Chisenhale Chatter



31/1/20

We started the week considering our theme of sustainability and how all the major world faiths have something to say about looking after the planet and being responsible in our use of resources. We didn't have time to look at them all but did look at Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Humanism and Hinduism and thought about our own beliefs and hopes.

Year 5 had a brilliant time at the Globe Theatre where they took part in a workshop on the tragedy in Shakespeare's Macbeth.

We are saying goodbye to Santana today, who works in Year 6, we thank her for her years of service and wish her luck in her totally new career.

We are having many concerns regarding children's use of the internet outside of school. Some of the younger children are playing games that are not suitable for their age and they are using language in school that is not appropriate for their age or developmental stage. We are also being told about quite serious misuse of social media, especially 'What's App' messaging, leading to falling out and upsets in school. Advice is that these messaging platforms are not for primary aged children, but most importantly, it is so vital that parents monitor really closely what children are doing and saying, if they decide to allow them to use them. I really cannot stress enough how quickly these group messaging situations can get out of hand and become isolating, unkind and harmful. Please take time this weekend to consider what your children are doing and have a look at their phones and online usage.

Today - at the children's request - we are having a cake sale to raise money for the Australian wildlife that has suffered in their recent bushfires.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sharon Taylor-Sezgin, Headteacher

Job vacancy

We are looking to appoint a midday meals supervisor for 1.5 hrs per day (7.5 hours per week). The actual salary for this position is £3,684.40 a year (the full time equivalent would be £21,612).

We are looking for someone who is positive and enthusiastic, able to work flexibly as a part of a team and will enjoy working and leading play with children from the ages of 3-11. You must be able to support and supervise children in a calm, caring and positive manner while establishing firm and consistent boundaries in relation to their behaviour. This can be a physically demanding post. To apply or for more details email kglynn.211@lgflmail.org for an application pack.

Closing date: Monday 10th February 2020 Interviews: Friday 14th February 2020 Start date: Monday 24th February 2020

Upcoming events

Friday 7th February – 9am in the library, PTA meeting, all welcome.

Friday 7th February – Curry & Quiz Night for parents, friends and neighbours. Gates from 7.30pm, quiz starts 8pm sharp. £5 per person, quiz only, £10 quiz and veggie curry. Book through parentpay or at the office. If you would like a curry, you must book by Wednesday 5th February to give us time to plan and cook! Tuesday 11th Feb at 9.00am in the schoolhouse. Khalida will be running a parent workshop on 'The nature of thoughts and the story-telling mind.' All parents are most welcome to attend.

Thursday 13th February – 5.30pm in the library and Friday 14th February 9am in the library, Parent Voice session. Please join us at either of these sessions – we very much want to hear your thoughts. We will be focussing on our two school priorities of: developing a high quality wider curriculum where skills and knowledge are progressive and the learning is well-linked; and improving emotional well-being by creating a whole school ethos, which builds on a greater understanding of mental health and mutual respect.