

Autumn Term

Friday 11th October 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

We started this week preparing to share our thankful Harvest gifts with others in the local area. We were delighted to have some surplus gifts, which meant we could also make donations to the local Foodbank. Class 6 ably took on their responsibilities to deliver bags full of love and faith and we have already received some thank yous from the recipients.

In Act of Worship we considered the impact of faith in the lives of real people, who consciously chose to make positive changes for people around them, including:

- George Cadbury's compassion to improve the lifestyle of his factory workers;
- Martin Luther King's faith and perseverance for racial respect/equality and peace;
- Harriet Tubman's courage in rescuing slaves;
- Cecil Jackson Cole's love in founding Oxfam, ActionAid and other charities.

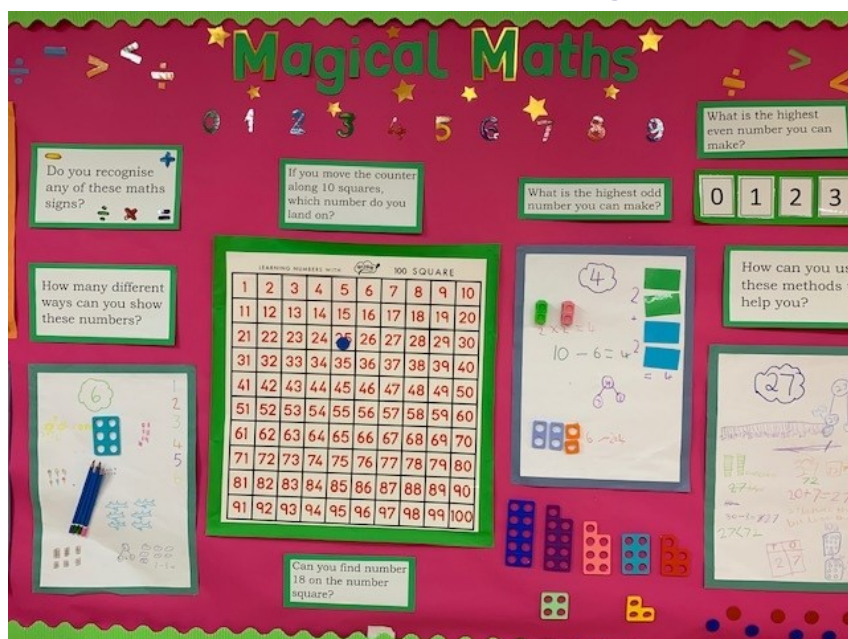
We hope these real life 'superheroes' can inspire our children to consider the needs of others and how best they can utilise their skills, talents and time to make positive changes to our world both now and into the future. Some children have already harnessed their energies and efforts into creating competitions, opportunities and ideas to help others—we hope to share more details soon.

Thursday gave a great opportunity to join in a national awareness and fund-raising initiative with #yellow WMH Day. Thank you to everyone for supporting this important venture. Please try to make time for your family well-being this weekend; perhaps try one of these ideas: outdoor time, time away from chores, time to thank/praise others, time to listen and time for physical activity and mental rest.

"...Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3: 17

**With best wishes,
Miss Minnis**

Class 2 Maths Strategies



Congratulations to Class 2 who have been exercising their Maths Muscles, using concrete and pictorial representation in their learning. Keep up the good work!

Christian Values

We have eight Christian Values to help children and adults develop good characteristics and personal qualities. Each week, staff recognise children who they find have displayed a particular value in different ways.

Jaike-Jos PERSEVERANCE	1	For always taking his time and finishing his work, even when he finds it difficult
Sidney P RESPECT	2	For always showing respect to his fellow classmates
Elisa W PERSEVERANCE	3	For always showing such exceptional concentration and determination in all she undertakes but specifically in her sporting endeavours
Isla-Rose S COURAGE	4	For showing courage to admit when she is struggling with her work
Sebatian M & Oliver L COMPASSION	5	For thinking of others in both games and learning
Samuel D COURAGE	6	For showing confidence both in AoW and when making harvest deliveries

World Mental Health Day

Class 6



Class 6 have been thinking of ways we can look after our own mental health, and what helps us when we are feeling low. We have displayed our ideas in the KS2 area so that anyone might find an idea that works for them.

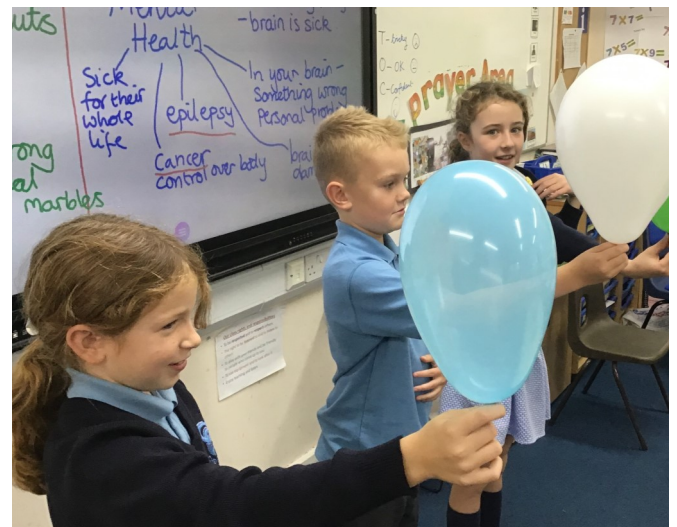
Class 5

Class 5 thought about 'Random Acts of Kindness' and made their own box in which to put suggestions both big and small. Sometimes even the simplest – like keep a smile on your face for the whole day to encourage others – can be more of a challenge than we think. But it makes a great difference to those who see it! Here you can see Y5 using the box this morning...



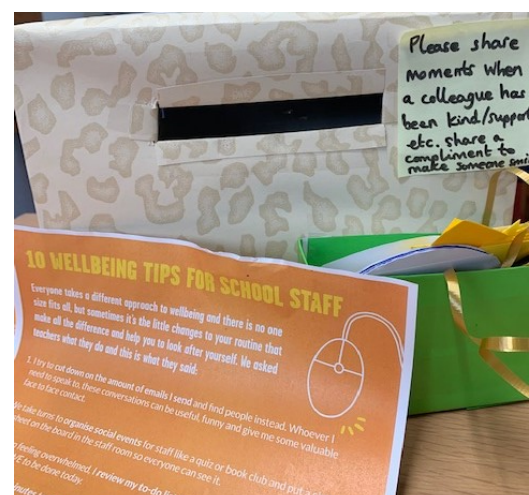
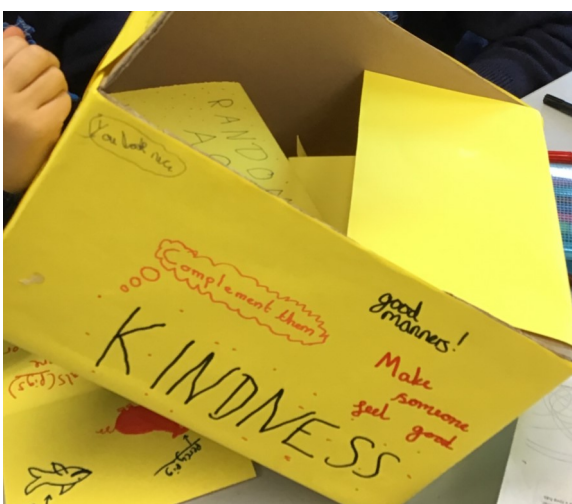
Class 4

Class 4 thought about what the words Mental Health meant and picked anxiety as one idea to follow. The children held balloons while Mrs McLean walked round them with a pin. They talked about how anxious this made them feel and how the anxiety increased when they were blindfolded. Finally, the whole class talked about how to keep anxiety under control to help them deal with problems effectively.



The Staff

The Staff followed the children's lead and also set up a "Words of Kindness" box.



World Mental Health Day

Class 3

Class 3 definitely added a lot of sparkle, light and positivity to the classroom, as they donned many-a-shade of yellow, in celebration of World Mental Health day this Thursday. We started off by discussing what mental health is and means to us. Then we moved on to the challenge of trying to describe and define kindness (quite a tricky subject matter). *What would you say kindness smells and tastes like?* Later we recorded all our wonderful and insightful ideas down on paper by making some very bright and creative posters about kindness, and writing some moving poems too.



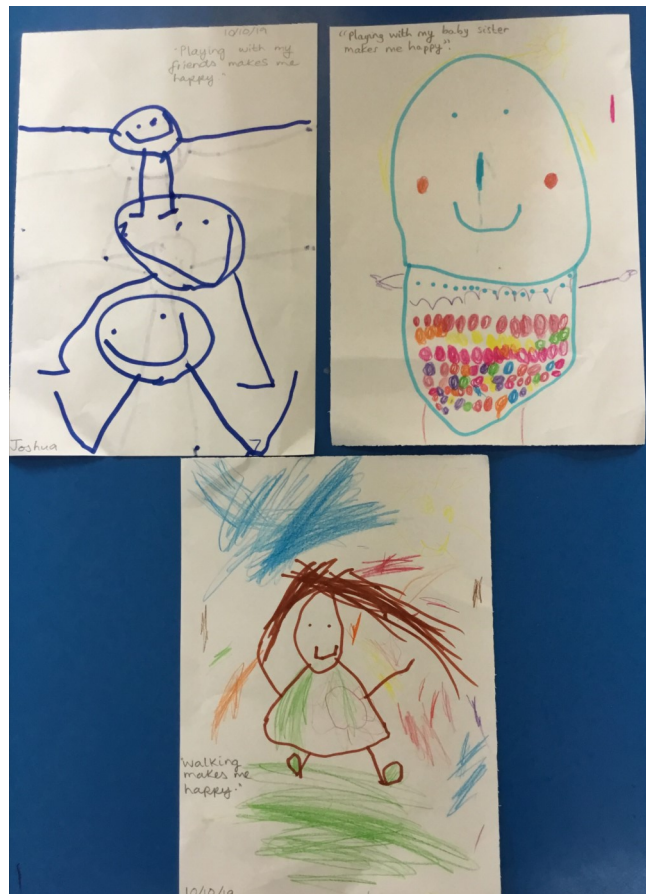
Class 1

Class 1 thought about what makes a good friend and worked in groups to create 'Good Friend' posters. We discussed how everyone is different and made 'people paper-chains' to show we can be kind to everyone.



Class R

Class R focussed on how important it is to look after our minds as well as our bodies. Miss Levy read the story 'A Huge Bag of Worries' and we discussed the importance of talking to an adult if we have any bad feelings. The children drew pictures to represent things that make them happy.



Class 2

Class 2 imagined being superheroes for a day and what super power we would have to help others with their mental health.



Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

internet
matters.org

Checklist

✓ Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

✓ Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

✓ Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Over 65 % of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online*



✓ Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

✓ Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Tuesday evening. Our PTA continues to thrive and bring positive benefit to the children in school, but does need more help! Please make sure your child completes their Christmas card designs to make some super cards **and** help to raise money for the school through myschoolprinting. **The deadline for submissions is MONDAY, 14th OCTOBER.**

[You can also buy wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs, coasters and more.](#)



Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance ensures that everyone benefits from all that is on offer in school—socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future.

As a school, our minimum YTD attendance target is 96%. Attendance monitoring takes place every week and you will be informed of your child's attendance routinely.

	Weekly attendance
Class R	93.7%
Class 1	98.3%
Class 2	98.5%
Class 3	99.7%
Class 4	98.6%
Class 5	99%
Class 6	98.5%
School YTD	98%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
14th October	Deadline for PTA Christmas card designs
16th October	Deadline for Parent Governor election votes
17th October	National Child Measurement Program
18th October	Staff Inset Day - No children in school
30 October	Individual & Sibling photographs
1st November	Parent's prayer group (9:00 am)
1st November	Flu vaccinations
12th November	Parent consultations 5-8 pm
14th November	Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00 pm
21st November	PTA Christmas Pudding Making event 7-9 pm
24th November	St Botolph's Church School service
7th December	PTA Christmas Fair
18th December	End of term service @ St Botolph's 2:00 pm

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