

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Autumn Term 1 Value : "Respect and Compassion"



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from the Head

Autumn has certainly arrived, with chilly winds and changing leaves. The school has had another busy and productive week.

Remote Learning

Our remote learning offer, which was outlined in the newsletter last week, only comes into to effect *when a child has to self-isolate at home, a bubble has to close or there is a local or national lockdown*. In these instances, learning or meetings are set via Microsoft Teams. There is no need to access Microsoft Teams for any other work and the home learning email should still be used to send in any work from students.

Meetings

It was good to meet with the Governors on Tuesday night to discuss school improvements and assess how we are responding to the pandemic.

I also met with the FoFS committee on Wednesday night to discuss plans for this academic year and look at ways that they can support the school with fundraising. There will be more information about these plans communicated in the coming weeks.

I am involved in weekly meetings with Public Health, Oxfordshire County Council and a large network of headteachers to discuss Oxfordshire's strategy and response to Covid.

Class News

This week the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have been learning about the Harvest Festival. The children talked about their favourite vegetables and looked at how they are grown on farms. They have also created their own characters for the class story “The Little Red Hen”.

The *Sticklebacks* have mostly been looking for fact families in the concept of addition, and practising their harvest message.

The children in *Seahorses* have been looking into the Japanese harvest festival and have used watercolours to paint a picture of silhouetted rice growing at sunset as well as writing haikus about rice growing. They have also been orienteering around the muga and been solving tricky addition and subtraction questions which require them to make exchanges.

This week the *Stingrays* have concentrated on mental health and wellbeing. The class was able to describe times when each of them experienced a certain feeling, and verbalise what it is that they can do to help build their own resilience. They had a fabulous Hello Yellow day and tried hard all day to smile at everyone.

The *Sharks* have been learning about the movement of the Earth through space and how this causes day and night, years and seasons. They were lucky to catch a sunny day on Wednesday so they could investigate the effect the Earth's rotation has on the way shadows fall!



Child of the Week

Tiddlers

Isabel P

Minnows

Dylan B

Sticklebacks

Oliver N and George H

Seahorses

Hugo W and Caleb B

Stingrays

Emily J and Macy K

Sharks

Audrey L and Charlie N



Family Groups Winner : **Unicorn**

Weekly Attendance : **Minnows!**

Information

Cross Country

As we were unable to take part in an interschool cross country event this term we will be holding an **intraschool** cross country instead! This will take place on Monday the 12th so please do make sure that all PE kits and trainers are brought into school.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

As part of our safeguarding procedures these will all be recorded on Teams next week.

Harvest Week

A big thank you to everyone who has brought in foodstuffs for The Bicester Food Bank – all items are much appreciated. We will be gathering them together and organising collection next week.

Each class has produced a video or pictures about harvest; *you will be able to view these on the school website under "Class Pages"*.

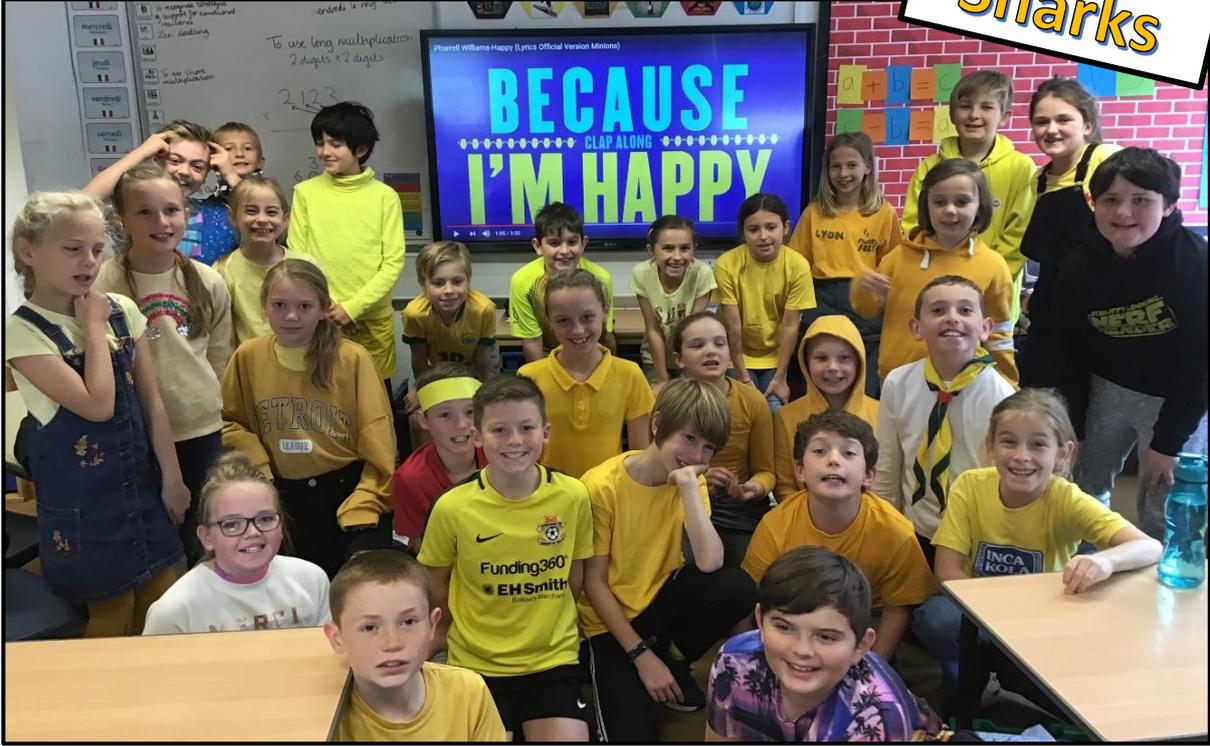
#Hello Yellow Day

We had a wonderful turnout in yellow today, with all the children participating in class activities relating to emotional wellbeing and mindfulness.

Thank you for your continued donations on ParentPay; if you have not already done so, please don't forget to go online and pay your £1 for Mental Health.



Sharks



Seahorses



Tiddlers & Minnows



Sticklebacks



I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Mon 12th October

Tues 13th October

Thurs 15th October

Fri 26th October

Mon 2nd November

Wed 4th November

Intraschool Cross Country

Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.00pm

Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings 5.00-7.30pm

Start of Half Term

Back to School

Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations