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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

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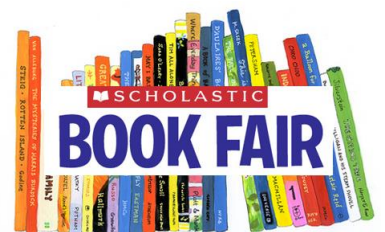
Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon in Celebration Assembly, we said a well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress during the week.

<u>Class 1</u> <u>Excellent Early Learners</u>
Luna L Harry M
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Mohammed-Yusuf L Brilliant Behaviour: Zachary G
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Emily J Brilliant Behaviour: Jack B
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Lulu P Brilliant Behaviour: William K

Book Fair

The book fair is next week (**Monday 6th February to Thursday 9th February**). The fair will be open in the school hall from 3.15pm to 3.45ish if you would like to come and browse or make a purchase.



School earns commission on every book sold. With the commission we earned last year we replaced all the dictionaries and thesaurus in Classes 3 and 4, bought class sets of some of the class texts, replaced some of the reading corner books and purchased teaching resources to support reading. This all really makes a difference to school and hopefully your children will also enjoy the chance to read new books from the fair at home.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. During the week classes will be taking part in a number of activities to promote wellbeing and explore what is meant by mental health. The theme for this year is 'Let's Connect' and some of the activities will be around working with others who we don't normally work with.



During the week, we will also be starting to select our next team of MindMate Ambassadors. The current team, who were selected this time last year, have done a fabulous job promoting wellbeing and will carry on until the end of the school year. I would like to thank them for all the activities they have organised and the time they have spent working with others.



If you would like to find out more about Children's Mental Health Week the link below maybe a good place to start.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

Packed Lunches and Snacks

Please remember that Harewood is a nut-free school. We have several children in school with significant allergies of different kinds and we want to make the school environment as safe as possible for them. We have had a couple of occurrences recently where children have brought items into school, either for a snack or in packed lunches, which could have caused a problem and we want to avoid this.

We have reminded all the children in school that they are not allowed to share or exchange food items. Whilst it is usually good to share, this is to avoid potential allergy issues and to avoid the children having things that you were unaware of. It would be really helpful if you could also speak to the children about this at home too.

PTA News

Pre-loved uniform item of the month: school jumper or cardigan (wool). We have jumpers in sizes 5-6Y, 6-7Y, 7-8Y, 9-10Y and cardigans 4-5Y, 5-6Y, 9-10Y. All in very good condition and only £3. Email harewooduniform@outlook.com

Mothers day shopping event: Donations welcome anytime, please leave at school labelled specifically for the event: unwanted gifts, accessories, cosmetic sets, candles, chocolates, bottles of wine, etc, as long as is new, unopened and in perfect condition to be re-gifted... anything goes!

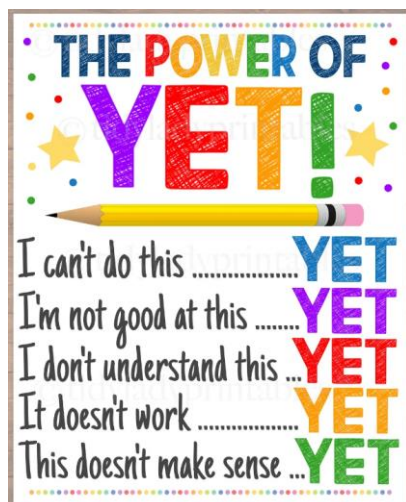
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<https://www.facebook.com/harewoodprimaryPTA>. Email harewoodpta@outlook.com

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

February 2023

This month our quote encourages us to keep trying. If something does not work or something is hard, we should keep trying and not be tempted to give in. There will be a solution out there somewhere.



Music In Worship - Big Family of God – Nick and Becky Drake

The lyrics for 'Big Family of God' remind us how we are all unique. We all look different and we all like different things. This is what makes us all so special. No matter how different we all are, God loves each of us in a special way. We are all part of the 'Big Family of God'.

This half term we are thinking about valuing differences, including the different ways we all learn. When we pull together with all our differences, we can be even stronger than by ourselves. We can make change happen in the world, in a small way but sometimes in a really big way. Think about all the different people that work together to bring about climate change policies or the different people you need to be able to put on a theatre show. There are many different examples, but I think if we look at our school family, we can see all our differences that make us stronger together.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEvJzOxm6zs>

Events and Dates for the Term

Date	Event
6 th to 9 th February	Book Fair
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February	Class 4 Young Voices Concert
Thursday 9 th March	PTA Bun Sale – Class 3
Friday 10 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 20 th February	School opens after the half term break
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 10 th March	PTA Mother's Day Event
Tuesday 21 st March	Basket Ball Competition at Boston Spa
Friday 24 th March	D:Side PSHE Day
Friday 24 th March	PTA Easter Bingo Night
Friday 31 st March	School closes today for Easter

Have a good weekend.
Mr A. Ratcliffe

