



NOVEMBER Newsletter

20th November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

This week we focussed on anti-bullying, and what it means to be united against bullying. We started the week by wearing odd socks which was an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Here is what we have been up to:

EYFS News

This week Nursery have been continuing to explore our topic 'Dinosaurs'. We had some dinosaur eggs delivered to Nursery and have been looking after them, investigating where they came from and what might happen. We have also had a very special dinosaur tea party where we have been practising our communication and language skills and fine motor skills. We have enjoyed our daily phonics sessions and have used our listening skills to identify and make lots of different sounds. Reception have been thinking about exploring space this week. We found out all about the famous astronaut Chris Hadfield, and watched a video of him making tortilla wraps on the International Space Station! We read the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers, where a boy crash lands his spaceship on the moon. We thought about how the characters felt in the beginning, middle and end of the story. We also thought about how kind they were to each other and what good friends they were. Dawud H made a fantastic junk model rocket - he used a cuboid box for the main part of the rocket, and then drew round circles for the windows.

Sharing Good Learning

All of our assemblies are now on the website including good learning assembly. Click on the assemblies tab to access the fantastic learning the children are sharing.

- **Year 1.** As part of anti-bullying week, Year 1 wrote promises to our friends to be kind to them.
- **Year 2:** have been learning how to use their bodies as percussion instruments in PE. They used their hands to drum a beat on their legs and they used their feet to keep a beat on the floor.
- **Year 3:** In maths, Year 3 have been using concrete and visual resources to partition 3 digit numbers to solve addition questions.
- **Year 4:** have been learning about the different people who can be involved in bullying. Here are some of the words they have learnt: bystander, defender, target, ringleader, assistant and reinforcer.
- **Year 5:** This week Year 5 have been experimenting with different types of grammar and used their learning to write sentences describing different characters or scenes from 'A Christmas Carol'.
- **Year 6:** This week Year 6 took part in an Equality workshop where they discussed stereotypes and how it impacts people in everyday life.

Special mentions: Maizah would like to mention **Fatima, Aiyla, Aryana and Reina** for playing with her. **Sophia** would like to mention **Aydin** for being a good learning partner. **Mohammed Otman** would like to mention **Jazmine** for playing with him. **Maryam** would like to special mention **Ecrin** for playing gently when they played 'stuck in the mud'.

Barbara would like to mention **Year 2** for their fantastic manners in the lunch hall and **Year 6** for the way they support each other during blended learning.

Positive Relationships

From September 2020, the Relationships and Health Education aspects of PSHE education became compulsory in all Primary schools. However, due to COVID-19, the Department for Education have extended the implementation deadline until the Summer term 2021. Under normal circumstances, as a school we would engage with parents/guardians through face to face information meetings, but this is not possible due to COVID-19 and social distancing. We are, however, still very keen to engage with parents/guardians in our school and want to take their views on board. As we do not know when schools will return to normal, we want to ensure that we are prepared and that our parents/guardians are involved in this process.



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We are therefore asking parents to complete a short survey as part of our ongoing online work with parents, so we can hear your initial thoughts about our approach to Positive Relationships. To do so please either follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VIRGINIA-RSE-Parents-PrimarySurvey-Nov20>

or log on to our webpage and click on the **Positive Relationships tab**. The survey will be open for two weeks from today, it will therefore close on Friday the 27th of November.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated we raised £221.64. Well Done!

School Photographs

If you wish to purchase your child's photo and haven't done so this is to remind you that the cut off point for handing in the envelope to school is Monday 23rd November at 3pm or online is Tuesday 24th at 6pm.

Celebrating your Child's Birthday

Can I please remind everyone when sending in chocolates with your child it must be **Cadburys Heroes**. This is because we have children in school with nut allergies. You can also send in Starburst sweets as an alternative.

Reminder

As part of our **safety measures**, only **small** book bags are allowed in school, please do not send children with large rucksacks.

Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	5	5 th	94.67%	7 th
Year 1	10	7 th	98.65%	2 nd
Year 2	2	2 nd	98.57%	3 rd
Year 3	6	6 th	97.33%	4 th
Year 4	0	1 st	100%	1 st
Year 5	2	2 nd	96.45%	5 th
Year 6	4	4 th	95.71%	6 th

Well done year 4, I am very proud of your attendance! Well done year 4 on your punctuality!

It is really important that children and parents come to school and pick up at the correct times to avoid overcrowding and excessive queueing. The timings for pick up and drop off for each year group are on the website and remember to wait on the other side of the road until your child's year group allocated time, and then queue along the wall in a physically distant manner.

Please remember to keep the front of the gates clear at all times. Many thanks for your continued patience and collaboration.

Forthcoming events

Dates for the rest of this Year

21 st December to 1 st January 2021	End of Term	School Closed
15 th February to 19 th February 2021	Half Term	School Closed
1 st April to 16 th April 2021	End of Term	School Closed
19 th April 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday	School Closed
6 th May 2021	GLA Elections	School Closed
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half term	School Closed
23 rd July 2021	Inset Day	School Closed

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher

Summer Holiday 2021

The last day children attend school is Thursday 22nd July 2021