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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In our celebration certificate assembly, we said well done to the following children, for making the extra effort to impress with their work, or their behaviour and attitude. Well done to all of you.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners: Sakina and Peggy Mason and Yusha
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Emmie, Axton and Zachary Brilliant Behaviour: Luca, Mili and Barnaby
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Jaden, Timo and Leo HC Brilliant Behaviour: Holly and Emaan
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Maryam and Jaya Brilliant Behaviour: Francesca and Imani

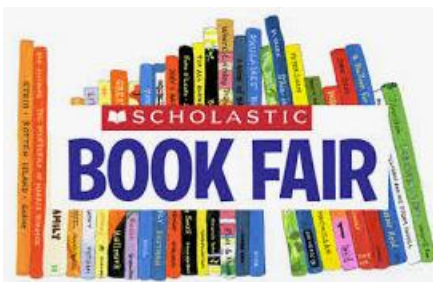
Lord Mayor's Charity Day – 'Just One Day'

On the final day of last half term we held a non-uniform day in support of the Lord Mayor's Charity, MENCAP Leeds. Thank you everyone for supporting this with generous donations.

Some of Class 4 also organised an after school Tuck Shop as part of the day. This was all their own doing and showed great enthusiasm and leadership on their part.

Between the donations and the Tuck Shop we raised an amazing **£353** which is fabulous for a small school. Thank you to you all.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Leeds Mencap, the following link will take you to their website. <https://www.leedsmencap.org.uk/>



The Book Fair

This week has been the Book Fair in school. It was lovely to see so many families browse the books and make a good number of purchases. As well as being a wonderful opportunity to raise the profile of reading and the enjoyment of books, this raises a lot of money for school via the commission we earn.

We currently do not have a total for the week but it is looking very good. We will update you once we know more.

Prior to the fair arriving, many of the children entered our Book Fair Competitions. The artwork and stories produced demonstrated wonderful imagination and a huge amount of hard work. All the entries were judged by the classes and winners chosen. We would like to say a big well done to everyone who entered but especially our winning entries.



Class	Winner	Runner-Up
Class 1	Eva T	Molly C
Class 2	Luca D	Harry G
Class 3	Rory B	Timo S
Class 4	Jaya J	Zachary K

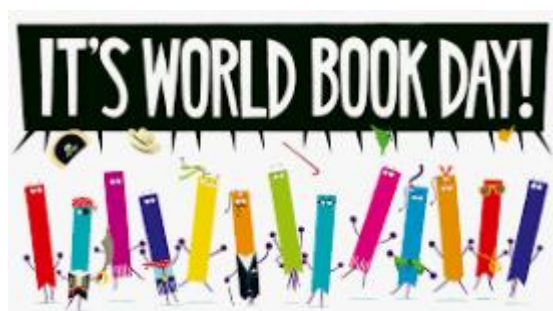
MindMate Support Team Parent Workshop



You may have seen on our dates list that we will be hosting a MindMate workshop for families on Friday 6th March starting at 2.30pm. The topic of the workshop is Anxiety with the aim of giving families insights into the causes of anxiety in young people but also strategies for helping in those anxious times that happen to us all.

The workshop is very informal, friendly and aimed specifically at families with Primary School aged children. It maybe that you are lucky enough for your child to be generally very positive about life, but changes can have a big impact on children. Often simple things like changes in routine or larger things like moving house, family worries or moving to high school can all produce anxiety.

We are aiming to start at 2.30pm and finish by 3.15pm for a normal collection time. It would be lovely to see many families represented, so please attend if you can. **(There will be no Friday assembly that day).** (Flier Attached)



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children can come dressed as a favourite book character or wear their favourite comfy clothing for snuggling up with a book.

Please also bring a book that your child would be willing to donate to the book swap. There will reading themed activities throughout the day including visits from mystery readers and shared reading activities between classes.

Thank you - Mrs Dodd

Eco-Science Fest

We are thrilled to announce a very special collaboration between our **School Council and the Eco-Committee**. For the past two years, our School Council members have been passionately advocating for a science-based event, and we are finally bringing their vision to life! On the final day of term, **Thursday 2nd April**, we will be hosting our first-ever 'Eco-Science Fest' from **2:15 pm – 3:15 pm**.

This hands-on event will allow children to dive into interactive science activities and plant their own seeds to take home and nurture. To support the cost of materials and ensure every child receives a **science-themed prize**, we are asking for a **£3 donation per student** which will go live on school money before the event. Although the children will be able to visit the science fair with their class, we would love for parents to join in the excitement; please **feel free to come along from 2:40 pm** (during our usual celebration assembly slot) to explore the exhibits and see the children's discoveries in action.



Playtime Snacks Reminder

Please can I remind families that children are **only allowed fruit or Vegetables** for snacks at playtime. As well as being healthier than a good number of snacks, this also avoids potential litter issues.

Children will not be allowed snacks that are not fruit/vegetables at playtime. Please **do not send crisps, chocolate bars, cake, fruit flavoured snacks and the various other items** which have been slowly creeping into playtimes.

Whilst on the healthy eating reminders. We would encourage the children to have a water bottle with them in school each day, which they can refill, especially as the warmer weather approaches. Please **do not send juice**, this causes all sorts of mess and stickiness when spilt as well as not being good for tooth health. **Just water please.**

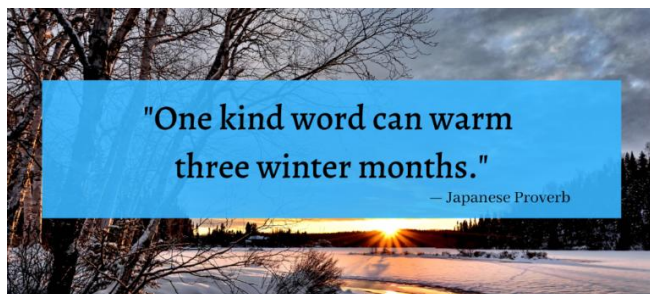


Charity Fund Raiser

Maryam in Year 6 has asked if school would support her in fund raising for a charity which she is supporting due to a connection through a family member. The charity is called debra which supports children and families with a genetic skin condition called Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa or 'Butterfly Skin' (Some people may have seen articles on Breakfast News earlier in the year).

Maryam has asked if she can sell badges to others in school to raise some money. Next week she will be coming round classes selling the badges. If you or your child would like to make a purchase, the Butterfly pin badges cost £1.

More information can be found on their website www.debra.org.uk and I have attached a poster produced by Maryam to promote her sale. (Poster Attached)



Wellbeing Quote for the Month

As we plod through the damp and dreary weather that winter often brings, this month's quote is thinking about those quick, kind words that can be easy to say, but which make a massive difference.

Collective Worship Song - Love God, Love People – Danny Gokey

This week's song is called 'Love God, Love People' by Danny Gokey. Danny Gokey wrote this song during Covid19 when people got back to the basics and realised what matters most. That it is in fact the simple things in life that are important like spending time with the people around you.

In the vibrant chorus, Danny Gokey reminds us that the Christian life revolves around two basic ideas: 'Love God, Love people'. That's it! The problem is, we step in and complicate things. Things don't feel right, so we overthink. We wonder if things will ever change, and how, and when. But Christians believe that when we're patient and kind, and love God and love our neighbours as we love ourselves, that's when our lives get reordered to the way God designed them to be. We've just got to keep it simple – love God, love people. The rest falls into place in His perfect timing and in His perfect way.

This week we are thinking about treating people fairly. It is really a simple phrase, 'Love God, love people' but do we put this into practice every day? Christians believe that we were created by God to have a relationship with Him but also to have a relationship with others. As life around us is so busy, take a moment to think about how you treat the people around you, your friends, your family, your teachers and even strangers you might meet. Are you treating them in the same way that you would like them to treat you? Remember, take time to think, it really is that simple - love and kindness are what it's all about!

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQ8D2Mx7tGg>



Dates for the Term

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 5 trip to Boston Spa Academy
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Parent Workshop – Working with Anxiety
Wednesday 18 th March	D:Side PSHE workshops (All classes)
Thursday 19 th March	PTA Bun Sale (Class 3 providing buns)
Friday 27 th March	Class 4 Leeds Lieder Trip
Friday 27 th March	PTA Easter Bingo
WB 30 th March	Parents Evenings
Thursday 2 nd April	Eco-Science Fest
Thursday 2 nd April	School Closes at 3.15pm for the Easter Break

Additional dates and events will be added as they are confirmed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Ratcliffe

