinson has been a dedicated and invaluable member of the Five Ways community for the past 20 years. Her commitment to her pupils and her passion for teaching have left a lasting impact on everyone she has worked with. She will be sadly missed. I am sure you will want to join me in sending Mrs Robinson our best wishes for her future endeavours.

OPAL News!

The children are really enjoying our OPAL 'Thrilling Thursdays' and 'Fabulous Fridays'. They have enjoyed den making, racing cars, drawing and dancing! We have seen such imagination and creativity, especially in our new Nature Cafe and Loose Parts areas.



This is what children and staff think: 'My favourite thing about OPAL is playing on different yards.' (Ila from Y4) 'There has been not as many injuries and many more happy children.' (Mrs Odom – Play Team Member) 'The environment makes me feel happy.' (Scarlett from Y4).

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Year 6 School Council

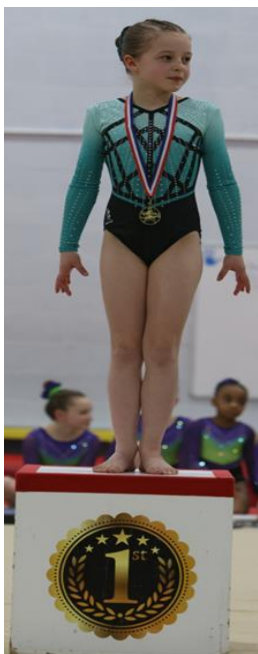
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new School Council members. The council is made up of Year 6 pupils who will represent all year groups when making decisions about how to further improve Five Ways. The successful pupils photographed below went through a thorough recruitment process, involving submitting a written application, being shortlisted for an interview carried out by 2 Year Leaders and 2 Senior Leaders, and having to deliver a presentation in front of the interview panel. I am pleased to report that these pupils conducted themselves extremely well and were all appointed as School Council members. They are a credit to Five Ways!

The council are as follows: Poppy Hill – Chairperson, Louis Silvester- Vice Chairperson, Avery Maunder and William Jones – Treasurers, Isabel Mason – Clerk, Evie Postings – Secretary, Grace Harvey – Publicity, Esmae Exall-Ashe - Nursery Representative (Rep), Frank Smith - Reception Rep, Isabelle Bish - Y1 Rep, Yaroslava Kosheva – Y2 Rep, Jenson Dallaway – Y3 Rep, Sophie Clews – Y4 Rep, Clark Morgan – Y5 Rep, Emily McCormack – Y6 Rep. On behalf of the Five Ways community, I would like to congratulate these pupils on their appointments. Well done everyone!



Gymnastics Success!

Megan C, who is in Year 3 in Mrs Darby's class, took part recently in the Robin Hood Star Cup in Leicester. Megan achieved first place on vault. In addition, Megan also received judges awards for her bar routine, her vault execution and her range and conditioning. Well done Megan, this is amazing!



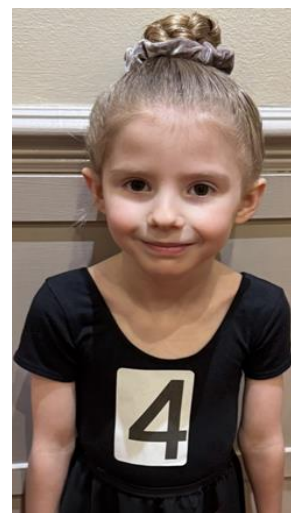
Musical Theatre Success!

Sofia M and Mila W, who are both in Year 1, performed as munchkins in 'Over the Rainbow' last weekend as part of a show. Both girls were amazing with their dancing and singing and performed with such confidence. Well done girls!



Ballet Success!

Iris, who is also in Year 1, took part in her first ballet exam. Iris had to perform in front of an examiner to a set piece that she had learned. Iris passed with honours! Well done Iris!



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Last weekend, Daisy B, who is in Miss Malpass' class in Reception, was a little superstar! She took to the stage and took part in her first musical theatre show. Daisy sang and danced to songs from Wicked and thoroughly enjoyed this experience. She cannot wait to get back on the stage and perform again! Well done Daisy, this is amazing news!



Five Ways Lottery

Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Bad Weather Procedures

In the event that school is unable to open due to bad weather conditions, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity and a notice will be uploaded onto our school website.



Art and Music Mobile

We would like to remind you that work is due to commence at half term on the replacement of the art and music mobile classrooms. The old mobile will be demolished at half term and work will be ongoing over the next few months to install 2 new classrooms. The area will be fenced off during demolition and construction and all Health and Safety regulations will be followed to ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff. During drop off and pick up times, please adhere to any signs regarding site safety to ensure the well-being of yourself and your children. Thank you.

PTFA News!



'Fiveways-a-licious' Wonka style Golden Ticket competition – Chocolate bars are available to purchase until Sunday 2nd March and are £2 each on the PTFA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways.

Easter Bingo – 4th April and **Easter Egg Hunt** – 10th April – Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways. Remember to secure your tickets quickly for the Bingo event because it sells out fast!

Egg Decorating Competition – Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA dashboard. Please bring eggs to school on Monday 7th April ready for judging. Good luck everyone! Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways.

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