



Good to talk even better to listen

Respect myself, school and the community

Enjoy and achieve safely

Able to make mistakes and learn from them

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8th February 2016

In Foundation Stage we are really enjoying our Julia Donaldson topic, this week we have been reading Monkey Puzzle. We have been busy looking for Little Monkey's Mummy who we found eating bananas in the tree near the fish tank.

We have written some fantastic letters to let Little Monkey know where she was!

We would like to say thank you yet again to our wonderful parents and families who were able to attend our Social Evening!

We all had a GREAT time!

This week we are raising money for the charity NSPCC. In year one we have washed cars, made apple crumble and chocolate brownies. We hope we raise plenty of money to support the NSPCC. We will be selling brownies and crumble at parents evening!

We hope to see you there!

We will also be planning next half term's homework on writing, so get your thinking hats on and practise your fantastic writing skills, as well as your spellings!

This week we were really lucky to have a fantastic professional graffiti artist come in to school and create some art with us! We were taught how to create our own stencils to make awesome shapes and patterns using the spray paint and made our own boards with super adjectives. Everyone had an excellent time and we were really proud of our work. We learnt all about the graffiti artist Banksy and wrote instructions of how to create our own masterpieces!

We have also been learning about fantastic fractions which we have really enjoyed.

This week in Year 3 we have been studying our famous person, Sir Tony Robinson. We have been researching the life of this famous actor and archaeologist and investigating some of his huge historical finds. We have finished off our Stone Age topic with an epic Stone Age day where we built fires, perfected our archery skills and made our own tunics, which will be on display in next week's Wyndham Art Gallery. We were very impressed with the efforts of our children in fully immersing themselves into the Stone Age culture. A big thank you to parents too!

What an amazing half-term! Year 4 have had learning about the Awesome Egyptians, and we end it with some GREAT news... Thanks to you, we raised £53.60 for the NSPCC from our tombola - a sum that we will be adding to the school's grand total.

A reminder that we have our parent drop in this Tuesday (9th February) from 2.30 - 3.15pm. Children will have the opportunity to share their learning journeys with their parents and together, paint the Shabti figures that they made on their trip to the museum.

It's been a busy few weeks in Year 5! This week we have taken part in the NSPCC Number Day which has included us budgeting, making, sawing, decorating and advertising our own mini canvases. We've been looking at expressionism and using other artist's work to inspire our own paintings! These mini canvases will be on sale at both Parent's Evenings if you would like to donate by buying your child's artwork.

We have also been mastering fractions this week. We can now add, subtract and multiply fractions and explain to each other how to do it.

Next Wednesday morning we will be having a Stone Age Woodland Warriors Morning which we would love you to join us for! We will be cave painting and making our own Stone Age weapons. If the children would like to dress up as a cave man or woman they can but do not have to. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 have been inspired by Martin Luther King this week and have been considering how they would like to help make the world a better place. From conserving woodland to stopping poverty or animal cruelty, they have had some truly heart-warming ideas. The children then wrote them into speeches using emotive and persuasive language. Miss Rickett and Miss Hursey were nearly moved to tears by their truly amazing ideas!

A reminder that parents are invited to join us for a Mad Hatter's tea party on Thursday afternoon from 2:15pm. We will be offering tea and coffee and selling jam tarts the children have made. All profits will be going to the NSPCC as part of our entrepreneurial day in maths. Please come and support us! We will also be looking over the revised SATs criteria for this year, including example papers which your child will have to sit. After, you will then get the chance to make some 'Alice in Wonderland' themed crafts! We look forward to seeing you there!

Active Kids

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers again from Sainsbury's. Please tell all your friends and family and bring your vouchers in to school. The collection box is situated near the fish tank in the reception area, or you can hand them over to the office staff. We have been able to get some great resources from Active Kids in the past and hope to get even more this year!

MINDFUL MONDAY! EVERY WEEK 9:00 – 9:30 AM

Mindfulness is a technique that can help if you are feeling dissatisfied with "what you have" and with "who you are".

Join the Mindful Monday group to learn how to focus on the present moment while acknowledging and accepting your feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations, all of which are part of the human experience! Remember: it is only in the present moment that you have the power to change your response to what is affecting you.

You can also book an appointment with Mrs. Talia to learn more about:

Emotional Intelligence Positive Parenting

Assertive Communication Everyday Mindfulness

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Attendance

Attendance has been very poor this half term. May we take this opportunity to remind parents that children arriving after 9:20am are classed as unauthorised lates and this affects their attendance. We also have lots of children absent due to temperatures, coughs, tired, sore throat, 'feeling unwell' etc... Many of these absences can be avoidable if you give your child a dose of 'Calpol' in the morning and send them into school. Often children feel much better when they are with their friends and learning as their minds are taken off their symptoms. Any child deemed too poorly to be in school will be sent home. All sickness and/or diarrhoea requires 2 days clear before coming back to school. If you have any questions about absence and/or your child's attendance, please see Mrs Hemmings.

A message from the Head of School

The term is rapidly passing by and the learning behaviours of the pupils is wonderful! We are using a mastery approach, which involves wearing some funky glasses and deepening understanding through collaborative learning and the use of 'prove it', 'convince me', 'explain it' and 'use it'. The attitudes of pupils and the development in confidence is remarkable to see!

Due to our popularity with being an outstanding school where GREAT learning experiences are provided, our pupil numbers have steadily been increasing over the past couple of years. On Saturday we had a new classroom delivered and installed next to our current Cube; this will form a Year 2 learning environment.

We have also recently had some outdoor gym equipment installed to support our health promoting school and provide additional opportunities for our pupils over break and lunch time.

It is parents evening this week and it would be lovely to see as many parents as possible, however if you can't attend, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange another appointment. The teacher will provide an update on strengths and areas for development and ideas for you to support your child to make even more progress.

At parents evening, we will have two sample T shirts that we are looking to trial so would appreciate your feedback.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Baines-Chambers