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aiming high together*



Sutton News

15th February 2019

Headteacher's Message

What a beautiful end to the week; dare I say spring is around the corner?

We had a really positive start to the week with a visit from Mrs Wilson, who is our School Development Adviser from the Diocese of York. She spent time with myself and Mrs Craig, our Foundation Governor, observing Collective Worship, looking at the children's R.E. books and completing a learning walk. It was lovely to see the children so engaged with their learning and eager to share what they were doing with our visitors. We are now feeling prepared and ready for our SIAMs inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools), which will happen during this academic year.

Class 1 have had a very busy week with lots of work around their 'Castles' topic. As a class, they have compiled a list of questions to send to Henry's grandad, who lives in a real castle in Ireland. The children also became engineers and built their own castles using edible materials and mud. It certainly is a busy, productive classroom, and it was great to hear another visitor to school on Thursday commenting on how happy and engaged the children were.

It has been nice to welcome Mrs Alexander, who has been volunteering in school in preparation for beginning her role after half-term. She has been working alongside the Class 1 team to ensure there is a smooth transition for the children and learning can continue at the same quality and pace as before. We are all very much looking forward to Mrs Alexander officially joining us in March.

Class 3 have been busy scientists this week, investigating different processes for separating materials and recording their results on the iPads. The children have really embraced their Science lessons this year and it is great to see the children making links being made between Science and Maths, demonstrating a cross-curricular approach to their learning.

Class 2 are making fantastic progress in coding using the Chromebooks, learning how to customise their sprites on Scratch for the quizzes they are creating. The children have experimented with making their sprite move, change colour, and even change costume. It is brilliant to see the children using this program so confidently - they are becoming real computing superstars!

As part of their Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award, Year 5/6 will be hosting their own fundraising event next Friday (22nd February) from 3.00pm until 4.30pm. The children have researched a range of charities and will be supporting their chosen one on Friday through activities which they have planned and resourced themselves. One of the groups is hosting 'The Great Sutton Bake-Off'. Please see the attached poster for how your child can enter. There will be a winner chosen from each class. Entries need to be brought to school on Friday morning.

A big thank you to our volunteers ahead of tomorrow's maintenance day; not only are the team completing jobs to ensure the ongoing safety of our children, but they are also decorating our staff room, making it a much nicer environment to eat and work in. We are very grateful!

Have a lovely weekend - let's hope the sunshine stays!



Forthcoming Events - Spring Term

*** Please note, any new items/changes since last week in red ***

16th February - Helping Day at school

21st February - Cluster Cross Country finals, Queen Mary's School

22nd February - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

4th March - SCHOOL REOPENS

7th March - World Book Day, Class 2 Cake Sale

14th March - Mental Health Awareness Day

15th March - Red Nose Day

18th March - KS2 visit to Leeds Grand Mosque

20th March - Year 5/6 Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey (TBC)

23rd March - Helping Day at school

1st April - Bag2School bags available

3rd April - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball Tournament (TBC)

4th April - FOSS Class 3 Cake Sale

4th April, 8pm - Year 6 Parents East Barnby meeting at Crayke

5th April - Science Day

7th April - FOSS Easter Treasure Hunt

10th-12th April - Year 5 Robinwood residential trip

12th April - LAST DAY OF TERM