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Term 2 Week 5
Friday 3rd December

School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class. We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home. This term we are looking at Trust and Peace.



Trust and Peace

Week 5:

God has many amazing things about him – he is powerful, active, loving and brings peace.

As you colour in the mindfulness sheet about the characteristics of God, think about how many words you could use to describe Him!

Reading Reward Scheme

Thank you for your continued support with Our Whole School Reading Reward Scheme. Minutes from this week will be added to next week's total, so please continue completing your Reading Records.



Attendance

Whole school: week: **94.3%**
year: **96.1%**



Maple: **100%**

Cherry: **93.0%**

Willow: **81.8%**

Lilac: **96.9%**

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Well done Maple Class!

Top Tips

- Letters and emails

Whole School:

- ◇ Christmas Dinner
- ◇ Covid-19 update
- ◇ Nativity
- ◇ Update from Local Authority

Willow Class:

- ◇ Teaching

Cherry Class:

- ◇ Trip to Pooh Bridge

- A massive thanks to you all for the prompt return of the letters this week that had a short turn around time. Generally we aim to give you more time and we appreciate your understanding that this is not always possible.

Thank you!



Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

Lois: for great listening and following instruction during the Christmas Game.

Aidan: for excellent controlled rolling during Gymnastics.

Max: for great focus, concentration and participation during Team Games.

Owen: for excellent skill, control and concentration during Football.

Well done to you all!



If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.



Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair has been rescheduled.

On Friday 10th December, immediately after school there will be five stalls on the playground, one for each class to sell their hand made items and a cake stall.

The children are making a selection of things in class aiming to win the trophy for 'most money raised' which will be awarded in Celebration Assembly next week.



Any donations (nut free please) for the cake stall will be gratefully received.

The raffle will go ahead, please return both sold and unsold tickets by the morning of Friday 10th.



The Mufti Day will still take place on Friday 10th December but for £1 donation to PTFA instead of a bottle or chocolate donation.

Any queries, please contact the PTFA or school office.



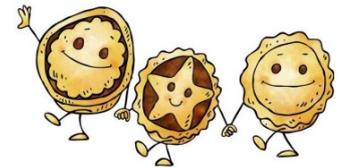
Dates for your Diary

December

- 9th: School Nativity - 10:00am and 2:00pm
- 10th: Mufti Day - £1 donation - PTFA
- 10th: PTFA mini Christmas Fair - 3:30pm
- 12th: Christmas Praise - 9:30am
- 15th: Christingle - 9:30am in Church
- 15th: School Christmas Lunch
- 16th: Church Street Community Café - 2-4pm
- 17th: End of Term Service in Church - 2:30pm
- 17th: Last day Term 2

Mince Pie Run

Our intrepid Mince Pie runners are taking part in the 10 mile race on Sunday.



If you were hoping to sponsor them to raise money for each of the Pioneer International linked schools please go to: [just giving](#)

Your support is appreciated.

St Mary's



Our lovely PTFA continue their work behind the scenes so don't forget to have the School on your **Amazon Smile** account, be signed up to 'Easy Fund Raising', add any **clothes** to our collection bin, or to join in with the new **Bingo Balls!**

There are also a lot of events coming up for you to add to your calendar:

December

- Friday 10th: Mufti Day (£1 donation to wear non school uniform)
- Friday 10th: mini Christmas Fair - 3:15pm
- Friday 17th December: Bingo Ball draw

Nativity

If you have yet to return your Nativity consents please send them in on Monday, to attend either the 10:00am or 2:00pm on Thursday 9th December.

Thank you.



Lilac Class Forest School Thursday 25th November

This week Lilac Class had to wrap up warm, as the cold has finally come. They created some shadow puppets with their hands in the meadows, enjoying the low winter afternoon sunshine.

The leaves have fallen and there was lots of kicking of leaves along the Forest Way and then they all had a go at making a leaf angel in the piles of leaves on the woodland floor.

We found some birch polypore fungi and explored its texture and weight. They learned it is a non-toxic fungus with antiseptic and anti-fungal properties. They learned that its spongy, porous texture makes it good to use as a natural plaster if they ever need it. Lilac Class spent most of their time running around the woodland, swinging on the swings and hammock and digging, damming and constructing by the stream.

There was time for a game of '1,2,3, change tree'. They had to run as fast as they could to find another tree to be 'safe' on, without running each other, identifying hazel, oak, silver birch and hawthorn trees by their trunks and bark.

Willow Class Forest School Thursday 2nd December

On the way to the woods, Willow Class made some silhouettes of animals and creatures in their shadows created by the low winter sun.

Some children had a go at lighting the fire, as it was a really chilly day! They were great at listening to instructions, taking turns and being safe around the fire, using the fire gloves to transfer their lit cotton wool onto the top of the fire carefully.

Some children spent their time using the bow saw in pairs, to cut a piece of wood. They then used the palm drills to drill holes to create seasonal decorations taken from their own creative ideas.

A group of children set about adapting and rebuilding the bridge over the stream. They moved lots of wood and used their measuring skills to see if it would be suitable for use.

Celebrations

Isla has taken the opportunity to use time at home to be creative, producing this fabulous painting.

Well done, Isla!



Parking

We have been made aware of difficulties arising due to car parking choices. When dropping you children at school and collecting at night, please would you make sure there is enough road space to enable other cars to manoeuvre. Thank you.



Lilac Class Trip to Kent Life Centre

On Tuesday 30th November, Lilac Class dressed as WW2 evacuees and visited the Kent Life Heritage Centre.



They were put through their paces by the Home Guard, learning how to march and then moved on to the RAF for instructions on navigation.

Later they made 'rag rugs', visited a 1940s house with Anderson shelter, and established that 'carrots' won the war!



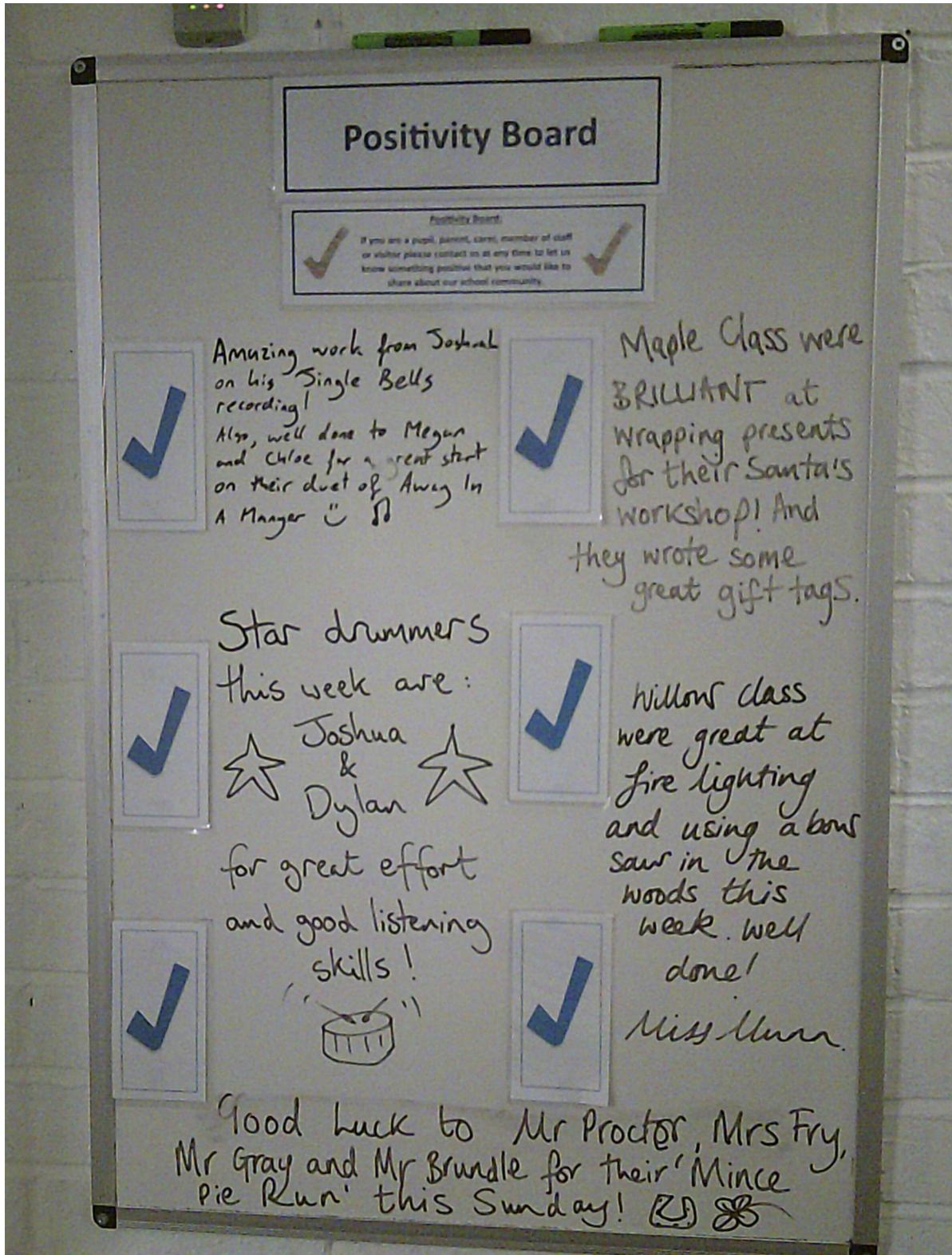
Trips like this are so important for the children, bringing to life lessons from school and on this trip, enabling them, to experience how things would have been.



Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



Well Being Poster

With the Mince Pie Run on Sunday, our wellbeing poster this week gives 10 Tips for Staying Calm Under Pressure, something our intrepid runners may need through their 10 mile feat.

10 TIPS FOR STAYING CALM UNDER PRESSURE

 @BelievePHQ



Understand how and why pressure affects you



Control the controllables



Challenge your thoughts



Apply pressure in training



Visualise yourself performing successfully



Respect your body. Eat, sleep and rest

E MOTIONS

Learn to manage your emotions effectively. Understand how your emotions can influence your behaviour and thoughts

R ELAX

Try incorporating deep breathing, ratio breathing or progressive muscle relaxation in your training. This will help to control physiological and psychological arousal

P RACTICE

Practice is most effective if you can mimic the conditions that you will potentially be faced with in competition

C HALLENGE

Learn how to challenge your thoughts. Try shifting a negative thought into something positive