







## Our School Values

At The Lanes Primary School, our school values underpin everything that we do. The values have been in place since the school amalgamated in 2017 and they form the basis of our work in RSHE and our assemblies.

We are excited to introduce our Values characters to you. These characters have been designed by the staff and children as a tool to further embed the values across school. We worked with a local artist, Jennifer Davies, at Plum Pudding Illustration agency to bring our ideas to life. The pictures are displayed around school and in the classrooms. Our large pictures were produced by another local firm 'Pixels & Graphics.' We hope you like them as much as we do!!

Each class in Key Stage Two were given the challenge to write a story about one of the Values characters. We have put all of the stories into this book - we really hope you enjoy it.

Love from the children and staff at The Lanes.

## Respectful Rex



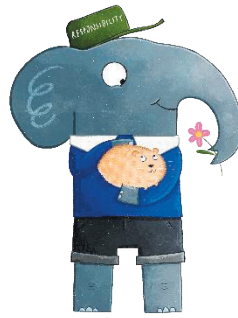
Rex was having a lovely day at school. He was busy doing a fantastic drawing of the Rainforest and was about to colour in a beautiful parrot. He looked in the felt tips box to find a red pen. He looked closely and saw that many of the felt tips had no lids. When he tried to colour his picture, the pen didn't work and it ruined his work. He tried to choose a green next. Again, the lids had been left off or dropped on the floor and no care had been taken. Rex had really been looking forward to showing his picture to the rest of the class but now it was ruined and he didn't feel proud of it at all. Rex always put the lids on the felt tip pens because he knew that was how to look after them properly.

Soon it was playtime. The children rushed out to the playground to play with the bats, balls and bean bags which were in each class box. Rex was looking forward to playing catch with his friend. There had been lots of balls in the box at the beginning of the week. However, as Rex put his hand in the box, he realised that it was only half full and there were no balls left. Where were they? And then he remembered. Some of the children had not been taking care yesterday and had thrown balls over the hedge. Some of the children had rushed to line up and hadn't put the equipment away and it had blown onto the street in the wind. Rex and his friend were bored that playtime. Rex always made sure that he put the equipment away safely because he wanted to be able to play with it every day.

Rex made sure that he tried really hard to be respectful for the rest of the day and the other children around him noticed what he did. He held the door open when his friend was coming in from playtime after him. He said 'thank you' to the dinner staff when they gave him his dinner. He said 'excuse me' when someone was in his way. He asked the new child to join in his game, even though he didn't speak the same language. He made sure that he looked after all the equipment, as well as all the people in the school.

And do you know what? He did exactly the same at home. I wonder if you can think of any of the ways that Rex did this?

## Eddie the Responsible Elephant



Eddie the Elephant was sad because he felt he always got in the way. When he played in the playground with his friends, he sometimes knocked them over because he was too big and clumsy. When he went to dancing club, he sometimes trod on the children's feet because his own feet were too large! And when he went to art club he sometimes spilled the water and made a mess with the paints because his hands were so bulky.

All Eddie wanted was to fit in and to have a job that he could call his own.

One day, his teacher asked him if he would like to try being a librarian. Eddie wasn't sure if he could do it. Maybe he would ruin all of the books with his clumsy ways?

However, once he tried it he realised that he was an incredible librarian! The thing about elephants is that they have an amazing memory. Eddie knew exactly which children had taken out which books and he knew where every single book was in the library! He was so good at his job that there was no need for a computer in the library any more.

Eddie was made Head Librarian which was a position of great responsibility. He opened and closed the library each day and he was in charge of all the books.

At the end of the year, Eddie was surprised with a special award. He was named the most responsible student in school because he could always be relied upon to do a great job.

He never felt sad about the football, dancing and art clubs again.

By 5KC

## Happy Henry



As Henry arrived at school, he smiled at his teacher and she smiled back. Then, he smiled at his friend and his friend smiled back. Before he knew it, Henry's smile had become infectious and spread around the classroom making everybody feel happier. This reminded Henry of a story he had heard his head teacher mention in assembly - 'The Pig of Happiness'. In this story, the pig would always spot the best in everything and aimed to make everybody happy. Henry set himself a challenge! He would spot opportunities to spread happiness throughout the day.

At lunchtime, Henry spotted Hugo sat on a bench all alone. As he ran past, he said to Hugo, "I'm playing dob, do you want to play?". He even offered to sit next to Hugo at lunch. Throughout lunch, Henry kept telling funny jokes to all of his classmates. He made Hugo laugh so much that milk came out of his nose! Hugo decided he wanted to spread happiness as well. After lunch, he kindly held the door open for all the children and adults.

During art, Henry began to feel sad. He found drawing a woolly mammoth very tricky! He had tried his best but he wanted it to be perfect. He looked around the classroom and spotted all the fantastic drawings of woolly mammoths and wondered why his wasn't like his friends. He started to cry. Henry's friends gathered around him, one friend offered to help him, another friend gave him a thumbs up and then he heard somebody in his class say, "That's awesome, Henry! I like how you've drawn the tusks." Henry began to smile, his friends had made him feel happy again.

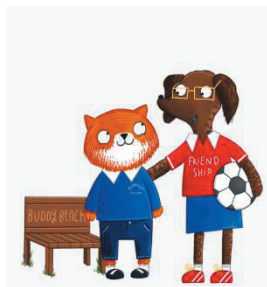
When Henry got home from school, he thought about how he could make more people happy. He decided to bake some brownies for all of his neighbours. He knocked on his neighbour's door and handed her a brownie. "I hope you have a lovely evening, I like your new hairstyle," announced Henry. This made Henry's neighbour's mood lift instantly and it made Henry feel even happier to know that he had cheered somebody up.

That evening, when Henry got into bed, he told his mum and dad about his day. He listed all the things that he had done that helped people feel happy and then realised that so many people had made him feel happy. "Remember that happiness comes back to you," Henry's mum whispered.

If you spread happiness, you can make yourself and many others happy. Always remember to be as happy as a pig in mud!

By 3NW

## Friendship



Freya is the friendliest person you could ever hope to meet, and because of this she was the perfect choice for helping others as a playground pal during break times at school. In fact, she was chosen by the other children in her class as a great person to talk to when they were feeling upset, feeling left out or feeling lonely. She, and a few other volunteers, love to ask if you want to play with them. They make people happy, they help people to find friends to play with, they are caring, have lots of ideas for games to play, they're kind, and they make people laugh.

One time, a girl called Lilly was sitting on the Buddy Bench. Her head was down. She needed someone to play with so Freya played with Lilly. They played dob, football and catch and lots more fun things, too. When Mikey fell out with his friend Alex, he went over to the Buddy Bench, hoping somebody would ask him to play with them, but nobody did. But when Freya walked past, she saw Mikey at the Buddy Bench. She went over to talk to him because she is a Playground Pal and, straight away, she went and found somebody to play with him.

Another time, a boy called Sam fell over and Freya helped him up and got him to first aid. If Freya ever sees anyone getting hurt, like when a football hits somebody, Freya helps them to calm down and recover. Freya is a great person to have as a friend because she is good at caring for others.

If there is a new boy or girl in school, they might be feeling lonely or upset because they don't know anyone and they are missing their old friends. Freya is the type of person who will make sure that they are feeling better. She either finds somebody for them to play with or she plays with them until they make more friends. There are lots of friendly children at our school, so it doesn't take very long for a new person to fit in and cheer up again.

Children like Freya are a great example to others in our school. There are lots of people like Freya in every class, who care for others and look after them when they are sad. Perhaps you could help somebody in the same way when you see someone being upset or lonely?

By 3TG

## Honest Olive Poem



Olive loves her Nana's puppy  
More than she ever thought.  
Nana named her puppy Rufus  
But she called him Roo for short.

One day, Olive was dancing.  
She was dancing with juice in her mug.  
She tripped and she fell over.  
The juice spilt on Nana's rug

'Oh no!' thought Olive  
I don't know what to do.  
I don't want to get into trouble,  
I'll blame it all on Roo.'

'Oh no!' Nana cried.  
'Honestly, Olive. I don't know where to start'.

Olive felt very sorry.  
She felt it in her heart.

'It wasn't me Nana.  
Honest, it was Roo.'  
Olive told a lie.  
Olive knew it wasn't true.

'Honestly, Olive.

I don't know what to say!

Olive felt sorry.

She had to look away.

'It wasn't me, Nana.

Honest, it was Roo!

Olive told a lie.

Olive knew it wasn't true.

'Oh no!' Nana moaned.

'I'm showing Roo the door.

I'm finding Roo a new home.

'I can't take this anymore'.

'Oh no!' thought Olive.

'I don't know what to do.

I don't want to get in trouble.

But I don't want to lose Roo, too!

'It was, it was me!' stammered Olive.

And she told her Nana she had lied.

'It wasn't Roo Nana - honest.'

Olive sniffled as she cried.

Nana was upset with Olive.

Indeed, she was very cross.

'You've got to clean this up now, Olive.'

Olive knew Nana was the boss.

Nana told Olive it was wrong to tell her lies.

Lying only makes things worse.

She told her to say sorry.

And to say sorry to Roo first.

'I'm glad you told me Olive.

I'm glad that you were honest.'

I won't send Roo away.

I will keep him here I promise.'

By 4JA

## Democracy story



Once there was a boy called Derek. He went to school just like everyone else. However, this was no ordinary school. It was grey and dull and bland. Derek did not like the school and he hated the head teacher who was called Ms Janet. She was unkind to everyone and was not a nice person at all.

One day, Derek had finished his maths work when he decided that he had had enough and he decided to do something about it. He rushed to Ms Janet's office before he could change his mind. 'Everyone should be able to have an opinion and should be allowed to speak. Everyone should be listened to,' he said.

Ms Janet looked at Derek. Her eyes turned from sapphire blue to crimson red and steam rolled out of her ears. She was very angry. 'How dare you speak of this!' she snarled. Derek was shocked and scared and said that he was sorry.

Derek spent the next few days at home. During this time he decided to take some action. He rallied his classmates, friends and family together to rise up against the unkindness. At first people were scared to join in, but Derek kept going. 'We live in a Democracy!' he shouted. 'Everyone should have a voice!' People made banners and posters and gathered outside the school. They came together to make a difference and Derek was really pleased.

After a while, Ms Janet and the teachers came to speak to the protesters. Ms Janet apologised for her behaviour and promised to learn from her mistakes and to listen to others in future. Derek led the School Council and Ambassadors to make sure that everyone had a chance to have their opinion listened to in the future.

By 6CC

## Determined Daisy



Daisy Dudley was born with only one leg and she spent most of her childhood being carried or hopping around on crutches. Just before she started school, Daisy was fitted with a prosthetic leg but she struggled to walk on it at first and she kept falling over. She didn't give up though and she practised for hours and hours every day until she mastered it.

When Daisy started at The Lanes Primary School, she would get really angry and frustrated because the children and teachers wanted to help her with absolutely everything. They thought that she couldn't possibly do what the other children could do with just one leg. How wrong they were...

Daisy wanted to show everyone what she was truly capable of and with the help of her friends, she planned three daring stunts to show everyone just how determined and courageous she was.

### **Stunt 1: The Ramp of Doom**

Daisy asked the head teacher to import the tallest ramp in Europe to show everyone that she wasn't scared of anything. No-one believed that a girl with one leg could perform a skateboard jump at over 100ft off the ground. Just as she was attempting her practice run, Daisy fell off her skateboard and badly grazed her arms. Although she felt like giving up, she didn't and she proved to the school how determined she was. That day, she became the World Record holder for the highest ever recorded jump off a ramp. But not everyone was convinced.

### **Stunt 2: Walking in the Sky**

She then decided to perform a tightrope walk from the main building on the Cator Lane site to the main building on the Meadow Lane site to show how brave and determined she is. As she got to the middle of the tightrope, the wind picked up and Daisy fell off. Thankfully she landed in a large tree and was able to climb down but she was covered in

bruises and scratches. Battered and bruised, poor Daisy didn't give up and she attempted the tightrope walk again. She made it all the way across from one side to the other and the staff on both sites cheered loudly. But there were still people who weren't convinced.

### **Stunt 3: Flying Like a Bird**

"Right!" she said. "I am going to show those doubters!" She arranged for a skydiving jump which would end up with her landing on the school field in front of all of the children and teachers. "That'll show them!" she said confidently. Just before she leapt out of the plane at 10,000ft, Daisy felt butterflies flitting around her stomach. She was terrified. The plane door opened. She jumped... As she was hurtling towards Earth, she pulled the parachute cord. She looked up and noticed that there was a problem. The cord had become tangled. She had an idea. She took her prosthetic leg off and decided to use it to untangle the cord. Just before it was too late, the parachute opened fully and thankfully slowed her down in time for an expert landing. The entire school chanted her name and she was forever known as Determined Daisy.

By 3DW

## Positive Pip



Once upon a time, in a land completely devoid of colour, there lived a whole lot of colourless creatures. Everything was a boring shade of grey. That was until Positive Pip arrived. Pip was full of positivity, full of colour and full of beans! Pip could not believe that anyone could live in such a land of nothingness. When he met a very sombre squirrel, he couldn't bear it any longer. Pip began to cry. But as he cried, colour simply splashed from his eyes.

With a little more spring in his step, Pip hopped off. On his hop, he saw a lonely looking hedgehog and a disinterested looking cat. They didn't speak, they only sat. Without a pause, Pip introduced himself and, just like that, the lonely hedgehog and the disinterested cat became friends.

Off Pip hopped. And on his hop, Pip encountered two very boring snakes who were playing a very boring game of cards. All of their cards were the two of spades. Without a second thought, Pip threw down his own card - an ace of hearts - just like that, the game became more interesting and full of colour.

Off Pip hopped again. On his hop this time, he came across some grumpy gorillas. They were sat by the side of a grey-looking ice rink with a grey-looking ball. They couldn't play as it was far too slippery. Pip put an end to that. Out came Pip's ice skates and the gorillas soon agreed that slipping and sliding was great fun.

Off Pip hopped again. On his hop, Pip saw a bored looking badger watching TV. As he got closer, he noticed that there was nothing on the screen - it was fuzzy and blank. As quick as a flash, Pip volleyed a bright yellow football towards the screen. The badger jumped up, caught it between his paws and smiled broadly. Colour came onto the TV and the badger settled down to watch.

Off Pip hopped again. On his hop, Pip met a group of earthworms who were sick and tired of eating the same boring soil day after day. Of course, Pip had the solution. Out of his bag he pulled a jar of syrup, a bag brimming with chocolate and a handful of sweets. The earthworms had never eaten so well.

What a busy day Pip had had. Although he was very tired, he couldn't help but smile one last big smile. With a bit of positivity, the land did not seem as dull and boring anymore and he had brightened up lots of people's days.

By 4CA

## Teamwork Story



Kevin the Koala felt like the luckiest animal in the whole world, even though he was in a wheelchair because of an injury to his leg. He had lots of friends and he enjoyed playing with them.

One day, Kevin's mum and dad told him that they were moving house and that meant that they needed to move school, too. Kevin was really upset as this would mean that he needed to leave his friends and his teachers. Kevin was good at lots of things but he found reading and writing really tricky as he was dyslexic. Kevin was worried that his new school might not be able to help him and wouldn't understand.

Kevin moved into his new house and began to settle in. On Monday morning, he turned up at his new school. As he entered the classroom, he felt everyone staring at him. In the classroom his teacher did not smile like the teachers at his old school. 'Take a seat next to Roxy. Come on, hurry up, we don't have all day,' she said. Kevin looked down and solemnly wheeled his chair next to Roxy. 'Oh look. It's the new boy!' said Roxy with a snarl on her face. The rest of the class laughed.

The teacher gave the class some writing to do. Kevin tried his best but he found it very hard and he worked really slowly. At the end of the lesson, the teacher picked up his work and showed it to the rest of the class. 'This is not good enough, Kevin. Your spelling and handwriting are just not good enough. You will need to do much better!' She sent the class out to play.

As Kevin was wheeling himself out to play some boys laughed at him and called him stupid. Kevin felt embarrassed and lonely. He went to sit on a bench in the corner of the playground. Roxy strutted over with some of her friends who were not very nice. 'Ha! Look at your rusty old wheels!' she said and her friends laughed.

At the end of the day, Kevin's teacher passed round a sheet for the school spelling bee. The winner would win a trophy. Kevin put his name down, determined to give it a go. 'Ew! Look. He thinks he can actually win!!' snarled Roxy. Kevin could feel the tears building in his eyes. Suddenly, a boy called Barry spoke up. 'Hi. I'm Barry and you must be the famous Kevin I have been hearing about. It is very nice to meet you.' Kevin looked up in surprise. Barry was the smartest boy in the class. Why on earth did he want to talk to him? 'I noticed that you signed up for the spelling bee. Maybe I could help you and we could do it as a team?' Barry asked. Kevin was so happy and he agreed at once.

The two new friends sat in the library and looked at the long list of words that they needed to learn. Kevin explained to Barry that he found spelling really tricky and that he was scared to look silly. 'Don't worry,' said Barry. 'I am sure that we will make a great team. I have an idea. How did you learn at your old school?' Kevin told Barry that he liked to learn new words by singing them and putting them in a tune. Barry thought that this was a great idea and they had a lot of fun practising the whole list and making up some cool songs.

Finally, it was the day of the spelling bee. Barry and Kevin were backstage. It was Kevin's turn and he was really nervous. 'Don't worry,' said Barry. 'We have worked hard as a team all week. I am here to cheer you on - I know you can do it!' The head teacher sat down and looked at Kevin. He read the words one by one and Kevin tried his best with Barry cheering from the side of the stage.

When the spelling bee was over, all the competitors came back onto the stage. The head teacher read out the winners. 'In first place is.....(Kevin and Barry looked at each other in excitement)'.....'Bethany the Beluga Whale'. Kevin held his breath. 'In second place is.....Kevin the Koala! Kevin please come and collect your trophy.' Kevin was so excited he smiled from ear to ear.

'Kevin, I am so proud of you,' said the head teacher. It just shows you what working as a team can achieve. From that day on, Kevin believed that teamwork was one of the best things that he had ever learned. To this day, Kevin and Barry continue to work as a team and inspire others to do the same.

By 6PW

## Resilience



Tiny Tim was 11 years old. He lived with his mum, dad and baby brother. He loved school, especially PE. Tim had always been the smallest in his family and he was also the smallest in his class. He always tried his best but he worried that he would not be as good as everyone else.

Tim's birthday was coming up and he was planning a party with his friends. His mum had asked him what he wanted to do. Tim thought for a long time and finally came up with an idea. 'I know,' he said. 'I have always wanted a climbing party.' Tim knew that lots of his friends loved to go to the climbing centre and he loved hearing them all talk about it at school. He had never been but he wanted to give it a try.

The next day, Tim skipped excitedly into school and gave out all of his invitations. All of his friends said that they could come and everyone talked about it at playtime. 'Who was going to get to the top of the wall first?' they all wondered. Kevin began to feel a bit nervous - the wall sounded very big. Would he be able to do it?

The day of the party dawned and Tim woke up with butterflies in his stomach. He arrived at the climbing centre and all of his friends were already there. 'Happy Birthday Tim!' they all cried. 'Let's go on the Climb of Doom!!!' Everyone ran off.

The instructor put the harnesses on everyone and asked who was going first. Tim decided to wait until he had watched for a bit. The wall looked very high and his heart was beating really fast. He put his foot on the first rock and jumped off. He couldn't do it.....he was too small.

Tim's friends noticed that he was looking scared. 'You can do it, Tim!' they shouted. 'We know you can!' Tim took a deep breath and whispered to himself, 'I can do it. I can do it. I might be the smallest but I can be the bravest.' He closed his eyes and took a deep breath. As Tim slowly climbed up the wall, he could hear his friends cheering. He opened his eyes and became braver. 'Come on Tim. You can do it!' everyone shouted. Tim gritted his teeth and gave one last push. He was at the top! Everyone cheered and Tim felt so happy. He had done it!!

When Tim got to the bottom again, everyone crowded round him. His mum and dad gave him a big hug and said how proud of him they were. Tim was awarded a trophy for bravery and for showing great resilience. 'It just shows what you can do when you keep trying,' said Tim.

By 5MN

## Peter Pride



Peter Pride is 10 years old. He lives at home with his family and his brothers and sisters. He loves sport and is especially good at cricket, swimming and football. Peter has won lots of trophies for sport and these are displayed all over his house. Peter is very proud of his achievements.

However, in the classroom, Peter does not take such pride in his work. His teacher is always asking him to listen more carefully and she worries that he does not show what he can do. One day, the teacher announced that there was going to be a 'Wall of Pride' in the classroom. This was an opportunity to celebrate the best work of the whole class.

Peter was desperate to get his work on the wall. He knew that there was going to be an open day and that all the families would be invited in to see it. He was determined to work as hard as he could and to surprise everyone with his work. The class wrote a story and drew a picture. Most of the class had finished and the Wall of Pride was beginning to take shape. Peter looked at all the amazing work on the wall and then looked at his book - it still wasn't good enough.

Peter took his book home that night and worked and worked until he was finally pleased with his story and his picture. He woke up the next morning and nervously gave it to his teacher. 'Wow! Peter, that is amazing!' said the teacher. 'It is so lovely to see you take pride in your school work. I can't wait to put it up on the wall!'

Peter's work ended up on the wall, right in the middle. He showed everyone who came into class and he felt so proud of himself. From that day onwards, he made sure that he took care with all of his work so that he could always feel proud of himself.

By 5SD

## Kind is cool



Natalie is in Year 5 at school. She has lots of friends but she really hates to see anyone being unkind. This is her story.

A boy in her class called Charles was always unkind to her. The only thing that made Natalie happy was being kind and friendly to others. One drizzly Wednesday morning, her kind-hearted teacher, Mrs Orchard, introduced a new boy called Luke to the class. Most of the class welcomed Luke and made him feel part of the class. However, there was a group of boys who made fun of him constantly - they made fun of the way he walked, the way he talked and they made his life miserable. Natalie decided not to stand by and watch but to do something. She made it her goal to be Luke's friend. After maths, the class poured out onto the playground. Natalie skipped over to Luke with a big smile but Luke did not look at her and tried to move away. 'Please go away,' he whispered, his eyes filling with tears. Natalie tried to talk to him but he turned away. Natalie walked away sadly.

The next day at playtime, Natalie was sitting by a tree doodling in her diary. She sighed as she looked up and saw Charles once again pushing Luke around and being unkind away from the eyes of the teachers. She couldn't sit there and watch any more. Natalie rushed over to the boys and angrily shouted 'Stop it! Leave him alone!' Charles ran off laughing and Luke gave her a small smile before he walked away.

All week, Natalie kept saying hello to Luke and kept an eye on him to make sure he was OK. Little by little, Luke's confidence grew and he began to talk to her and play with her, becoming her friend. Natalie invited him to play football on the park at the weekend and Luke accepted joyfully and had the best time - even though he was not very good at football. Luckily, Natalie was so kind and encouraging it really didn't matter and Luke felt that he had found a real friend. Natalie and Luke said goodbye to each other and left for home. As Natalie was leaving the park, she saw Charles who was sitting on his own by the tree crying. His mum and brother were walking ahead and mum was shouting at Charles. Even though Natalie knew that Charles could be mean, she hated to see anyone crying - she knew what she needed to do.

On Monday morning, Natalie and Luke walked into school together. They walked up to Charles who was sitting on his own looking miserable. 'Hey Charles! Are you OK?' Natalie said. Charles scowled and stormed away with his hands clenched into fists in his pocket.

Natalie was determined not to give up and she continued to say hello to Charles with a smile. One day, Charles walked over to Natalie and Luke and asked 'Why are you being nice to me when I have been so mean to you?' Natalie looked at Charles and smiled. 'Everyone deserves a second chance', she said. Charles was amazed - he couldn't believe that anyone could be so lovely.

After that day, Charles, Natalie and Luke become firm friends. They worked together to make sure that everyone had a friend and they stood up to any bullies or unkind people. Natalie showed everyone that a sprinkling of kindness really can change someone's life.

By 6AD





