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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 30th October 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

This morning, in worship, we looked at what objects and famous figures had in common. The final group, Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Gandhi, Malala, William Wilberforce and Emily Pankhurst, are all historical figures who are renowned for standing up for themselves and others.

Then we shared the story of David and Goliath: the boy who stood up for himself and others against the giant – Goliath. David knew that if he had God's help he could defeat Goliath. This led us to self-reflect on what problems we currently have, how aware we are of other people's and how we can bring them to share with God. Finally we shared our mission for this week: to try to stand up for ourselves and others without hurting others.



Thank you to our Year 6 Ambassadors and our Reception Class children for their wonderful worship on friendship and kindness. It was so lovely to see how well our Y6 children have taken to their responsibility as 'Buddies' to our new full time school children. The Reception Class children showed such courage and confidence standing up in front of a large audience. Well done!

God Bless Mr Copley, Mrs Haines and Miss Burgess

Armistice 100



As part of our commemoration plans for Armistice 100, we will be sharing a special liturgy together on Friday 9th November at 9am in the large hall and all our parents and families are warmly invited to join us. As we do every year, throughout November, we are giving the opportunity for our children to bring in any photos of loved ones they have lost. We will ensure we photocopy these and hand the original photographs back straight away. This year, we will place these photographs on our light-up willow tree which will act as a Tree of Remembrance and will be part of our focal point during the liturgy.

Year 6 will be coming round school selling poppies and novelties on behalf of the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Everything costs 50p apart from the rulers which are £1. On behalf of the British Legion thank you for all your support.

- Please note, Merit Worship next week will take place on Thursday 8th November at 8:55am.



- EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Congratulations to Year 3 who are our latest attendance champions.

Please remember if you take children out of school for holidays this will not be authorised.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 15.10.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.67	95.97
Year 1	96.13	97.77
Year 2	98.00	97.94
Year 3	98.21	98.10
Year 4	97.42	98.12
Year 5	98.06	98.20
Year 6	96.30	98.18
Average	97.40%	97.75%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our latest Merit winners: Maisie Walker, Lewie Gaffey, Avaya Cyprien, Joshua Wilkinson, Sanyne Makombo and Amy Garth. Well done everyone.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines Headteacher's Award was given to Daniel Berry for always going the extra mile and showing his passion for learning. Thank you and well done Daniel.

The Big Cat Reading Award was given to Jayden Jarvis for great knowledge and enthusiasm in phonics. Well done Jayden.

Performance Poetry

During the last week of the half term, our Performance Poetry schedule was jam-packed with performances from three of our classes. Nursery children, the youngest children in our school, performed 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell and Reception children performed When I was One, both in the Foundation base for all their parents and families as part of their 'Stay, Play and Learn' session. It was very impressive to see how well the children had learned their words and spoke out with such confidence. Our Year 1 children were very brave in their performance of Walking at the Zoo, which they also wrote themselves, performing in front of the whole school and their parents and families at Merit Worship. Well done to everyone!

Inter-School Frisbee Competition

Well done to eight of our Year 6 Children who were chosen by Sports UK to represent the school in the Inter-School Frisbee Competition at Hanson Academy. Theo, Niko, Charlie, Lucas, Olivia J, Kate, Lily and Maya. They did really well and Charlie and Olivia J received medals for their sportsmanship. Congratulations and thank you for representing our school so well.



Before the holiday, Lily-May made her Rainbow Promise and gained her 'Learn to Swim Level 2' certificate. Well done Lily-May!!



If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess or Mrs Laptew



Drum roll please!!

Well done to all the children who put themselves forward as candidates for the School Council elections. The quality of the manifestos they presented from Year 1 through to Year 6 was really impressive. The winners were announced at Merit Worship just before we broke up and are listed below:

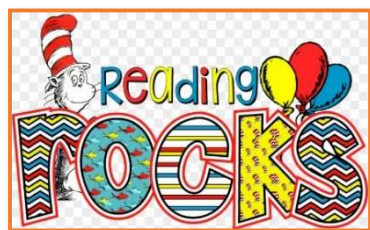
Year 1 - Tony and Emma
Year 3 - Cora and Lucas
Year 5 - Daniel and Oliwia

Year 2 - Theo and Nancy
Year 4 - Caleb and Phoebe
Year 6 - Finlay and Holly



Our Year 6 children also voted for their Head boy and Head Girl. Well done to Christian and Katie, who will be taking on this responsibility for the rest of the year. We are very much looking forward to seeing the work that the School Council, under the guidance of Miss Breen, and our newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl pursue over the year. We will keep you updated.





Reading Rocks!

A huge thank you to all our families who recently purchased books from the Book Fair. We raised a massive £775.64, meaning that we will receive approximately £462 back towards new books for school. We will let you know how we spend that money in due course.

Babbling Books

In an effort to further promote a love of reading and engage children in listening to stories even more, we are embarking on a new initiative that we are calling 'Babbling Books'. Members of our staff and governors are volunteering to record an audio file of them reading their chosen book, which will then be uploaded on to our school website for children to listen to, either when they get home or as a bedtime story. We already have some audio files ready and once they are uploaded to our website, we will inform you and the children so they can get listening! We are looking forward to hearing the children's reactions to the stories they listen to.

KS1 Parent Reading Workshops

Next Monday 5th November we will be holding KS1 Reading Workshops for parents in school. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out how we teach reading in school and how you can support your child with their reading at home. In order to give maximum opportunity for parents to attend, one workshop will be at 9.00 am and one will be at 5.30 pm – both in the small hall. We hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Scholastic Book Club

There is a leaflet coming home from Scholastic Book Club. If you wish to order books please do so online or directly with them. Please do not send order forms back into school as we cannot guarantee a delivery date.



Forest School Update

This half term, Year 3 will be attending Forest School each Thursday afternoon at Peel Park Primary School. Please ensure that children come to school with the appropriate clothing and footwear each week. We look forward to hearing all about their outdoor learning and adventures!

Farewell and thank you

Just before we broke up for half term, we said a very fond farewell and huge thank you to Miss Morgan, who has worked as Support Assistant in Year 1 for just over a year. We thank her for all her hard work and commitment to our school and our children and wish her good luck and best wishes for the future. From today, Mrs Whitehead will work as Support Assistant in Year 1 and Miss Dylak will be relinquishing her duties in the office to work as Support Assistant in Year 4.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on our parent questionnaires during the Parent Consultations. We are currently collating all the results and will share these with you as soon as they are ready. We are pleased with the feedback we received regarding booking online, we shall make this permanent for future parent consultations.

Thank you to the children in Year 2 who have returned their drawings of their ideal house for WW Estate Agents. If you wish to be in with a chance of winning a £50 Smyth's toy voucher please return your drawing tomorrow. We are the only school who have been asked to participate and only Year 2 so the chances of winning are quite high.





School Calendar

(Please note these dates and times could be subject to change)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Thursday 1 st November	9.30 am	KS2	Feast of All Saints Mass in Church
Monday 5 th November	9.00 & 5.30	KS1	Parent Reading Workshops
Wednesday 7 th November	9.30 am	Y4	Mass in Church
Thursday 15 th November	AM	FS2 – Y5	Flu immunisations
Thursday 8 th November	All day	20 x Y5	Visit to John Lewis - Enabling Enterprise
	8.55 am	All	Merit Worship
Tuesday 13 th November	9.00 & 5.30	KS2	Parent Reading Workshops
Thursday 15 th November	AM	FS2 – Y5	Flu immunisation
	9.00 am	Y2	Class Worship
Monday 19 th November	All day	Y5	Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Thursday 22 nd November	9.00 am	Y1	Class Worship
Monday 26 th November	6.00 pm	New FS	Parents welcome meeting
Tuesday 27 th November	9.30 am	New FS	Drop in session
Sunday 2 nd December	PM	All	Parish Christmas Fair in school
Advent Worship in School at 8.20 am throughout Advent			
Tuesday 4 th December	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.30 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by Confession
Wednesday 5 th December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 6 th December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Friday 7 th December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Wednesday 12 th December	10.30 am	All	Advent Mass in School
	Evening	Choir	Light up a Life Service at Bfd Cathedral for Martin House
Thursday 13 th December	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Friday 14 th December	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
	12.00	All	Christmas Lunch
Break up for Christmas			