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Star Points

As you will know, the children have been collecting star points this term. Children receive star points for their outstanding work and excellent behaviour. Next week, the teachers will count up the stars for each child and they will receive a prize depending on how many points they have earned. Those children who have more than 100 star points this term will receive the biggest prize. Some children are very close to achieving this! I hope to see the children working hard next week to try and earn as many stars as possible.

Brazil Workshop

Recently, the children in Year 5 took part in a workshop about Brazil to improve their understanding of the country that they are studying in their geography lessons. The children completed lots of drama activities to help them learn new facts. They also acted out a story about deforestation which is currently affecting the Amazon rainforest. Afterwards, Levi said, "I enjoyed acting out the key physical and human features during our Brazil workshop. I helped create the Sugarloaf Mountain and the Christ the Redeemer. I learnt there is a chapel underneath it." Tia-Jae added, "I learnt about how Brazil is named after a tree which people used to dye their clothes in the past. I also enjoyed creating a typical carnival dance. It is made up of three different styles of dance including Samba."

Farm Visit

Recently, the children in our Lower Foundation Stage got the opportunity to meet lots of animals as part of their "Down on the Farm" topic. In different enclosures outside the classroom, the children had the chance to look at a goat, a pony, a pig, a chicken and even an alpaca! Afterwards, Delilah said, "I loved all the farm animals. The best part was when I got to brush the donkeys."

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Unfortunately, a lot of our children were absent through sickness last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
77.67%	89.63%	86.15%	93.21%	95.65%	94.62%	91.48%	89.47%

Wakefield Trinity

This year, the school has worked with Wakefield Trinity to give children the opportunity to play rugby league. We feel it is important that the children have the chance to try new sports and receive high-quality teaching from a professional coach. After one of the sessions, Riley said, "I have enjoyed working with the two coaches as at first I didn't know much about rugby but now I know lots. I've learnt that you have the ball at 6'oclock. You also only pass backwards or sideways, never forwards. You also throw from your strongest side." Amelia added, "I have learnt that when you are running with the ball your team mates have to run behind you in a diagonal to help you to have someone to pass to."

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher