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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in our usual celebration assembly, we said a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress with their work or their behaviour and attitude.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Mohammed-Yahya L. Arthur W.
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Mohammed-Yusuf L. Brilliant Behaviour: Olivia F.
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Maryam I. Brilliant Behaviour: Harman G.
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Emily C. Brilliant Behaviour: Theo C.

Spirit of Harewood and School Council Awards

This week we also gave out a 'Spirit of Harewood Award' to Otilie. This award is not given out very often and is for those who make a selfless effort or for being a shining example to others. It has been noted by several members of staff how much of her time Otilie gives to others.

The award is show recognition for Otilie's endless enthusiasm in all she does, her willingness to help and support others and her drive to overcome her own difficulties. This week especially, Otilie has been a great help with the book fair. She volunteered her time to help and organised with her family to enable this to happen. Her skills on the till and enthusiasm have been a great help.

Our School Council have also awarded certificates this afternoon to those in school who have made other people happy. This award is given to those nominated by their peers and then voted for by the children in each class. Those receiving this award were – Henley, Theo, Luca D, Alex M, Hatima, Harry G, Isla and Thea. Thank you to the School Council for organising this and for all the children for voting.

Staffing Update

This afternoon, we said a temporary farewell to Miss Longthorn as she starts her maternity leave after half term. She has been with Class 1 and 2 since last spring but will now be concentrating on the new addition to her family. She has been a great addition to our community and we will miss her but the reason for her leaving is a good one. I am sure you will all join us in saying congratulations and best wishes from all of us at Harewood.

After the break, Ms Mayer will be joining Class 2 as Miss Longthorn's replacement. She has many years experience working in schools and has spent some time with us over the last couple of weeks. We look forward to her joining our community.



Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who came to the book fair this week. It was great to see such enthusiasm for choosing books and to hear which books the children had chosen.

At present we do not have a total, but the commission earned on each sale is given back to school to enable the purchase of additional books and resources to support our curriculum. This will be a great help and will enable us to do things like refresh classroom reading areas and purchase additional class novels.



Parents Evenings

Earlier this week you should have received information and links for how to book an appointment for parents evenings after half term. If you missed this, please check back through your emails. Parents evenings are the first week back after the half term break on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February. (Please note that due to Mr Sturgess being off school for the last couple of weeks, Class 4 parents evenings have been postponed. We will let you have the dates as soon as we can.)



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

February 2024

This month, we can reflect on the fact that all of us are capable of great things which we can be proud of and we should remember this in times of stress.

Collective Worship Music - Nothing is Impossible - Planetshakers

This week's song is called 'Nothing is Impossible' by a band called 'Planetshakers'. This song, 'Nothing is Impossible' is based on a verse from the book of Philippians in the Bible, chapter 4, verse 13. It says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". It is a joyful song of faith and declaration that God can do anything and we can do all things through God's strength.

It is important to remember that if we are finding something difficult, anything is possible and that often, we will become stronger because of the challenges we face and overcome. We grow as people and become more resilient when we face new challenges.

Here are the YouTube links for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbSPw7f3Fxl>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term at 3.15pm.
Monday 19 th February	School opens.
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents Evenings.
Wednesday 21 st February	Parents Evenings.
Thursday 22 nd February	PTA Bun Sale (Class 3 providing buns)
Wednesday 28 th February	D:Side visit – Medicine and Drug Awareness
Tuesday 5 th March	Possible Basketball Tournament (Class 4)



Wednesday 6 th March	Class 3 Harewood Estate Visit
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Class 4 Harewood Estate Visit
Thursday 14 th March	PTA Bun Sale (Class 2)
Tuesday 19 th March	Class 1 Harewood Estate Visit
Thursday 21 st March	Class 2 Harewood Estate Visit
Friday 22 nd March	PTA Easter Bingo Evening
Thursday 28 th March	School closes today for the Easter break.

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

