



March 2023

Headteacher Hello



Celebrations All Round....

What a busy few weeks we have had! It has been so wonderful to be able to share events with you. For some of our Year 2 families these may be the first events they have been able to attend in school!

Year 2 gave us a super 'Rainforest' topic celebration – the children have really enjoyed this work and were able to share so much with everyone about what they had been learning. The drumming was amazing and the children enjoyed showing their skills to the rest of the school.

'Stay and Play' in Reception and Pre-School was very well attended, and the adults are getting braver at joining in the activities with their children. This is also an opportunity for children to share what they do in class and talk about what they have been learning to their adults.

Ash Wednesday was a chance to reflect on how we try to live a good life and how we can say sorry when we get things wrong. The children were invited to have Ashes placed on their foreheads as a sign to others that they are sorry for when things go wrong and that they will try to do the right things. As always, the singing in the hall was beautiful and our song words help the children to learn about Jesus and the Word of God.

St Joseph's Day was celebrated with a reminder of the role St Joseph played in caring for Jesus and as the patron of our school how we can look to him to help us to do the right thing even if we are feeling unsure. The day also included a circus workshop where children learnt amazing tricks and skills from spinning plates, juggling scarves and keeping a stick rolling.

The behaviour of the children in all these events has been exemplary and all the visitors to our school have commented on how well behaved and interested the children were. This is fantastic to hear and shows that all our children can do what is expected of them at important times.

We are monitoring behaviour every day in class and have noticed a small group of children needing additional reminders to use appropriate language and careful kind words. Part of educating all children is teaching them to recognise what is the wrong behaviour and know that they can support others who are still learning, by not joining in, not copying, and letting an adult know about the behaviour that is not right. Parents can help by talking to their own child and helping them to reflect on how they behave at school and what the expectations are.

In thinking about appropriate behaviour, can I please also remind you that on class PE days in main school your child should be wearing the correct PE uniform. We have made this simple so that it is inexpensive and easy to acquire. The PE uniform consists of dark blue shorts/leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a white T shirt. This should be worn with the school jumper or cardigan on PE days. This does not include hoodies and a variety of coloured shorts, legging and tracksuit bottoms! Please help your child to follow school expectations – not abiding by this sets the tone with children that it is ok not to do as asked in school.

Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

At this point in Lent in main school we recall our Lent promises and think about trying really hard to keep to what we said we would try to do.

Ask your child to share their promise with you – have you noticed them trying to keep their promise? Maybe they need a 'well done' for trying so hard. I know there are many children doing very well with their promises, not only do they tell me but I can see this when I visit the classes.



Regards
Mrs Taylor