



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Topic – The World We Live In

Value of the Term – Diversity

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great week in school, yesterday saw a fabulous celebration of 'yellow' to highlight and raise awareness of mental health on World Mental Health Day. It is never too early to talk about mental health and it is always ok to not be ok, someone will always be there to listen. If you need someone to talk to, we are here for you. We are not mental health experts but we do have access to services and we can listen and support as much as we can.

We have seen some great learning and values being shown around school at all times, thank you for your support in getting the children to school on time and ready to learn. You should be proud of them as we are.

We have celebrated these children in assembly today for achieving the certificate of excellence or the values award for their class:



Our attendance winners this week with a very good 98%, a big well done to Year 5. Everyone has worked so hard and we are proud of them all.

Next week, you will be aware from the school calendar that Wednesday we have our termly celebration event 'Wonderful Wednesday'. You are warmly invited into your child's class to celebrate in all of their achievements from this term. For children in Early Years, please join them from 8:40am, after registration, in their classrooms. For children in Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, please come to the main school entrance at 2pm where you will be directed to their classrooms. For children in Year 3, as you have already been made aware, you have a special ballet performance from 1:15pm, please enter through the hall doors.

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There will be limited space in the classrooms so we do ask that any pushchairs or prams are left outside please. The use of mobile phones or other electronic devices are not permitted inside the school premises for safeguarding reasons. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

We have some more good news to share.... we have a new and exciting learning resource coming to Mountford Manor! During half term, we are having an Immersion Room fitted. This completely interactive room will enable children to become immersed into a world created using the most up to date technology. They can be transformed back to Ancient Egyptian times, into Space as an astronaut or even under the sea! We are extremely excited by this new development and can't wait to get using it. When we have had all the training, we will invite you in to have a look!



Next week, some of our Year 5 and 6 children are off on an outdoor week of learning, we hope they have the best time. We will all be keeping our fingers crossed for some sunshine during the week for them.

Wishing you a lovely and safe weekend.  
 With best wishes,

**Mrs Helen Wollington**  
 Headteacher

**PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS**  
 Swindon SEND Families Voice

We are delighted to be working with a group of primary schools as part of the pilot of the new Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

As part of the project, we will be running parent sessions in each school from July 24 - Feb 25. As we start the project, we want to understand your experiences of school and we are asking all parents at those schools to complete a short survey online

PARENT SURVEY QR CODE AND LINK:  
  
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/T5WVKTL](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5WVKTL)

Parent Sessions Booked:  
 Mountford Manor Primary School - Monday 21st October @ 9.15am-10.15am

Please do come along and meet the Swindon SEND Families Voice team to discuss PINS, complete the survey and give your feedback.

- Upcoming diary dates:
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 and 6 residential to Home Farm
  - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Wonderful Wednesday EY 8:40am, Years 1-6 2pm
  - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – World Values Day
  - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – PINS coffee morning 9:15am
  - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Halloween Disco End of Term 1
  - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Back to school, start of Term 2