



# Newsletter 19

## 7th May 2021



Dear Parents,

Next week (10th- 16th May) is 'Mental Health Awareness Week' and the theme this year is 'Nature'. As we know, getting outside and enjoying the world around us is vital for enhancing and supporting our emotional well-being.

Research carried out by the Mental Health Foundation has shown that during the long months of the pandemic, millions of people turned to nature and that going for walks outside was one of the top coping strategies. 45% of people surveyed reported that being in green spaces has been vital for their mental health.

As a school we will be taking part in Mental Health Awareness week by giving the children opportunities to connect with nature in different ways.

It would be great if you could make some time to do this at home too! During Mental Health Awareness Week. We would love to encourage you to:

§ Experience nature: take time to recognise and grow your connection with nature during the week and take a moment to notice and celebrate nature in your daily life.

§ Share nature: Take a photo, video or sound recording and share the connections you've made during the week with us on Seesaw.

We hope that that you will be able to enjoy some really happy times outdoors!

Have fun!

Gillian Wicks and Vicky Miles (Mental Health leads)



# Dates for the Diary

2021 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Training Day
Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June	Half Term

## Careclubs



Just a reminder, as in previous years, we will not be running Holiday club in May Half Term to give the staff a well deserved break. We will be running Holiday club again in the Summer Holidays.



Jeremiah was a bit sad that he couldn't celebrate his 10th birthday as usual by sharing a sweet treat with his class so he donated lots and lots of cleaning items to the school instead! Thank you Jeremiah and your family for being so generous and the items will all help to keep everyone in school clean and safe.

# Celebration Assembly

We will continue to have our Celebration Assemblies on Friday afternoon but these will be via Zoom within school.  
We are sad that we can't share this wonderful time with you all but hopefully your children will let you know all about it.

It has been an exciting couple of weeks for Orange Class. In English we have been writing persuasive letters and we discovered that Mrs Lydon wanted to hear our ideas for new clubs, so we all had a think and decided on what clubs we need in school. Then we all wrote Mrs Lydon our most persuasive letters, outlining the reasons the club was needed and using lots of our persuasive writing features. Thank you Mrs Lydon for reading all our letters! In Maths, we have continued to learn about fractions and we are now able to add and subtract fractions as well as find equivalent fractions! Well done Orange Class. We are enjoying our topic and all the interesting Science investigations we have got to do. This week we conducted a friction investigation where we measured how far we could push a counter on a range of different surfaces. We found that rough or bumpy surfaces produced the most friction and slowed down our counters the most, whereas a smooth surface reduced the friction and the counters could slide really far! We're looking forward to doing more Science investigations and continuing to learn about forces.

Yellow class have been unabated with their enthusiasm for the Great Fire of London work. We started our DT project making a very simple pulley system. It has reminded us what a fabulous subject Design Technology is at teaching so many 'life' skills. There has been a lot of problem solving, teamwork and resilience on show. We have been looking at newspapers ready to focus on writing and editing our own from 1666. They have remembered so many of the facts and have shown great empathy for what it might have been like living through such a disaster. We had a great Mental Health Day last week where we shared why we felt proud of ourselves. All the Yellow Class staff are extremely proud of the children's hard work and love of learning.

Purple class have been really busy this week and have been working especially hard with their grammar tasks! They have enjoyed creating a comic strip based on their 'Defeating the Monster Tales' and sharing these with the class. Their vegetables have been growing well but unfortunately some of their pumpkin plant stems have snapped due to the very strong winds we have had recently. However, the peas, strawberries, tomatoes, carrots, salad leaves, chillies and potatoes are growing well and strong.

Red class have been enjoying listening to and reading stories set in woodlands and gardens and have been finding out about animals and mini beasts that may live there. They have been practising their cursive handwriting and writing sentences, using their phonics to spell words. In maths, they have been counting numbers beyond ten and learning to write the numbers from 10-20 correctly. They had great fun making their own number cards and playing a game of Bingo! They have continued to spend lots of time outside looking at plants and mini beasts in our environment and making their own art work and observational drawings. They have also been listening to sounds that they might hear outside in the garden, singing songs and rhymes and using the instruments to make their own music.

We have had such a busy and exciting couple of weeks in Blue Class! We had a great trip to Hardwick Woods and enjoyed making stick men, doing bark rubbings and finding different plants and trees. This week we have started writing a recount of our trip. We also had a lovely time celebrating our whole school 'I am Proud' day. The children loved making clay stars to represent what they were proud of and they took real joy in telling others what they were proud of about them. They showed such care and genuine enjoyment in celebrating each other's successes and we were super proud of them!! The weeks are flying by and we are hoping for some warmer weather soon! Have a good weekend!

Green Class have had a great time learning about leading healthy lifestyles. We have been learning about why it is important to have a healthy diet, exercise, good personal hygiene and plenty of sleep. We designed posters to persuade people to lead a healthy life and we are designing slogans. Our PE sessions have been about personal fitness and we have been finding our pulse and finding out why this increases when you exercise.

Silver Class have had a fantastic couple of weeks. They are doing amazingly well in all areas of the curriculum. We are particularly impressed with their progression in guided reading. Not only do they work well as a team, discussing the text, but they also radiate confidence when discussing their thoughts and opinions. Charles Darwin is our main focus this half term. They have been researching and writing all about his life, Miss Owens and Mrs Miles are really impressed with the information they collected and their ability to transfer their notes into coherent paragraphs. Their art this week is looking amazing! Silver Class are learning about the famous artist, Henri Matisse. We can't wait to display all of their work. Lastly, Silver Class have been incredibly brave when performing their dance routine (twice) to an audience. They put on an impressive performance which you can see on our Twitter page.



It's time to ...  
*Celebrate!*



30/04/21

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**Star awards:** YR– Ollie Stigwood  
Y1– Madison Hume  
Y2– Amaya Morgan  
Y3– Mya Smith  
Y4– Fathima Asif  
Y5– Yug Nankani  
Y6– Lyra Snell

**Akira Lavankar**  
**Leonidas Papavasileiou**  
**Harvey Stewart**  
**Fyfe Snell**  
**Flossie Styles**  
**Ben Turner**  
**Ella Pechandova**

**5\*Book:** Rhys Woollard  
Laura Trickey

**George Sugden Chevallier**  
**Tvarita Patel**

**Well Done Everyone!**

## Online Safety

There is a useful parent guide to Disney+ settings that can be found below following a recent change to the content on this streaming platform:<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/disney-parental-controls-and-privacy-settings>

Nell Y2 has been busy in the Swimming pool and has received her stage 1 Swimming certificate, Great work Nell.



Amy Y3 had some very exciting news, she won a competition! She entered the writing a letter to Father Christmas competition in the Grand Arcade back in December and they have just announced the winners. Amy won a £50 voucher for the Swedish children's clothes shop called Polarn O. Pyret. Well done Amy for your writing skills.

