

School Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

Celebration assembly

Our school value this week is Teamwork. Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates for working well with everyone in school this week.

Nursery Acorn Class	Olivia B and Sienna
Reception Chestnut Class	Mary, Millie H and Alessia
Reception Maple Class	Erin
Year 1 Ash Class	Leon
Year 1 Cedar Class	Flynn and George
Year 2 Birch Class	Jacob, Scarlett, Georgia and Olivia
Year 2 Elder Class	George, Jules and Jack B

House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points in their class this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Louie
Reception Maple Class	Lilly Belle
Year 1 Ash Class	Marcus
Year 1 Cedar Class	Alfie
Year 2 Birch Class	Alejandro
Year 2 Elder Class	Eladie

Well done to all of the pupils in **Blue** house for earning more house points than the other houses this week.

Attendance

We aim to achieve above the national average attendance which is 96%. Unfortunately, none of the classes achieved that this week. Nevertheless, well done to Year 2 Elder Class for having the best attendance in school this week. Let's all work hard to improve our attendance next week.

Year 2 Elder Class	95.6%
Reception Maple Class	95.3%
Reception Chestnut Class	92.8%
Year 2 Birch Class	91.6%
Year 1 Ash Class	89%
Year 1 Cedar Class	88.1%



Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day and we will be raising money for the Comic Relief charity that day. It will be a non uniform day and children may come in to school wearing red with a donation for Comic Relief. The school office will be selling Comic Relief noses for £1.50 each from Monday 14th March to raise funds. We have limited stock so they will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

We will also have a joke competition. Children who would like to, can share a joke with their class on the morning of Friday 18th March. Each class will choose the funniest joke in their class and those jokes will be published in next week's newsletter. The winning joke tellers will also be given a Comic Relief nose as a prize.

Ukraine conflict



We would like to raise money to support refugees who have been made homeless by the conflict in Ukraine. Friday 25th March will be a non uniform day and children can bring in a donation that day and wear yellow and blue in support of those effected by the conflict. Teachers will also spend time during the day talking to the children, in a sensitive age-appropriate manner about the conflict. There is some great advice for parents about how to approach that difficult conversation below.

Talking to Children About War

With news of the war in Ukraine dominating headlines, social media platforms and conversations across the country, many children in early learning and care and school age childcare settings will have been exposed to information about the conflict.

Children do not always talk about what is worrying them but they may be trying to make sense of this information by themselves and, in the absence of factual information, imagining situations to be far worse than they are. Every child is different, however, and while some might be feeling scared, others may not be worried at all.

Below are some strategies for talking to children about the current situation that will help to ease their concerns.

Keep calm. Check in with yourself and how are you currently feeling. When you are feeling anxious, children can notice this and begin to feel stressed too. If needed, take some time to calm.

Talk to children. We instinctively want to protect children from things that might frighten them; however not talking about something can make children more scared. If children are already talking about the war, encourage them to tell you what they have heard and ask them how they are feeling. If children are showing no interest, leave them be.

Answer questions. Answer children's questions in language they will understand with a level of information appropriate to their age. Avoid sharing too much information as this can be overwhelming. If you do not have all the answers, that is ok. Tell the child you will let them know when you know.

Create a safe environment. Children need to feel safe and secure. Limit children's exposure to news reports and discuss your own worries outside of children's earshot.

Reassure them. Young children often personalise situations and may perceive the danger to be closer to home. Let them know that although war is very serious, they do not need to worry about it happening in their neighbourhood. Tell them you understand how they are feeling and reassure them that they are safe and that you are there to take care of them. It is important, however, to be realistic and not to promise that no one will get hurt.

Help children find ways to express themselves. Some children may not be able to talk about their thoughts or feelings but can be supported to make sense of the world through play.

Do something positive. Encourage children to engage in activities where they can feel helpful such as drawing pictures to send to children who are living in affected areas.

Avoid stereotyping groups of people by nationality and challenge hateful talk.

Partner with parents. Share information on the discussions children are having at home and in the setting or any fears or concerns the child may have.

Children who have experienced trauma or loss may be particularly vulnerable to news of war and conflict and may need extra support. Children with relatives in the regions impacted by conflict will also need special attention.

Easter egg raffle



Infant School staff have donated these Easter eggs for our Easter raffle. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 14th March – Friday 25th March at 20p each from your child's class teacher and the raffle will be drawn in the last week of term. Please put your raffle money in an envelope and write your child's name and the amount enclosed on it.

Egg-citing new arrivals in Reception



There was a lot of excitement in Reception this week as the duck eggs were delivered and then started hatching.

“The duck used his beak to hatch out of the egg,”
Lily (Reception Maple Class).

Nursery places



We are currently in the process of offering places in our wonderful Nursery for this September. If your child turns 3 years old before 1st September this year and you would like a nursery place, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure your child secures a place for September.



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Key dates for your diary

Week beginning 14th March: British Science Week.

Friday 18th March: Comic relief fundraising day. This is a non uniform day and children can come in to school wearing red.

Wednesday 23rd March: Year 2 African Activities Workshop.

Thursday 24th March: Year 1 Cedar class assembly for parents in the school hall at 9am.

Friday 25th March: Ukraine conflict fundraising day. This is a non uniform day and children can come in to school wearing yellow and blue.

Tuesday 29th March: Spring concert.

Thursday 31st March: Easter bonnet parade.

Thursday 31st March: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 1st April: Last day of Spring term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. School finishes at 1pm.

Monday 4th to Monday 18th April: School is closed for the Easter holidays.

Tuesday 19th April: First day of the Summer term.