



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our parents who managed to meet their child's teacher this week to discuss how they have settled into their new classes so far this year. This was an opportunity to discuss how they are doing with their learning and progress. If you were unable to attend and would still like a meeting/ phone call, please contact us and we will arrange this as soon as we can.

Our Y6 pupils are proud of the start they have made to their charity challenge this week. The Macmillan coffee mornings have been a huge success and the children managed to raise over £790 which is an amazing start. They are now discussing and deciding on what is their next charity of choice for next half term. This fundraising wouldn't have been possible without your support in donations of cakes and also in your attendance so a big thank you!

Our Y6 pupils have also had a visitor this week to talk to them about the equality act and the responsibilities we all have to not discriminate against people for any reason. This is a key lesson for pupils in life to understand equality and diversity and we have a school have a legal duty to promote tolerance and mutual respect regardless of any differences.

Learning in school this half term has been excellent and the children remember and know much more than they did at the start of the half term. Our Y5 children spoke to a visitor recently about their science learning and she was impressed by the science they could remember from previous years in addition to their current learning! Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Harrison have also recently reviewed learning in French (Y3-Y6) and in computing around the school and again they are pleased with the quality of knowledge and understanding that the pupils can demonstrate in both curriculum areas.

I have been particularly impressed with the geography work I have seen in Y4 and Y5/Y6 this term. Children in Y4 have built great locational knowledge of the North West and Y5/6 know an extensive amount about the Polar Regions. In fact, our Y5/Y6 pupils had a great opportunity this week to join a Teams meeting with as part of their learning. This enabled them to hear a talk and ask and answer questions from Jenny Cook- an explorer who has visited Antarctica and had first hand experience of the continent.

After our successful work on World Mental Health Day to revisit the 'Five ways to wellbeing', we will be starting a new Wellbeing Wednesday initiative to ensure our children learn over time ways to promote positive mental health and good wellbeing after half term. Miss Boyd has developed a great plan that includes weekly activities and we will be starting with a focus on 'CONNECT'.

Hopefully we can engage all our community and promote positive mental well being for us all!

Explorer talk.....

PE in Hummingbird Class.....



Learning for Life



PARKING CONCERNS:

We all know how busy it can be around the school site at the start and end of the day, especially when it has been raining. If you have to drive to collect your children please take care not to park over dropped kerbs, driveways or zigzag lines as this can hinder access for residents and parents with mobility issues as well as endanger our pupils and other pedestrians. If there are no suitable spaces near school we would ask that you - **SHOW YOU CARE AND PARK ELSEWHERE.**

Attendance League Table (13th October – 26th October 2023)

Position	Class	Percentage	LEAGUE POINTS	<p>Please arrange appointments out of school time or if that isn't possible bring your child in first thing to get their mark and return them after any appointment.</p> <p>Look out for further attendance challenges in the upcoming weeks. SPOT RAFFLE PRIZE ON THE FIRST DAY BACK!</p> <p>Every two weeks we will have a winner in each year group or phase- these will be recorded and end of term prize time will go to the winners</p>
1 st	Wolf	97.4%	UKS2 WINNERS	
2 nd	Hummingbird	95.23%	YEAR 2 WINNERS	
3 rd	Owl	94.8%	EYFS WINNERS	
4 th	Jaguar	94.66%	YEAR 1 WINNERS	
5 th	Tiger	94.48%		
6 th	Lion	94.29%	Y4 WINNERS	
7 th	Shark	94.05%		
8 th	Pangolin	93.33%	Y3 WINNERS	
9 th	Zebra	91.04%		
10 th	Koala	90.7%		
11 th	Penguin	90.2%		
12 th	Cheetah	89.83%		
13 th	Rabbit	89.6%		
14 th	Hedgehog	86.7%		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SCHOOL REOPENS – MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER.

Special mentions for positively standing out this week.....

CLASS	PUPIL	<p>To follow what is going on in your child's class, please join Twitter and follow the class page. It is a great way to see all the learning and fun that goes on in classes.</p> <p>Mr Cooper's special award for being a fantastic example to everyone around school Cora Chriscoli</p> <p>Mr Cooper's special award for amazing effort in handwriting and presentation Alfie Briscoe</p>
Squirrel	George F and Oskar L	
Owl	Alfie W and Jamie R	
Hedgehog	Ollie N and Cali M	
Jaguar	Ethan P and Nancy S	
Tiger	Lily F and James W	
Pangolin	Daniel V and Skylar R	
Hummingbird	Sophia W and Teddy D	
Zebra	Joseph P and Lottie C	
Penguin	Penny and Jack SR	
Lion	Tom L and Oliver T	
Shark	Lilly Rose and Miles	
Koala	Ewa and Mark	
Wolf	Elle M and Blake M	
Cheetah	Evie G and Layla D	



EXPECTATIONS OF ADULTS:

We work in school to ensure our values are evident in all we do with the children.

BEING RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE are the expectations of we place on the children and we believe that all adults who are part of our school community should model this behaviour too when they are on our school grounds or communicating with school staff.

Any adults who do not model this behaviour will be asked to leave the school grounds and if required, school has the right to ban parents from the grounds.

We really do not want this to be the case as our community is important to us but we have a duty of care to all pupils and aggressive behaviour, abusive language and any other behaviour that we believe is not appropriate will not be allowed.

Have a lovely half term break with the children.

Ian Cooper