



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 22nd April 2016

Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

The new regime of testing has proven to be quite a challenge for schools this year, with the bar being raised through new end of key stage expectations and also tougher tests for Year 2 and Year 6 pupils.

Recently the Government came to the right conclusion that the new Reception Baseline Tests could not be used as an accountability measure and today we are informed that the KS1 spelling, grammar and punctuation tests will not be required to take place after the spelling test was accidentally placed on the internet. We will of course undertake our own teacher assessments and share these with parents at the end of this term.

Our daily, after school drop-in sessions for Year 6 are well attended. It is very encouraging that these motivated pupils are very clear about the areas they require further support in and thus demonstrate how they take responsibility for their own learning.

Jan Bless, Headteacher

Good Behaviour News!

Our Learning Mentors monitor behaviour carefully and we are pleased to report that the number of detentions and escorted lunches since September have halved, compared to this time last year. This trend of reducing incidents has been taking place for a while now and it is encouraging that more and more pupils are making better choices that support their own and crucially their peers' learning and well-being.

One key reason for this continued achievement is that behaviour and standards are on everyone's agenda (Staff, Parents, and Pupils).

Our staff continually work on surrounding a child with positive language, reinforcement, role modelling and encouragement, whilst ignoring negative attention seeking behaviour and challenging poor behaviour directly. They also ensure that pupils are challenged in their learning, leaving no time to think about poor behaviour.

There will be times however that the ultimate sanction of exclusion has to be used. Thankfully there has been a reduction of these as well.

Our Value for this month is Responsibility

The Value of 'Responsibility' has numerous links to the **British Values**. The **British Value 'Rule of Law'** can be compared to the rules at school regarding behaviour. The children are responsible to follow the rules and make the right choices. The **British Value 'Individual Liberty'** is taught to the pupils through 'choices'. For example, what questions would they like answered about a topic? Or, which lunchtime club they would like to attend? The **British Value 'Democracy'** is experienced through our School Council. The school councillors are responsible for representing their peers' ideas/feedback, holding a democratic voting system, and they are responsible for completing/sharing their weekly feedback forms.

Mrs Stylli, PSHE and Values Co-ordinator

These pupils modelled the value of responsibility.

Last week:

Aleksandr 1A, Jervay 1K,
Ngoni 1T, Harvey 2Ru,
Kaden 2A, Luca 2Ri, Katie
3G, Batuhan 3F, Fatima
3N, Bintou 4L, Blake 4H,
Tylor 4F, Jemima 5L, Shria
5S, Elif Naz 6T, Havin 6B,
Kyle 6H

This week:

Francesca 1K, Ismail 1T,
Kimora-Lee 1A, Adam
2Ru, Kamal 2A, Reber 2Ri,
Hasan 3F, Kamara 3G,
Marwa 3N, Amine 4F,
Hatice 4L, Nathra 4H,
Georgia 5L, Zaim 5S, Polat
6T, Aleyna 6H, Shyanne 6B

Attendance this week – unfortunately our internet failed today, so we can't report which classes won the best attendance award. We wait another week to find out whether we finally reach 95.5%



Tuesday 19 April 2016
I can discuss the importance of bees.

Do you know why bees are so important to us?

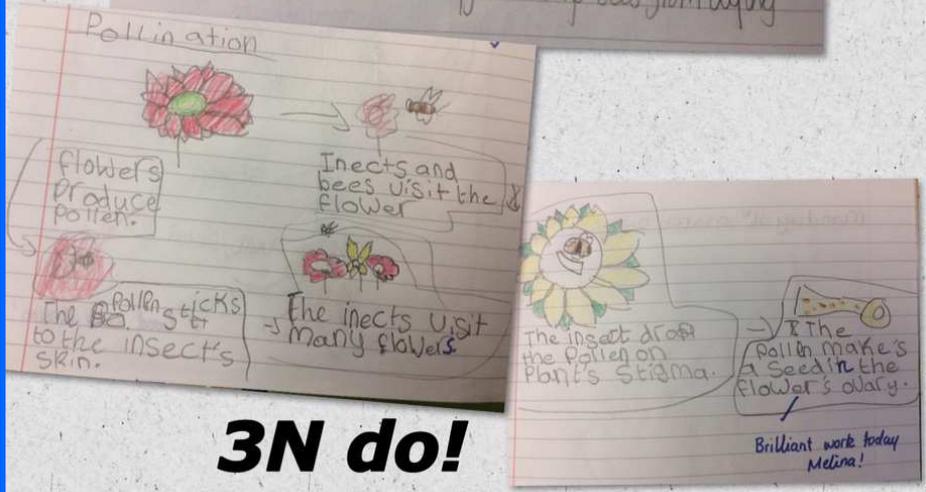
Bees can:

- Produce honey
- Can sting you
- Collect pollen
- They fly
- Go to flowers
- Spread pollen
- Pollen creates seeds

Without bees:

- Pollen wouldn't be collected
- Seeds wouldn't be made
- There would be less flowers/plants
- There would be less trees
- There would be less oxygen
- Creatures would become extinct

Bees could make tasty delicious honey and they can help the environment but sometimes if you hurt a bee it could die or it will sting you. If the world never had bees it would be the end of Earth. Without trees, bees wouldn't be able to live and they would die. I can save bees by growing more trees to make more oxygen to stop bees from dying.



3N do!



Ocarina performance
Year 1 pupils played a number of tunes to the whole school.

BEST CLASS OUT OF CLASS
We recently introduced the Best Class out of Class award. Staff nominate classes that demonstrate a good attitude away from their classes, for example in corridors, assembly, school library or playground. This week we had a number of nominations such as 6T, 4H and 4L. However, 3G won the certificate award. Well done

Free Travel for Children
Did you know that if you have a child aged between 5 to 10, you can apply for a travel card to travel free on the tube and over ground? To find out more go on line at <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/travel-for-under-18s/zip-oyster-photocards> .
Make the most of what London has to offer!

Dates for your diary
Value for April: Responsibility

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| Monday 2 nd May | Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Thursday 5 th May | London Elections – school remains open |
| w/c 9 th May | Year 6 Test week |
| Wednesday 25 th May | Book swap shop |
| 30 th May-3 rd June | Half Term Holidays |
| w/c 13 th June | Phonics test week |
| Monday 13 th June | Year 5 visit to The Barbican for a concert |
| Thursday 23 rd June | EU referendum – school closed for polling |
| Wednesday 6 th July | Year 5 Partnership Singing Festival at Eastfield - morning |
| Friday 8 th July | End of year reports to parents |
| Tuesday 12 th July | Parents Evening |
| Friday 22 nd July | School breaks up for summer break at 1:30pm |

