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ANNE FRANK WORKSHOPS

This week our year 6 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a two day workshop as part of a voices for equality programme. The pupils learnt from the uniquely inspiring life and work of Anne Frank, using readings and video extracts from her diary. They explored contemporary and historic forms of prejudice and discrimination, reflecting on the dangers if left unchallenged. Through their discussions and activities they were empowered to become voices for equality in our school and we look forward to the whole school assembly and individual classroom workshops that they are now preparing, to share this vital learning with the rest of the school.



EID MUBARAK!

To all our families celebrating Eid this week, we wish you and your families a blessed Eid filled with happiness, prosperity, and good health. Eid Mubarak!



Mrs Causton and Miss Rudman have arranged our own special Eid celebration at dinnertime for Monday next week.

ATTENDANCE

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance at school is as much about pupil well-being as academic success. Being in school supports pupil's friendships, confidence and wider development. When pupils miss school, the impact of 'feeling behind' can be a barrier to their future success. Government data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. If pupils are not in school, we can not support them to learn.

Nursery - **95.3%**
Reception - **70.7%**
Year 1 - **80.0%**
Year 2 - **86.0%**
Year 3 - **84.6%**
Year 4 - **88.0%**
Year 5 - **70.6%**
Year 6 - **77.3%**

Whole school attendance week: 80.6%

We need these figures to be above 96% Help us reach our goal - every day counts!!

Whole school attendance this year: 94.6%

FREDDY FIT IS IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!



This is just a reminder to make sure all children have their PE Kits in school next Tuesday, 16th April as well as their usual PE days so that they can participate fully in our Freddy Fit sessions across the day!



NEW OVENS FROM NEXT WEEK



As part of the Romero Catholic Academy Trust, we are able to bid for finances to support the ongoing improvement of our building and services to improve the overall condition of our school. This year we have been successful in placing three separate bids, the first of which will be the installation of new ovens in our school kitchen this weekend.

We are extremely lucky to be able to have our own kitchen on site and as a result we offer nutritious, freshly cooked meals daily. Our kitchen staff know the children, their eating habits and of course any allergies that need to be taken into consideration. Our food is served directly from those who make it to the children who eat it.

Our existing ovens have served us well but parts are slowly becoming obsolete and we don't want to get to a day where we can't replace an essential part. Our new ovens will also be more energy efficient, saving money on bills at a time where every penny counts! We are very grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the additional projects which are scheduled to take place over the Summer term.

READING AT HOME

At our most recent parents' evening, many teachers spoke with parents about the additional benefits of supporting your child to read at home as well as in school.

Please do encourage your child to log on to their Bug Club accounts at home and if you are struggling for any reason to access this, please let school know as soon as possible.

Copies of books can be provided on request if issues with internet are being experienced. Thank you.



HEALTHY SELFIE CORNER

From next Monday we are launching a new, competitive element to our daily mile. The daily mile was launched at our school back in 2018 and we would like our children to aspire both to their own and shared goals in this activity.

Each day, children will record how many laps of the playground they complete during their timed session and this will contribute to both their own achievements and that of the class on a weekly basis and over the half term.

It is vital that we support our children in understanding how important it is to stay active and keep moving to support our long term fitness and health.

Good luck everyone!



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



Beech: Lara-Gray D & Eleanor D, Making an excellent start in Beech class

Cedar:

Elm: Leandro M, For his improvement and extra efforts in handwriting

Oak: All of Year 6, For their amazing input and focus during the Anne Frank workshop

WOW!

Beech: Amelia D, Making great predications about our story, The Enormous Turnip

Cedar:

Elm: Pippa S, For work in History

Oak: Harry C, Super work in History

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Trips, Visits, Theme Days and More

Tuesday 16th April Freddie Fit in school working with all classes, please have your PE kits in school today!

Tuesday 16th April Cricket Coaching for Y1, 2, 3 and 4.

Wednesday 17th April KS2 trip to Shrek the Musical (pre purchased tickets only)

Thursday 2nd May KS2 Inter School Cricket Competition

Friday 3rd May Whole School Mass 10am all welcome

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 7th May Todmorden in Bloom: design a Bug Hotel competition. Winners (still to be announced) will be invited to the Mayor's Parlour at 5pm to be presented with their certificates.

Wednesday 8th May Performance at BTRCC for Year 4 pupils 'I want a Mobile Phone'

Sunday 12th May Children on the sacramental programme are asked to attend mass together with their parents

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May KS2 SATs week

Monday 20th May Y6 Transition Visit to BTRCC

Wednesday 22nd May Sacramental Programme 4pm in school in preparation for First Holy Communion

Please note we break up on Friday 24th May and are not back in school until Monday 10th June. Governors have made this decision to support parents in being able to take less expensive holidays. Please make use of this should you wish to and avoid term time holidays.

Thank you