



Friday 26th January 2024

Value of the Term – Gratitude

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like this has been a very long week! But a week of more achievements and successes in school and lots of smiling and happy children which we always love to see!

It was great to see some of our Year 4 and Year 5 children enjoy a new dancing after school club this week, we have sports clubs starting again next week with Mr Jones and a new external provider martial arts club starting, more details about this below. It is great to be extending our offer of after school clubs and we will be looking to see what other opportunities we may be able to offer in the future.

In assembly today we celebrated these children who have achieved the certificate of excellence or the values award for the week in their class.



The class winners for the attendance trophy goes to Year 5 this week, with a fantastic 97%. We have had more children achieve their **50 read prize** this week, choosing a book from the vending machine; Max, Tayia, Norville and Harlow in Y2, Aisha, Macey, Jaison in Year 6 and Sofiia in Year 5 who had earned two prizes! It is fabulous to see all these children reading at home, this is the one best thing you can do with your children to give them the best chance of success in their education and life beyond school.

Thank you to the families who have completed our online survey regarding the extension of nursery hours, it has been overwhelmingly positive which means we can start to plan more details which we will be able to share with you soon. The link is still open so please if you haven't been able to complete it yet, there is

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still time and I would really appreciate you sharing with friends and neighbours with young children in our community who may be considering using our nursery in the future.

The link to the survey is: https://forms.office.com/e/amfQHYSRfB

Did you know that school governors play an important role in school improvement and contribute to the effective success of our school? As a parent governor your contributions would be invaluable; we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our local governor committee. If you would be interested in finding out more about the commitment and what is involved in being a governor, please contact the school office who would be happy to put you in touch with our chair of governors or clerk. Our governors are a hard working and friendly group of people who would be happy to talk to you at any time.

Please can I remind you that a Friday is a day where children are free to express themselves and wear non-uniform, this however, does come with some restrictions especially with footwear. For health and safety reasons, we do need the children to be wearing sensible and sturdy shoes or trainers to school. Open toe shoes, shoes with high heels and crocs are not safe for children to wear due to the nature of their play when outside and the risk to them getting injured when moving around school and in a busy classroom.

Thank you for all the ways you continue to support school, I hope you have a lovely and restful weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Helen Wollington

Headteacher

Don't forget the blue tokens when you shop in Tesco!



Upcoming diary dates:

Monday 29th January – SEND drop-in session 8:45am details below

Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February Children's Mental Health Week Science Festival week

Monday 5^{th} February - Speech and Language session for parents in Early Years 8:45am in Family Room

Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 7th February – School Disco, details to follow

Friday 9th February – End of Term 3 EY and KS1 film afternoon

Monday 19th February – start of Term 4

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SEND Drop In Session with SIAS and Swindon SEND Families Voice

Monday 29 January in the Family Room 8.45am (enter via KS1 playground)

Would you like to chat about any worries you have about your child/children?

Would you like the opportunity to ask a question or ask for advice?

For all parents and carers of children whether they have an identified Special Educational Need or not.

Come and join us for a coffee, biscuits and a chat with SIAS or Swindon Send Families Voice for advice. Find out more about these organisations and how they can help you and your family.







Where
Mountford Manor School

Starts: Tuesday 30th January

Duration: 6 weeks

Who for: Children age 7 to 12 years old

When: 16.30pm till 17.40pm

Hosted at: MMP's KSI hall

Cost: is FREE for initial 6 weeks trial period

Learn basic self defence techniques

Become more healthlier and confident

Have fun while working out

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