

Friday, 21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



Personal Development Goals

This week's personal development strength is **empathy**. In our efforts to be more understanding, we have been learning about the value of respecting one another's individuality. To be empathetic, we need to learn to 'read' other people by being active listeners and by observing others' body language and tone of voice. Please talk to your child about the importance of cooperating with others; perhaps you could play some games together this weekend to promote turn taking and fairness. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their ability to understand and think of others first:



Reception	Thomas W: for being a very kind and caring member of the class
Year 1	Robin: for helping other people
Year 2	Gracie: for thinking of other people
Year 3	Kodie-Leigh: for listening to others and helping them
Year 4	George: for always thinking of others
Year 5	Oliver: for being kind and showing empathy
Year 6	Jessica: for being kind and showing empathy

Reverend Roland is Back!

In other news from the week, the school received a very special 'visit' from Reverend Roland Harvey. Roland led Thursday morning's collective worship session for us via Zoom and it was so lovely to hear the sound of the children's singing up and down the corridors. It was Roland's first 'live' appearance at Halebank for some time and we all enjoyed ourselves so much, we hope to repeat it very soon.



A Day at the Beach

We had a typically wet and windy British summer day yesterday for our special themed lunch. While it wasn't quite the day that we had hoped for weather-wise, the children braved the elements, many of them wearing their shorts and T-shirts! They still had a lovely time and enjoyed eating their 'take away' meals and ice creams. I would like to thank Mrs Robinson and Mrs Morris for all the hard work involved in organising the lunch.

Community Day



We have enjoyed other special events this week, too. The first was our 'Community Day' which took place on Tuesday. Pupils in Classes 1 and 2 invited the staff and children from the pre-school to come and share an afternoon of songs and nursery rhymes. This provided a lovely opportunity for some of the younger children to experience 'big school', while our infant pupils were able to share their fantastic singing (outdoors and socially distanced, of course!). Meanwhile, pupils in Classes 3 and 4 completed a community project as part of their outreach work by preparing gift bags, cards, messages, plants and presents. These will now be delivered to members of the community and to a local retirement home. In a week where we have focused on empathy and reaching out to others, it is fantastic to see our children working so positively for the good of those in the community. Well done, everyone!



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Isabella T	Annabelle	Poppie	Daisy

Sports News



Mr Cann, our sports coach from Progressive Sports, ran a series of inter-house events within each of his PE lessons on Wednesday. In a bid to promote some healthy competition across the four house teams, the children completed sprints, long distance runs, relays, javelin throws and long jumps. Mr Cann tallied up all the points earned from Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 and St Andrew (the blue team) were crowned school champions!

Dogs

We have noticed a number of parents and grandparents bringing dogs onto the school grounds. While the dogs are sometimes being carried rather than walked, we would ask that they do not come onto the school grounds with you. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Don't forget that the children break up for Whit on **Thursday** next week; Friday, 28th May is a staff training day. Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

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