



## Newsletter – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

*Making learning fun*

*All of us learning – all of the time*

*Challenging and Achieving*

### Star Pupils of the Week

Certificates were issued to children who can keep themselves safe.

Nursery AM: Reuben T & Zoya H

Nursery PM: William A

Reception M: Mia H & Jacob S

Reception J: Sebastian P & Hannah R

Y1M: Ella R & Freddie R

Y1F: Amber T & Joseph S

Y2C: Red L & Krystyna SG

Y2T: Innaya R & Archie P

Y3S: Annie S & Abdalla E-B

Y3D: James C & Tommy D

Y4W: Callum R & Theo H

Y4B: Alba C-J & Harrison R

Y5C: Maiah M & Adam I

Y5B: Abigail D & Caris A

Y6LC: Kayla C & Maida M

Y6P: James D & Poppy W

EMS1: Vinnie B

EMS2: Ruben F

### Diary Dates

19<sup>th</sup> October – Photograph Day

20<sup>th</sup> October- KS1 Festival

25<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term week

8<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Open Evening in school.

### After-School Clubs

After-school clubs have now finished for this half term, so there are **no clubs next week**, except for Monday and Tuesday Basketball Clubs which are still running to replace a cancelled club in September.

### MORRISONS

The deadline for Morrison's 'Good to Grow' vouchers is **24<sup>th</sup> October**. We have raised 280 vouchers so far, amazing effort, thank you! Remember all you need is the 'MyMorrisons' app to scan at the checkout.

### School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. This year as well as the individual photographs, we are able to offer photographs for siblings in school and Junction Farm nursery as this can be facilitated by staff in school.

Unfortunately at this time we cannot offer this to pre-school children below our Nursery age group.

If your child is due to have P.E. on this day, and you would prefer your child to be wearing their school uniform for the photograph, please make sure they bring their P.E. kit with them to change into for their P.E. lesson.

### Cross Country Finals

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, six children from KS2 competed in the Tees Valley Cross Country Final. It is such an amazing achievement to have qualified for this event and the children were so determined and did Junction Farm extremely proud. Each race had 60 children competing and we had numerous children make the top 20.

## **Rugby Competition**

This week two teams participated in a rugby tournament at Stockton Rugby club. A third team also participated in a range of activities all related to skills within rugby. Despite the wet and chilly weather the teams had lots of fun and were kept active all day. All three teams displayed some amazing passing and scoring skills.

## **Health & Well-being**

Welcome to Optimistic October! How are we here already? As the weather starts to change, let's keep optimistic, taking care to be happier and kinder together. Here are some tips you can use for yourself, or together with your child/ren.

Friday – Thank yourself for something you have achieved.

Saturday – Do something fun and uplifting today.

Sunday – Set hopeful and realistic goals for the week.

Monday – Identify one of your positive strengths that you can use in the future.

Tuesday – Find joy in tackling a difficult task.

Wednesday – Share a hopeful quote with your friend or your family.

Thursday – Recognise three things that give you hope for the future.

## **World Mental Health Day. 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

As World Mental Health Day was on Sunday, children throughout school have been learning about what our mental health is, and the importance of taking care of our hearts (feelings) and minds. We have talked about the actions we can take to help ourselves to keep our hearts and mind healthy such as; exercising, focusing our mind, (mindfulness) drinking plenty of water, a good night's sleep, talking with friends and engaging in activities that make us happy. Children then had the opportunity to choose from a selection of activities such as yoga, fitness games, mindful colouring, drawing nature, quiet reading in a comfortable place or a happiness poster. Older children were able to think of their own activity if they wanted to do something different. We also reminded children that it is important to talk to others if we are struggling with something. For example, a family member, a teacher, another trusted adult or a good friend. A problem shared, is a problem halved.

## **Early Years**

We have had lots of fun today dressed as spooky characters. We enjoyed activities including broom racing, potion making and we watched Julia Donaldson's 'Room on the Broom'. Next week we will be continuing to celebrate Halloween with Reception focusing on 'Room on the Broom' and nursery focusing on the story 'Funny Bones'.

## **Harvest Festival**

The response for our Harvest collection this year has been amazing. Next week I will be taking the donation to the Stockton and Billingham food bank. Your donations are going to be an amazing help for lots of families in need. On behalf of all the staff, a huge thank you. Without your continued support, we wouldn't be able to offer our help to the community. Miss Barron

**Star points** – The children are continuing to earn lots of stars for being Safe, Thoughtful, Adventurous, Respectful and Successful. Well done to all those children who have received their first token. The points are starting to build up now!

Leo – 50 points

Orion – 40 points

Phoenix – 40 points

Draco – 30 points

## **Rights Respecting School**

The article of the week that we are focusing on next week is:

Article 16 – The right to privacy.

This article states that the law should protect children and young people's private, family and home life, including protecting them from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.

## **Eco-Tip of the Week**

Feeling chilly? Wear layers to keep warm rather than blasting your heating.