



Chisenhale Chatter



24/09/21

Hello

We started the week with our whole school online assembly. We continued with our focus on 'mutual respect', looking at kindness and empathy. It was a timely reminder at the start of the year as to why we teach kindness:

Teaching children to be kind helps them begin to think about others and develop empathy.

When we receive kindness we feel better about ourselves and others.

Kindness contributes to a positive view of the world.

When children look for ways to be kind, they develop problem solving skills and the ability to change things for the better.

Practising kindness helps children to have positive friendships and relationships.

By teaching kindness, we develop positive mental health.

Due to the number of cases of Covid-19 in year 6, they were unable to start swimming this week, but their two-week slot has been re-booked for November. Year 5, however, have been each afternoon this week, and are doing really well, (both with swimming and the walk!).

I held a meeting with Year 5 parents about introducing a two-night stay in May for the children at Gorsefield Rural Studies Centre. Just over half of the children expressed an interest and we are keen to hear from any other year 5 families who are keen. We do need high numbers to make the trip possible, due to the cost.

All teaching and support staff took part in a three-hour long training this week to learn about creating a Global, Anti-Racist Curriculum. It was a fantastic session, designed to challenge our thinking and start us on a long term journey. One key message was about creating a **Brave Space**, not just a safe space. Ola and James are our lead teachers for this, and we are looking forward to developing school in this way.

We had a number of Covid 19 cases reported over last weekend. But none for the rest of the week. Public Health England advised implementing amber measures. We had many of those already in place, including one way staircases and no whole school events. We have implemented staff wearing masks in communal areas and ask parents to do so when dropping off and collecting children.

Have a good weekend,
Sharon

ESOL class for parents starts this Monday in the schoolhouse so please come along 9-11am if you would like some free English language classes. Please ring the bell of the schoolhouse for entry.

The following children will be receiving a praise postcard this week:

Sprouts - Elsie and Lewis

Broccoli - Ikram and Evie

Curly Kale - Jeslord and Leah

Beetroot - Adiyana and Alice

Basil - Ismail and Gaby

Thyme - Zayema and Charlotte

Mint - Selena and Zaynah

Lavender - Queenie and Ahyana

Cherry - Sienna and Musa

Rowan - Ayaan and Adyan

Oak - Renee and Ali

Willow - Javer and Lola

Friday 5th November



We are hoping to have some fireworks and some stalls selling food and drink and maybe toys and books after school on Friday 5th November as the usual firework display in the park has been cancelled. Please contact Ruth or the PTA if you can help set up, run a stall, bake a cake or help in any other way. The event will be outdoors in the playground and Learn, Play Create area. Email ptachisenhale@gmail.com