



9TH OCTOBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Monday, 12th October - 4.30pm
PARENT WORKSHOP - Secondary Transition - for those with pupils in Y4, Y5 and Y6 - via Zoom

Tuesday, 19th October
Immunisation Team on site - Nasal Flu Spray Vaccinations

26th October - 30th October 2020
HALF TERM - No School

Friday 18th December
END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Monday, 4th January 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 5th January 2021
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SPRING TERM

15th - 19th February 2021
SPRING HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 31st March
END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Monday, 19th April
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Monday, 3rd May
BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

A Message from Sandy

Tomorrow - Saturday, 10th October - is **World Mental Health Day**.

Mental health is as important as physical health, but so often many of us don't take time to appreciate this.

In today's fast-paced world, so often we face stress and strain. The current climate lends itself to more worry and concerns over our loved ones.

This weekend, try and take a little time out for yourself - easier said than done I know! Stop what you are doing, even if it just means enjoying a cup of coffee on the sofa and taking time to reflect on something positive that has happened this week or something you have achieved - no matter how small. Breathe deeply and slowly and just be it's amazing how this can help.

You will find attached to this week's newsletter - October's Happiness Calendar, a simple thought or intention to think about each day, something as simple as this may benefit us all.

Sandy

Article 24

United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poor countries achieve this.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

At the secondary school this week, the students have been reinforcing their measuring skills. Using metre sticks, rulers, tape measures and trundle wheels, they went into the playground and took part in a maths scavenger hunt.



For some students, it was the first time they had used a trundle wheel. Fuller Class particularly enjoyed this exercise.



With distances in mind, we were thrilled to hear that David Weir won 2nd place in the London Marathon 2020 held at the weekend.

All of our classes in the secondary school are named after local people who have demonstrated one of the school values through their life and work.

Weir Class represents Success, so it was wonderful to see that David is still highly successful in his field. Our local champion!



In Art, Wood Class have been studying Van Gogh and the type of lines he used in his work. They have used him as their inspiration to develop their mark making using water colours.



At the primary school, Hazel Class injected more fun into our Macmillan Cancer cake sale fundraiser by holding their own version of the Great British Bake Off. With Georgia and Blake as judges, Olha took on the role of compere - watch out Matt Lucas! Our judges final verdict was that Lily was our 'Star Baker'.



Everyone should have brought their cakes home by now. If you enjoy them and wish to make a donation towards our fundraiser, please send your contribution into school.



Prior to World Mental Health Day tomorrow, Frances and Conchi took the opportunity to discuss mental and emotional health with the Hazel Bubble. They organised sensory

activities, so that the pupils can see how they regulate all our emotions. The bubble talked about the primary school values of nurture, team-building, ambition and child centered activities highlighting two of our Link Priorities:

11 - Emotional development, understanding basic emotions

20 - Healthy lifestyle - emotional and physical fitness.

Meanwhile in Willow Class, they have also been focusing on healthy lifestyles, talking about different types of food. Using the story of 'Handa's Surprise' to highlight different types of fruit; they also developed their life skills discovering how to make toast during a 'play session'.





Oak Class had a wonderful time in Art this week perfecting their tie dying skills to make bandanas. They produced some wonderful work, even if they got a little messy in the process!

OUR THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



AND FINALLY ...

Sandy was inundated with nominations for Hot Chocolate Friday at the secondary school this week. After much deliberation, she enjoyed a chat and a drink with four people!

Winston for Resilience - when something is difficult, he tries and always gives it his best. He also shows kindness to his classmates



when they are down and tries to cheer them up with encouraging words.



Ellis has achieved Success in his learning through having a positive

attitude. He has achieved particularly well in writing tasks this week.

Lynn, our Science Teacher toasted her **Success**, which was for planning some fantastic science experiments, which were great fun and led to high levels of engagement for students and opportunities for them to communicate well with each other.



Susan, one of our SSAs for Kindness - always showing so much care for the students and ensuring they always do their best work.