

Newsletter ~ Term 3, Week 4

Well Done

Children who are showing independence, confidence and hard work in their learning have been praised this week...as well as one child for being one of the kindest people the teacher has ever met! Well done this week to: Rhian and Pippa, Scott, Ella and Dotty, Poppy and Erin, Ed and Abi, Izzy and Tom and Lauren in year 6.

Parent-pupil Consultation Evenings: Wednesday 7 February and Thursday 8 February

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Consultation Evenings. If you know you cannot make your allocated time, or for any reason you are unable to attend on the evening itself, please see the class teacher who will arrange to meet you at another time.

Father Tom, the priest at our local St Francis' Church, has very kindly donated one book to every family in our school which he hopes will encourage families (adults and children) to explore their spiritual lives, their beliefs and their values. It is a very accessible read and I would invite you to take your copy, which will be available for you in each class at the consultation meetings.

Space Dome

The Space Dome will be visiting next Thursday 8 Feb for the children of year 5 and 6. There will be no cost implications for this visit, as this is one of the many events supported through the generosity of the Friends of the school. Year 5 children are in for a treat, as they will be entering the dome for the first time to learn about space, the planets and our universe in a truly magical way. Year 6 children will extend last year's learning through an exploration of the fascinating stories behind the naming of the Constellations.

Extra-Curricular Activities



Well done to all the year 1 and 2 children who participated in the Nailsea Multi-skills festival last Friday afternoon. They worked hard, behaved impeccably and showed off some very impressive sporting prowess!

They were all very proud of their medals as you can see.

Tom in year 5 took part in the 'Fun in Athletics' Championships in Keynsham last weekend and had this to report:

I was the only child from St Francis' there. We were all put into teams and there were lots of events, for example, relays, hurdles, speed bounce and long jump. My team came fourth out of six but we came first in the Grand Prix which was an obstacle relay. It was a really fun event.

Please do tell us about any extra-curricular activities your children participate in, as we love to share good news with the whole school community.

Welly Adventures

We have started out Friday 'Welly Adventures' today and news and photographs will follow next week. If your child is in reception or year 1, please remember that they will be outdoors on Friday and will need warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies (year 1).

The children were outside last Friday and had a great time building a wall and playing in the mud kitchen making dinner for the Queen and Donald Trump I believe, who unexpectedly dropped in for the afternoon.

E-safety

Our E-safety sessions for parents of year 4-6 pupils are now full and details will follow in due course for those who have booked to attend. Just a reminder that the dates of the sessions are Monday 5, 12 and 19 March from 2.15 until 4pm.



Nailsea School's Parent Forum has kindly invited our parents of year 5 and 6 children to attend a free e-safety talk to be given at Nailsea School by Andrew Earle, an excellent communicator and speaker. Doors open for refreshments at 6pm and the talk is from 6.30 – 8pm on **Tuesday 20 February**. The attached flyer gives more details and the email address to reply to if you would like to attend.

Friends' News

A quick hello from The Friends' new committee of Katie Pitstock (Chair), Amy Hill (Vice Chair), Cat Lochrie (Treasurer) and Karen Bailey (Secretary). We've started working on upcoming events and have lots of new ideas. We will let you know the date of the next committee meeting as soon as possible.

Staff News

Mrs Hostein has asked us this week to let everyone know how grateful she is for everyone's good wishes and prayers and that she is making a slow but steady recovery. In her absence, I will continue to act up as head and Mr Groves has kindly agreed to be our acting deputy head. Both Mrs Field and Miss Townsend have also kindly agreed to continue their work in year 5 for as long as is necessary, for which we as a school are very grateful.

And Finally...

We have been talking this week about the British value of 'tolerance' and I asked the children in year 5 and 6 to think about the word a bit more deeply. Here are some of their thoughts:

Sometimes tolerance is bad because if someone is doing a bad thing you shouldn't tolerate it. Catherine

If you put up with things then you're not really taking part in things. If you tolerate bullying you are being a bystander. Tolerating is being a bystander. Ciara

Tolerance is a bit negative and suggests you have to put up with people. Include is a better word. Claire

I think 'be friends' is better than 'tolerate'. Alessandro

What was it about the differences in others that scared

some people so much?

Malorie Blackman