

Newsletter 7: 16th November 2018

Thought for the Day:

**“Don’t wait for things to get better.
Life will always be complicated.
Learn to be happy right now,
otherwise you’ll run out of time.”**

Question of the Week:

**Could an unhappy ending to a story
be the best ending?**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday this week all children were collected on time by parents and carers. Thank you, we do appreciate this as it means staff can get on with preparing for the following days activities. A number of children went to the Hounslow Sports Days at Cranford Community College and very much enjoyed participating in the events. Parents meetings were also held, thanks to all those that completed comment sheets and the parent questionnaire.

Nursery: Nursery have continued our Teddy Bear theme by focusing on the classic story Peace at Last by Jill Murphy. As Daddy Bear can't sleep because of all the different noises, we have been distinguishing between different sounds and talking about them. We have been talking about Baby Bear's 4th Birthday in the home corner and have helped him celebrate with birthday cakes, cards, party food and presents. In Maths we have been practicing saying one number name per object. If possible, please come to our Nursery Workshops on Wednesday to learn further about how and what your child is learning in Nursery and how you can support them at home.

Reception: In Reception we have continued our topic on journeys and have learnt about Africa. We have listened to the story "Handa's Surprise" and learnt about the fruit that Handa took to her friend. We also learnt how to create a story map to help us retell the story in our own words. In Maths, we have been learning about "more" and "fewer". Our phonics focus has been learning the sounds j, y, w and x and reading and writing captions.

Year 1: In Year 1 the children have been focusing on the text 'Whoever you are'. They have been identifying what makes them similar and different from each other. The children have been discussing what their traits are and understand that they are all special and unique. In Maths the children have been adding and subtracting using a number line. In Year 1, the children have also been learning about 'Respect', in line with the anti-bullying theme. The end of the week ended with lots of excitement as they participated in Children in Need activities.

Year 2: Year 2 have been continuing to read 'The Hodgeheg' and talk about what is happening in the story. They have been sequencing the main events and writing them in the correct order. In Maths the children have started learning to recognise and count money, and use skip counting to add the coins. In History, we talked about bonfire night and why we remember the 5th November. In Art, the children made some colourful firework pictures. We also talked about Diwali and how and why people celebrate it.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have been comparing the features of non-fiction and fiction texts in order to aid their understanding of report writing. For science this week, we have looked in more detail about the different features that make up a balanced diet to help us have a healthy lifestyle. As it is Anti-Bullying week, we have had discussions on what bullying means and how to prevent it. We have linked our PHSE learning to respect and have enjoyed working on activities relating to us all being respectful to others and the environment.

Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been working on their multiplication and division skills. In English, we have described an Imaginary World Setting. In Topic, we have grown in our knowledge of Europe by identifying where all the continents are and some of us have also looked at capital cities. The children have been discussing how to show respect as part of Anti-Bullying week, Thank you to all parents for their 'Children in Need' donations.

Year 5: As this is Anti-bullying week, children have been discussing bullying in PSHE lessons. In particular, they have been considering how disagreements can be dealt with respectfully rather than by bullying or being unkind. 5C have been working hard to prepare their assembly on this important subject - we look forward to welcoming parents and carers on Friday and hope our families will take time to talk about the issues that are raised.

Year 6: Year 6 in Science this week, we have started a new topic 'Animals including humans.' Over the next few weeks, children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system. They will also be able to describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. In English, we have been looking at instructions and children have used these to write their own set of instructions to invent their own fireworks based on the book called 'The firework-makers daughter' by Phillip Pullman. This week in Maths, we have been revising how to recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and how to convert from one to the other. Also we have been adding and subtracting fractions. We have then been applying this knowledge to a variety of problems.

Notices:

Please check that the children are wearing the correct uniform before coming to school – thank you.

Morning 'lates' are becoming more of an issue. It is unsettling for the child to be late to class, it is unsettling to the class as it can break up the learning and unsettling for the teacher as they then have to revisit the introductions to lessons. Late marks are recorded on your child's attendance.

A reminder that Heights and weight checks for Reception children are happening on 20th, 21st, 22nd November, with each class on a different day.

School will be marking 'White Ribbon Day' as part of Learning to Respect and anti-violence against women campaigns. School will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday, 23rd November, something white and asking for a £1 voluntary donation to the charities involved. This is really important so that children understand that violence and anger is never an answer.

Math's Challenge at Kingsley Academy:

A special mention for the children who participated in the Y5 Maths Challenge at Kingsley Academy. The children really enjoyed participating against other schools and one team did particularly well, winning the trophy for the third year in a row. Well done to everyone who took part. Fantastic Maths skills demonstrated.



School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 97.02%. There have been a number of classes that have had 100% attendance before half term.

Congratulation to 3S for 100% attendance.



Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.

Key Dates for the term:

28 th Oct	Clocks change back	3 rd Dec	Photographs
8 th Nov	Parents Evening	7 th Dec	5U Class assembly Winter Disco
9 th Nov	3S Class assembly	14 th Dec	Y2 Nativity
13 th Nov	Y5&6 Primary Sports Day	19 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term School closed from 1:30pm
16 th Nov	5C Class assembly	20 th Dec- 2 nd Jan '19	Christmas holidays
23 rd Nov	White Ribbon Day – Mufti Day £1		
30 th Nov	5M Class assembly		

Spring Term begins on Thursday 3rd of January 2019

