



COLLABORATION - CONNECTIVITY – INDEPENDENCE – INNOVATION – QUESTIONING – REFLECTION - RESILIENCE

Dear parents and carers,

The snow was a special treat this week and it was good to get out in it when we could. The year 3 fractions lesson in the snow was a highlight!



Our 'Readathon' sponsored read finished on Monday. If you still need to send in money, we will extend the end date to Monday 13th. So far we have raised over £600 for children to have books in hospital. We will also receive 20% of our fundraising as books for the library. What a great initiative Reading Ambassadors - thank you for your ideas. Mr Smith will be having his face painted as the whole school exceeded the target he set!!



Developing independence is such an important part of how we prepare children for what lies ahead both in terms of this school and beyond. Idris the jaguar is our learning behaviour character to support independence and over the next few weeks we would like to encourage the children to develop this characteristic at home too! We hope this will provide you with some opportunities to award dojos (these can be written in the school entrance basket or emailed to the office). Today I spoke with the year 3 and 4 children about developing greater independence with their home learning and in the younger years it has been about taking responsibility for their belongings.

In school we have a responsibility to teach about some of the protected characteristics at an age appropriate level and this is something that we reinforce through our Jigsaw lessons as well as our Rights Respecting ambassadors. As part of International Women's Day we discussed the gender divide and considered why 'gender' was a protected characteristic and what more might be done in our world to gain better equality - there were some great suggestions.



On Thursday our assembly was about a young child who lost her sight and we shared her story of coping with a disability. We thought about how our school supports people with a disability and how the environment is adapted to increase access.

Wider Curriculum

We had planned to teach about safety this week throughout the school but have revised this in light of possible visitors who can lead workshops later in the year. When these are firmed up we will add them to the school calendar. We plan to cover:

- First Aid
- Internet Safety
- Road Safety
- Water Safety
- Keeping our bodies healthy (Teeth and mental well-being)

Attendance

Our current attendance figures are slightly above the national expectation of 95% which is good. Thank you. Where attendance is a concern we will notify parents and work with them to look at reasons/ possible support to ensure future improvement.

Reception 95.9%

Year 1 95.4%

Year 2 95.7%

Year 3 96.6%

Year 4 97.2%

Friday Fine Dining!

Congratulations to Ronan (Explorers) Martha (Adventurers), Jasper and Rupert (Voyagers), India (Navigators) and Callum (Pioneers) who were selected to bring a friend to 'Friday Fine Dining' today. They were chosen by their class teacher for displaying the qualities of our Jigsaw learning this week and for their excellent manners.



Pre-Loved Sale



The Friends and Parents committee are organising a big 'Pre-Loved' second-hand sale in Sixpenny Village Hall on Saturday 18th March. Please bring into school any clothes, books (especially children's books), and toys so these can be donated to the sale. We will be taking collections of donations from Wednesday 15th March at the school. Any clothes and shoes not sold will be used in the Bags

to School initiative



Mother's Day Sale

On Thursday 16th March and Friday 17th March there will be a sale of gifts for the children to buy for Mother's Day. The cost for each gift is £2.50. Please can

children bring this into school in a named envelope to give to the class teacher. (Flyer attached)

Party Packs for Hire

The Parents and Friends Committee are offering a brand new Party Pack available to hire for your children's birthday gatherings. With 36 sets of colourful, plastic plates, bowls, cups and cutlery, the pack will save you having to buy disposable items. This eco-friendly set is £15 to hire and can be picked up and dropped off at the school. See more info attached.

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been finding out about the Hindu festival of colours called 'Holi'. They made some nice links back to previous experiences when they learnt about 'Diwali' the festival of lights. On Wednesday the weather was the main focus and it was all about the 'snow'...!



Adventurers have been exploring the art work of Vincent Van Gogh and creating their own responses through different mediums. They have also labelled the main parts of a flower.



Voyagers have been consolidating our geography learning and looked at the location of the 5 oceans and continents. They have also looked at a version of Jack and the Beanstalk from the perspective of the giant and made wanted posters- it turns out Jack committed a few crimes! They have also looked at what plants need to grow.

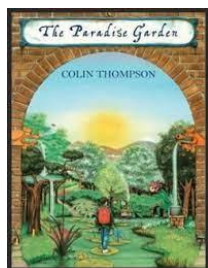


Navigators and Pioneers have been looking at the buildings of ancient civilisations and their purpose. In art, they have researched William Morris responded to his art work. In RE they have found out about the significance of Buddha to Buddhists.

A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be focussing their activities around water.

Adventurers will be finding out about the lifecycle of frogs.



Voyagers will be learning to sing songs about Jack and the Beanstalk. They are looking at physical and human geographical features and will be using the art work in the 'Paradise Garden' by Colin Thompson to inspire us to design our own gardens displaying the features that we have learnt about.

Navigators and Pioneers will be finding out about Pakal the Great in their history and learning months of the year in French. They will continue their country dancing in PE and in English, write in the first person as a character from the 'Butterfly Lion'.

Upcoming Dates (all dates on website on the google calendar)

Thursday 16th March Mother's day Sale (Flyer attached)

Friday 17th March Comic Relief (details were sent on parentmail)

Saturday 18th March Pre-Loved Sale fundraiser at the village hall

Wednesday 22nd March Y4 Multi skills tournament (All Y4 children)

Friday 24th March Reports sent home

Wednesday 29th Music Concert (Pianists/ Y2 recorders and extra guests!) 2pm

Thursday 30th March Easter Bingo at the Village Hall

Friday 31st March Last day of term

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)