



Weekly Newsletter

9th February 2018

Discussion of the Week

Next half term will begin with our resilience champions – I have seen much resilience in school. Staff will yet again have a tough choice ahead! Next half term, building on our previous values of respect, collaboration and resilience, we will focus on 'independence'. After half term it will be Fair Trade fortnight. We will endeavour to arrange opportunities for children to find out more about this as a Fair Trade School.

Y4 Assembly

The children wowed us with their class assembly yesterday. We got a great insight into what the children have been learning about: they shared their Flotsam work (with a fabulous range of adverbial phrases), Harry Potter work (along with their excitement about the upcoming visit to the studios), coordinates work and cheerleading was demonstrated. They finished with some brilliant Thriller moves, which everyone loved. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and share it with us.

Mental Health Week

Children have been thinking about their wellbeing and have been taking part in various activities to support their mental health and thinking positively. On Thursday the whole school took part in a special afternoon to try different activities, such as yoga, mindfulness colouring and using nature and music to relax. The atmosphere around school was calm and chilled out. If you have any concerns over your child's wellbeing, the Young Minds website is full of useful information and they offer a free parent helpline on 0808 802 5544 Mon-Fri from 9.30am - 4 pm. www.youngminds.org.uk

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2nd March, following this year's theme of 'sharing a story' with someone – to help us with our continued quest to promote the love of reading. We would like to invite children and staff (parents too if you are up for it!) to dress up as a book character of their choice. This can be a full costume, or a mask or hat if you wish, and need not be expensive. We will be doing book related activities in classes, and would also like to offer the opportunity to participate in a sponsored read event, which will enable us to 'win' more books for school. More details will follow after half term.

Expansion update

Development work begins formally in time for the summer holidays. At present we do not have exact details, however the funding for the project has been agreed and contractors are currently being selected. When we are in contact with them, we will be able to make plans that ensure that disruption to children will be minimal. Over half term, a tree on either side of the lower trim trail will be removed. This work has been planned so as not to disrupt school life.

Have a restful and well deserved half term all. Hayley Ferguson

What does it mean to be independent?

10 Golden Tickets (YR)

Colby, Kurtis, Issac, Bella, Hunter

Merits this Week

Bronze – Harrison, Lara & Coira (Y1)
Opal – Tabassum (Y4)

Well done everyone!

Dates for Diary

19th Feb: Back to school
22nd Feb: Y3 Assembly – 2.30pm
26th Feb: Y5&Y6 Trip-Historic Dockyard
1st Mar: Y2 Assembly – 2.30pm
5th Mar: Y3&Y4 Harry Potter Studios
8th Mar: Y1 Assembly – 2.30pm

Letters sent out this week

JEM Tennis Y2 – Y6

Lost Property

The lost property box in Reception has become quite full over this term. Please come in and have a look to see if your child has lost any clothing, water bottles and coats. Thanks

Achievements this week

Isobel and Amy (Y6) achieved Music Merits for lots of practise on her flute and recorder.

Natasha (Y3) achieved a certificate for all of the extra work she has been doing outside of school.

Well done. We are proud of you!

This week's winning team:

BIRCH