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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

1st March 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 Bob W Freddie R
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Henry R Brilliant Behaviour: Thea P
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Jaya J Brilliant Behaviour: Ida C
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Otilie M Brilliant Behaviour: Radin A

This week classes had a visit from 'D:Side Dave'. He visited all classes and led age appropriate workshops on the use of medicines and drugs awareness. These sessions, which enhance our curriculum PSHE, were greatly enjoyed by the children as well as them learning useful skills for life.

In the next few weeks as the spring weather begins to show itself, all classes will be doing environmental visits onto the Harewood Estate looking at how the time of year influences habitats and the world around us. Please look out for communications from individual classes with dates and times for these visits.

Royal Society Young Persons Science Book of the Year

Just before half-term, following weeks of hard work, fun, deliberation and negotiation, our judging panel submitted their results for the Royal Society Young Persons Science Book of the year. In addition to this, some of the judging panel put together a presentation, which they all shared with the rest of the school on Thursday.

They did an amazing job both with the workload and responsibilities of the judging and the presentation. I was very proud of them all. All the books were excellent and will available for anyone to read in the school library.

Here are the books in the order we ranked them:

1st Live Like a Hunter Gatherer

2nd Step Inside Science – Germs

3rd Deadly and Dangerous Animals

4th Bodies, Brains and Bogies

5th Am I Made of Stardust?

6th A Bug's World



A huge thank you to our judging panel for this year, Aston, Bella, Ethan, Florence, Francesca, Jaya, Ngozi, Olivia, Otilie, Shatakshi and Zachary K. Now our work is done, but we are looking forward to watching a live stream of the big presentation event for the overall winner on 19th March.

Mrs Watts

Parents Questionnaire

A quick reminder about our annual Parent questionnaire. We would be very grateful if as many families as possible would complete this year's questionnaire. We value parental feedback as part of our work to continually improve what we do and with how we try to support the children and families.

The link below takes you to the survey. It is completed online and can remain anonymous if you prefer, although we would appreciate being able to speak to you following any feedback that we might need more information on, and being anonymous does not help us with this.

Please remember that you may also speak to any of the staff about concerns or praise you have regarding school. You do not need to wait for a questionnaire, just speak to us.

(Link to the parent questionnaire – This is on the emailed version only)

Thursday 7nd March 2024 is World Book Day

The theme of World Book Day this year is "Read your Way" so we are encouraging you to think of unusual places that you like to read and we would like you upload photographs onto Tapestry of you reading in your special place.

We are looking for the most weird and wonderful places to share with your classmates on World Book Day, so use your imaginations and see if you can come up with the most original place to read a book. This can be done anytime from now until World Book Day.

Also on World Book Day, we will be asking children to come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book or, if you prefer, you can just come to school wearing your pyjamas, the choice is yours.

Message from the PTA:

We have been busy preparing a Mother's Day gift for families that wish to purchase in advance and take home on the 8th of March. Available by Pre-Order only, please visit the PTA website and make sure you add to basket one item for each child, each gift has unique images and we're sure you'll love it!

The PTA Easter Bingo is also coming soon on the 22nd of March, please save the date and join us for this very popular event! Booking also available now in the PTA website, children tickets are free but please make sure to add them to your basket too as it helps for catering and keeping to venue capacity.

Both now available at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harewoodpta/> Thank you for your support!!

(A copy of the PTA newsletter is attached with this school newsletter. Paper copies will come out next week.)



You are
AMAZING.
 You are
IMPORTANT.
 You are
SPECIAL.
 You are
UNIQUE.
 You are
KIND.
 You are
PRECIOUS.
 You are
LOVED.

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

March 2024

Everyone is a unique individual, with the power to make a difference for themselves and for others.

Collective Worship Music - Hosanna, (Praise is Rising) – Paul Baloche

This week's song is called 'Hosanna, Praise is Rising' by Paul Baloche. 'Hosanna Praise is Rising' is a wonderful song that we often hear during Easter time. It is like a joyful shout-out to celebrate Jesus.

Jesus went to the temple, a special place where people came to worship God, but he saw that some people were using it in the wrong way. They were buying and selling things instead of praying and worshipping. Jesus wanted the temple to be a place of reverence and respect for God. So, he bravely cleared out the things that didn't belong there. When we sing 'Hosanna Praise is Rising', we can remember how Jesus cared so much about doing what was right and making things better. Just like Jesus wanted the temple to be a special place, he wants our hearts to be special too, filled with love and praise for God.

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t53HBih1I>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th March	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
Wednesday 13 th March	Class 4 Leeds Lieder Workshop
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

