

Awards for the week ending 28/4 /17

Class of the week: **Year 4 for their enthusiasm at the sleepover and an honourable mention to class 6 for their writing this week!** 😊

Highest Attendance: **Class 4 @ 100% (for the third week running. Fantastic!)**

Cleanest class: **Year R for tidying up well and caring for the equipment** 😊

House winner: **Raphael**

Staff stars of the week: Mrs Willett, Mrs Martin & Mrs Newton

Awards for the week ending 5/5/17

Class of the week: **Year 3 for working hard to develop their skills of note taking** 😊

Highest Attendance: **Class 4 & 2 @ 100% again!**

Cleanest class: **Year 1 for tidying up independently & Year 5 for helping to tidy the field after the weekend!** 😊

Lunch time class of the week: **Year 4**

House winner: **Raphael**

Staff stars of the week: Mr Foster & Mrs Wood

Dear Parents,

Clubs:

It is lovely to see that some many children took up clubs this term, and we have a wide variety on offer. My thanks go to Mr Partridge for setting up the new system-I don't believe there were many hiccups! And, of course my staff for giving up their time to give these additional opportunities to the children.

Dare to Aspire Day:

The children had a range of discussions and workshops, from team building for classes R & 1, and learning about their own and others' personal characteristics for classes 2-6. Below are a list of quotes of what the children thought...

Class R: ER-it was great. Our idea didn't work, we tried to make a giant Butlin's tent-and then it worked! KE-we made a church.

Class 1: JL-I didn't know you could makes shapes with the spaghetti and marshmallows. We made it bigger and it could stand up. IK-we made shapes and learnt about teamwork.

Class 2: MR-I learnt you could have different reasons for why you do things. BD-P-you should never give up. I liked hearing about his (George's) story.

Class 3: EH-I learnt to never give up and keep trying. ZS-I learnt to keep trying and never give up.

Class 4: OB-I learnt about the characteristics of the key to being successful. OR-I enjoyed it when George told us about when he was a boy at school.

Class 5: HW-I learnt to never give up and persevere. I enjoyed ticking off the characteristics to be successful. ES-B-I learnt something about myself... that I had some of the characteristics of being successful-competitiveness, discipline and time management.

Class 6: LC-I learnt even when you don't have the best of times you need to pick yourself up and you can achieve your goals. SMcC-I thought the day was really practical and no matter what happens persevere and you can conquer what you want to do. What is lovely to see is how the children's language has developed when giving their thoughts. 😊

Walk to school week:

It is walk to school week next week. If you are able to walk to school, or at least walk from a short distance then please do-it all goes towards helping with keeping the entrance to the school clear and safe for the children to use, if they are walking to school on their own. Thanks 😊

Choir at St Giles':

The choir (and any other child who wishes to join in) will be singing at the family service at St Giles' on Sunday. Please come and join us. 😊

And finally...

Please turn over for another instalment of safeguarding updates

Yours sincerely



Miss S Jones – Headteacher

PS Many a true word...

"Look for something positive in every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder." Anon

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Urgent Safeguarding Concern

Recently, I was sent the following information, which I feel whether it is relevant to your child or not, you should be made aware of a worrying safeguarding concern.

There is a dangerous online 'game' called the 'Blue Whale' Challenge. The Blue Whale Challenge is an internet based 'game' that has resulted in many deaths in several countries.

The administrator of the challenge picks on vulnerable children and adults and gives them 50 challenges over a period of weeks, which culminates in suicide (challenge number 50). The majority of the challenges involve self-harm, followed by sending a picture to the administrator. A tell-tale sign in challenge number 11, which required the participants to carve a whale on their hand with a razor and send a photograph to the administrator. This has been documented recently in the national press should you require any further details.

I also want to draw your attention to an online teen drama called "13 Reasons Why", which some of the older children might be aware of, which tells the story of a 17-year-old high school student who commits suicide. Please be aware that the rating for this programme is 18 and is suitable only for adults as it contains graphic sexual violence and suicide scenes. There is also a social media game that is linked to this programme; it is important you are aware of these details in order for you to make informed decisions about your children's viewing.

Please find below links to several internet safety websites that provide guidance and support for keeping children safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/?gclid=CKm2gpmexNMCfc-6GwodzVAJfA>