



January 2024 – 3rd Edition Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

I hope that the Years 4, 5 and 6 are looking forward to their trip to the O2 to sing in Young Voices. I know that I am. It will be a great experience for them all, to perform in such a large choir and to be part of a show. This trip will meet a variety of curriculum objectives, in both music and PHSE. They will learn to be part of a team, learn songs and perform to a crowd, as well as showing their school Christian values of courage and resilience. I will be sat in the parent section, looking proudly at the school! I would also like to thank the Rotary club, who have donated £4,000 to the school for the cost of coaches. How generous of them and how grateful we are that this money could be used to fund the cost of the transportation for this trip, which has been provided at a cost of only £1 for each child.

It was also great to see the Rock Steady performance, last Friday, at school. The children are so lucky at Isleham School to have such a range of musical opportunities, not only through the provision of these lessons (through parent payment) but also with Mr Wright leading whole class music lessons. So far the Year 6 class have learnt songs to play on the Ukulele but also the Year 2 are presently learning to play the recorder. In the summer term, the Year 4 group will also learn the Ukulele, and of course we have Samba drumming sessions after school on Friday.

If you would like to have private music lessons (for a small payment) with either the Rock Steady group or with Mr Wright, please do let me know and I will send you more details.

With regards
Dawn Deacon

Collective Worship



We are still focussing on the Christian value of Courage in school.

Over the past week, the children have heard the story of David and Goliath. Mr Tull, and a smaller child in Year 1, acted out the bible story (with great excitement and hilarity!) They have also heard stories about how to encourage others when they are facing a fear.

Why not watch this clip on you tube to show how we can face our fears and be more courageous:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPhckV3cLwk>

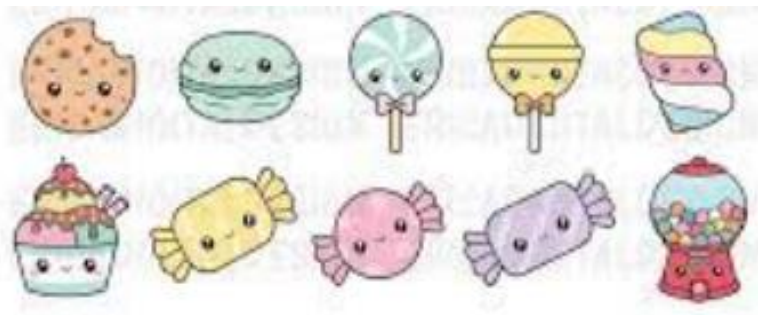
We have also heard the story by Giles Andrea, called, 'Be Brave Little Penguin.' You could also watch it on:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_paPplBH04



Fundraising

The PTA will be holding a 'treat Friday' on Friday 16th February, after school. The children will be able to purchase a bag of sweets for £1, with all profits going to the PTA funds.



Amazon Wish List

The Amazon wish list is such a great idea, and I just want to say a massive thank you to the parent(s) who have already purchased items. I would have sent a personal thank you, but several of you have kept your identity a secret. Thank you.

If you would like to donate items to the school, there are still more requests from class teachers, so please do take a look at the wish list, either using the bar code or link, below.



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1Q5TQSENY0560/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

Trim Trail

We have now been able to open up the trim trail for children to use. Here are the reception class showing off their skills.





Courageous Advocacy

As a church of England School, we are asked to support children with becoming Courageous Advocates.

This is where they notice an issue, form actions to make the situation better, and perform these actions to make improvements.

We will be looking for further courageous advocates in school, but our first 2, are Mollie and Percy, who both thought about hair.

Mollie, as you can see from her photograph, used to have very long hair. She decided to use this hair for wigs and so donated it to the 'Little Princess Charity.' When she told the school about her actions, in collective worship, it seems that this is the second time that she had cut off her hair to give it away. Remarkable!

Also, a few months ago, Percy arrived at school with a very short hair cut and told all of the adults in school that he had shaved his head to think about others who do not have hair. He knew of a local teenager who had lost his hair through alopecia and also said that children can lose their hair with some cancer treatments. He wanted to remember those children and to show his solidarity.

Well done to both Mollie, and Percy, for thinking of others!



If you notice Mollie around school you will see her with a very different style of hair cut.



Just George

Raising funds for research into rhabdomyosarcoma

More details below



School Fundraising for charity

Don't forget that the children will be raising money for the Just George charity on the 14th February. We ask for donations for a welly walk, so please send your children with as much money as you could spare. Any contribution is gratefully received. They will also need a pair of wellies to wear, or older footwear, for a muddy walk on the field.

The house captains have also asked if they can run a Lego model competition. Each child may enter a photograph of a Lego model that they have completed, donate £1 as an entry fee, as there will be a winner, who will receive a Lego kit.

Now is the time to start sending to school the £1 entry fee, and the photograph that contains the lego model. The children are asked to create their own idea and to work independently.

If your child does not have any lego at home, do not fear. You may still send in a £1 entry fee and we will provide them with lego and will take a photograph of their entry.

