



## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I cannot believe we have come to the end of the first half of the spring term! I guess time flies when you are having fun and the children here surely enjoy learning and spending time with their friends.

This week we have celebrated Children's Mental Health and have focused on "growing" together. The children explored how to grow a healthy body and mind and how to understand and express their feelings and emotions. On Thursday we "dressed to express" to show our personalities and our commitment to children's healthy minds and bodies.

I would like to wish all children, parents and carers a restful and joyful half term, see you all on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February.



Here's what else we have been up to this week:

### EYFS News

This week Nursery have been consolidating all of their knowledge and skills in phonics, including environmental, instrumental and voice sounds in addition to body percussion and rhythm. We've had lots of fun tuning into sounds. We have learnt so much this half term! Reception were exploring everything about firefighters this week! We learnt about how they put fires out and the different equipment they might use. We also learnt that an important part of their job is to share fire safety with people, to prevent fires before they start. We acted out some dramatic fire rescues then made sure we wrote up the incident reports after. As a class we explored several fire poems, and then some of us even wrote our own.

### Sharing Good Learning

All classes shared their learning about children's mental health this week:

- **Year 1: Elijah and Amirah** explained how they have grown since September, they talked about how they have now learnt to spell new words and how to be a good friend.
- **Year 2: Mia and Ilyas** explained how they have grown and changed since they were babies. Learning to talk, walk or even do your laces up!
- **Year 3: Rayyan, Siyana, Rahma, Ismail, Shania and Yaqub** shared their amazing emotion wheels that explored the character's feelings and thoughts as well as their friendship booklets which support healthy relationships.
- **Year 4: Ishaq, Ramisha, Sameeha, Zack and Maisha** shared their beautiful emotions hot air balloons and talked about the people that support them and comfort them.
- **Year 5: Amelie, Ibbby and Sara B** shared acrostic poems and word searches based on different emotions and wellbeing strategies.
- **Year 6: Cailey, Johnny, Marihah and Asma** shared their letters to their younger selves, full of advice, support and encouragement during challenging times.

### Special Mentions:



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**Barbara** mentioned **Emily** for all the work she has done to support children and staff during mental health week, **Aoife** mentioned **Ecrin** for her positive attitude, **Tom** mentioned **Brodi** for her fantastic attitude and effort in football club. **EJ** mentioned **Elijah and Shayeb** for always encouraging him to try his best, **Firdaus** mentioned **Aaliyah** for always helping her to get back in the green zone. **Oliwia** mentioned **Cailey** because she always is kind and understanding, **Aiyanah** mentioned **Shania** for being regulated and trying her best to focus all the time, **Amelie** mentioned **Rahma** for being able to focus even when it is a bit tricky, **An Nuo** mentioned **Alice and Zahara** for making her happy when she was sad.

### Parents Evening

Our next parents evening will take place in School over two days; **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of March and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of March**. We will send appointment slips nearer the time.

### School Early Closure

On the last day of term (Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April) all children will go home after lunch at 1:30. All Nursery children will be invited to attend the Nursery in the morning session. **After School club will not be open.**

### Polling Day

The school has been selected to be a polling station on **Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May**, it will therefore be closed to children on that day.

### Forthcoming events

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day- information to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> March – 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Red Nose Day – information to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales
23 <sup>rd</sup> May -27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 6 school journey to Wales
20 <sup>th</sup> June -1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Year 6 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

### Date for the rest of the year

14 <sup>th</sup> February to 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term – School closed
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	School Open – Children return
1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes for all children at 1:30
4 <sup>th</sup> April to 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	End of Term – School closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	School Closed – Occasional day
5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	School Closed – Polling Day
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Half Term – School closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Open – Children return
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	School Closed – Inset day

Best wishes,

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