



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

It was so lovely last week to see all the children (and staff) enjoying using the outdoors more in the sunshine. Definitely a bonus to come out of the Covid changes we have made to school life. We had our first staff training on using the outdoors more (postponed many times over the year!) so we are looking forward to being outside even more in the coming weeks. Saying that, the weather is due to change again, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately whatever the forecast (sunhats, sun cream and/or coats, woolly hats and gloves!).

Celebrations

Last week, our superstars were:

- Leo (in Rowan) for working super hard in phonics and RE and for always smiling!
- Alfie (in Willow) for writing wonderful sentences using powerful verbs, and for a fabulous ending!
- Barney (in Oak) for helping his partner so well to measure angles



My Headteacher's award went to Leo for his fantastic writing about Ramadan in RE and for having the largest smile in the whole school when he had finished! I also chose Peyton and Charles for fabulous phonics work in my morning phonics group.

If you would like join our Celebration Worship on Friday, via zoom, then please use the usual Celebration Worship login details. Please note that it is at 1.15pm but you can join the waiting room earlier if you wish. As always, I am available afterwards on zoom if you wish to chat.

Picture News

This week, the story fits really well with our school focus on improving reading and developing our reading resources more after 'lockdown'.

Story: Children's author Cressida Cowell has written to Boris Johnson asking for £100m per year to help school libraries.

Question: Should all schools have a library?

Virtual Assembly: Found on the Picture News website, just add /discuss



Compassion Trust Perseverance

TTRockstars

Last week's battle between Year 4 and Year 6 was won by Year 6. Betsy was the most valuable player in Y6 and Luke was the most valuable in Y4. The overall Rockstar of the Week (the person scoring the highest across all year groups in school) was Betsy. Very well done to Betsy and to Luke too.

The battle this week is between KS1 and Year 5, so get battling! Next week it will be between Year 3 and Year 4, so get practising!

Dry Hands

I am aware that some of our children are suffering from dry hands as a result of so much hand washing. We have bought different soap to try to help relieve this and awaiting arrival of some better paper towels to see if that makes a difference. We have heard today that we are now able to use the hand dryers again in the children's toilets, so I am hoping that this may help too. Your child is welcome to bring in hand cream or their own soap, but it must be labelled and will need to stay in school please, to minimise potential spread of the virus.

Friends of Naburn

We have now launched our latest fundraiser - a sponsored walk - with a twist!! Please do join in with what should be a really fun, summer activity for the children. Miss Brett's class has measured how far it is to the forest, so each child will walk 0.66 miles every Friday so adding to their total. Please update either your class rep or email the school office weekly with miles that your child has walked. Happy walking!

Lateral Flow Tests

Many thanks to those parents who are taking government advice and testing yourselves twice a week. This is a real help in trying to detect cases before the virus comes into school. Please remember that if your child does have any of the covid symptoms, they need to follow government/NHS advice and take a PCR test, rather than using a lateral flow one, with the whole family isolating until the results are back and they are negative

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Naburn Freecycling Day

This is on Sunday from 10am until 4pm.

More details can be found on: <https://www.facebook.com/events/439946800633117>

Parent Consultations

Don't forget that these are tonight and Wednesday. You will have received your appointment details so please make sure you have these to hand as the school office will not be manned in the evenings. I do hope you enjoy the opportunity to chat to the teachers about how your child is settling into school life in this strange year. If you have any feedback, please do not hesitate to let me know via emailing the school office.

Class Photos

Class photos will be coming home today. The deadline for returning orders to school or online ordering is next Tuesday, 4th May.

After School Club specials

There will be two specials before half term with more being planned for next half term as well. On Wednesday 5th May (next Wednesday), there will be a jam packed football and cricket special,

finishing with a game of football cricket! There will be drills and games suitable for all ages and this will take place on the playing field, where children will need to be collected at 6pm. Mr Norris would dearly like as many girls to come as possible and has vowed to jog around the playground for the entirety of the following morning's break time if 8 or more girls come! The second special will be on Wednesday 19th May where the children will be able to make some slime!

As ever, children will receive a bowl of fresh fruit and a nutritious snack. Places are limited so please book early with the school office to secure your child's place.

Do continue to stay safe and healthy.

Many thanks,

Mrs Christison
Headteacher