



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

Dear parents and carers,

Another busy week in our school calendar with our reading morning, the first school disco in four years and then our number day today!

On Wednesday morning parents and grandparents across the school joined us to share a book or two with their child and the YR and Y1 parents had a quick update on our reading provision with Mr Read.



On Thursday we had the school disco fundraiser which was really well attended and great fun - a big shout out to the DJ who kept the children entertained with a host of games and competitions! We will let you know how much we raised next week but provisionally it was around £180 - so a big thank you from the school.

Today was NSPCC number day and every class had to solve 4 challenges to provide them with the digits needed to open the padlock on their black box! Thanks to your fundraising we could use the 6 Blu-Bots bought by Parents and Friends to help solve shape and maze problems. Outside, all classes were involved in an orienteering maths course and in Year 3 and 4, they were given numbers from ancient number systems to interpret and suggest possible codes for their padlocks. The children were exhibiting so many learning behaviours, but in particular 'Rocky Resilience' was shown when they refused to give up!! We had great fun and raised valuable funds for the NSPCC childline appeal.





Parents and Friends Coffee Morning 9am

Next Thursday, there is a coffee morning, which all parents are welcome to attend, run by the Parents and Friends (please see attached flyer). If you think you might like to assist in any small way

Spelling frame

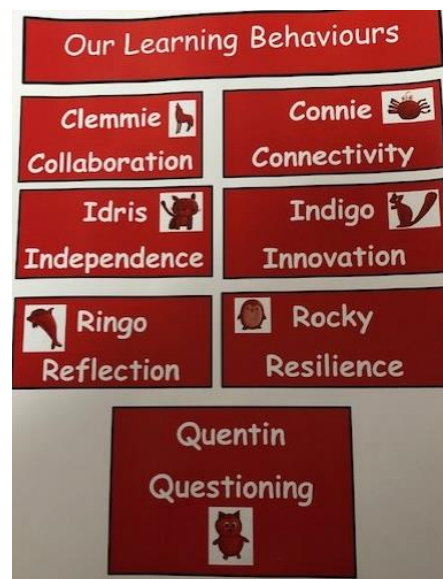
All children in Y2 - Y4 have a spelling frame login which staff edit to match their RWI spelling lessons. Login information is in the front of reading logs/homework books. The programme has been very successful and the approach really motivates the children as it is part teaching/ some testing and of course has games to reward points earned. We would highly recommend that children access this at home as part of their weekly home learning.

Year 1 will be given access in the summer term, as they prepare for their Y2 transition.

Learning Behaviours - Introducing all the characters....

Using the artwork from the children, all the illustrations for our learning behaviours have been completed. Each character has a name and these behaviours will be the focus of our certificates on a Friday.

Thank you very much to Kristian Binks who provided his skills for free and transformed the children's art into our character designs.



Friday Fine Dining!

Congratulations to Olivia (Explorers) Mabel (Adventurers), Freya and Charlie (Voyagers), Jack (Navigators) and Iris (Pioneers) who were selected to bring a friend to 'Friday Dining' today. They were chosen by their class teacher for displaying the qualities of our Jigsaw learning this week and for their excellent manners.



Act of Kindness Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and we are combining our activities with a whole school 'Acts of Kindness' focus. Following the book 'The Night Gardener' by the Fan Brothers the whole school will reflect on how we develop and value connections in our local community. We will show our appreciation through acts of kindness so please keep a watchful eye on what happens!! We will end the week with a wear your scarf to school day to mark the importance of being connected.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

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. So please hold onto any clothes, books (especially kids books), and toys so these can be donated to the sale. We will be taking collections of donations on Friday 17th March at the school.

Support for families experiencing hardship

If you find yourself experiencing financial difficulty, please contact us as we can arrange the supply of foodbank vouchers/ supermarket vouchers and fuel tokens to families in need. You can also apply for additional support for your child by following this link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/pupil-premium>

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have begun their helicopter stories where they tell their tale and then perform for everyone. They also took part in our number day today.

Adventurers have been looking at the water cycle and preparing for weather outside by building shelters. They had NSPCC number day today and on Wednesday they used resources in the environment to play noughts and crosses.



Voyagers have been finding out about Ernest Shackleton and writing some diary entries based on his experiences. In maths Year 2 have continued their work on division and Year 1 have reached the problem solving part of their shape unit which involved tangrams and logic problems!

Navigators and Pioneers have been exploring themes across folk tales, investigated the mathematical systems of ancient civilisations and experimented with rocks using scientific tests to help us classify them.



A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be thinking about 'kindness'.

Adventurers will be asking, "Which animals live in the soil?"

Voyagers will be finishing their unit on Polar Explorers by comparing different expeditions. They will also listen to and create responses to some music from North America.

Navigators and Pioneers will be making predictions in English based on vocabulary and illustrations, explaining the 3 types of rock formation and exploring trade in early civilisations.

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

Monday 6th February Act of Kindness Week (Children's Mental Health Awareness Week)
Reading Ambassador Visit to Blandford Library
Wednesday 8th February Y3/4 Athletics event (team to be selected) CMS
Thursday 9th February 9am Parents and Friends Coffee morning
Friday 10th February Wear Your Scarf to School Day (Mental Health Awareness Day)
Monday 13th February HALF TERM
Monday 20th February INSET DAY (School and Nursery closed)
Tuesday 21st February **Back to school**

Thursday 23rd February Y2 Dodgeball tournament (team TBC)
Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
Friday 3rd March World Book Day - Dress as a book character
Thursday 16th March Mother's day Sale
Saturday 18th March Pre-Loved Sale fundraiser at the village hall
Thursday 30th March Easter Bingo at the Village Hall

Kind regards,



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