

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

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Message from the Head ...

From odd socks for Down Syndrome Day to dressing as a character for World Book Day, this term has been all about what we value.

Children have been bringing me pieces of work that they have put great effort into and are very proud of. Pieces have included reports about different countries, stories, art work and maps.



We have been most proud of the children's engagement and behaviour during the recent Whole School CCL – 'Time to Talk!'

A whole day dedicated to building children vocabulary, ability to communicate effectively and to know when to be quiet and listen.



I hope you have a lovely Easter Break and we look forward to seeing all the children again for the summer term on Monday 17th April.

Nikki Barker
Federation Head

SLCF Values – Respect Honesty Confidence Creativity Feelings Inclusion

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One Value a Week

This half term in school, we have been looking at one of our values each week. The first week we focused on **RESPECT**.

All staff were looking out for great examples of children that were showing respect for their peers, the adults and the whole school environment.

We would love to hear about the different ways children are respectful outside of school too.

Here are some lovely examples.



In the dining hall

We are respectful of others. We do not shout. We have good manners when eating and we help the dinner ladies by clearing up after ourselves.



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Play leaders

Play leads are older children that have been training to show the children in year 1 and 2 how to play with a range of equipment.

"We listen carefully to the play leads so we can follow their instructions."



We have responsibilities in school.



"I like answering the phone. I've always wanted to learn how to do it." Lennon



"We used to do this before COVID so it is sort of nostalgic" Jeff

The other values we have looked out for are:

Creativity

Confidence

Inclusion

Feelings

Honesty

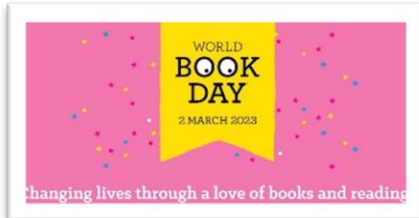
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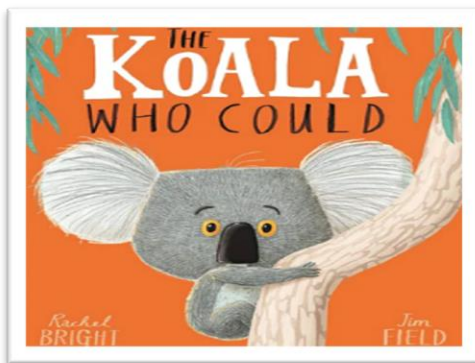
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World Book Day 2023 – Demonstrating the Value of books and reading



Once again World book day was a huge success and it was great to see the children and adults dressing up as their favourite characters. We saw lots of

Superheros, Cats in Hats, Harry Potters, Smeds and Smoots and many more! There was a great atmosphere around school as the children got involved in a range of activities. They enjoyed visiting the library and exchanging their book token for one of the free WBD books. I hope they have enjoyed reading these. Nicola Lee from Lindley book shop told them stories in assembly and shared her love for books and reading with the children.



The Koala Who Could by Rachel Bright

Meet Kevin. A koala who likes to keep things the same. Exactly the same. But sometimes change comes along whether we like it or not... And, as Kevin discovers, if you step outside your comfort zone and try new things, you might just surprise yourself!

This story was read in all classes throughout the day and the children got involved in lots of activities related to the book. The children learnt that it can be difficult to admit your fears and anxieties and that having the confidence to try new things is important in gaining new and wonderful experiences. Rachel Bright has also written other great stories for the children to enjoy. Over Easter it may be worth visiting the local library, and borrowing some of her other books. Try out, The Squirrels who squabbled, The Lion Inside or the Worrysaurus to name a few.

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Active reading

On Friday 17th March, each class in year 3 and 4 took part in an Active Reading lesson with Miss Bolton from the High School. This lesson involved listening to a story about an alien invasion. Each time a designated word or phrase was read, they had to complete a given set of exercises relating to the story. It was a way of making reading more active for the children and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.



"It's a chance to enjoy reading for those who don't read because all of the activities you do keep you busy if you get bored." Madeline Year 4

"It was fun because it got me out and was good exercise for our body and brain." Arthur, year 3

"I enjoyed it because we didn't just sit around listening to books, we got to stretch our legs."

Iris Year 4



Netball Tournament

The year 5 and 6 netball team entered the Colne Valley Netball tournament. They showed great enthusiasm and commitment to the game. They played 4 games, and came 5th overall. It was great to see lots of parents supporting them on the side line, thank you! We hope to organise matches against other teams in the Colne Valley next term.

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Whole School CCL – Time to Talk

Confident, Creative Learning for all.

An Assault Course

Can I communicate effectively with a peer to allow them to complete the course accurately and in the quickest time?

Chatterbox!

Can I follow instructions to make a chatterbox? Can I include questions for my friends to answer?



News Reporting in 7P

Can I work with a partner to report the news in school?



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Construction Club

During this half term, Year1/2 have had the opportunity to take part in construction club. We have had lots of fun during each session, we have built towers from cocktail sticks, built Lego houses, made bridges from art straws, and made plastic cup towers. The children have put lots of effort into each project and had lots of interesting ideas.



Early Years

We have been very busy in Early Years this half term, with snow and sunflowers, bikes and books.

Balancability

The children in Early Years took part in four balancability sessions where they worked hard to master the balance bikes, with some children quickly moving forward to pedal bikes - such improvement over the 4 days and fun had by all.



When I got home, my Dad took my with fantastic stabilisers off my bike because I don't confidence shown need them anymore.

Lexie

The PADS Sunflower Challenge

On 1st March each child planted their own sunflower seed as part of PADS 'Positive About Down Syndrome' sunflower challenge, raising awareness and support for the charity. Throughout March we have been taking care of our seeds and watching them grow, just as we all do, for 21 days with

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the challenge ending on 21st March to mark World Down Syndrome Day. The sunflowers were then taken home in exchange for a donation supporting PADS.



We also painted our own sunflowers and displayed them in our window, each one different, just as we are! Thank you to everyone who supported this. We are looking forward to seeing pictures of the sunflowers once fully grown and in bloom.

Whole school CCL

During this half term we have taken part in whole school CCL. We had lots of different activities around the unit. We used the book 'Find your happy' as the focus for our work. The children created their own rainbows, and talked about what makes them happy. The children also had the opportunity to contribute to a large rainbow display which will be placed in the hall. Finally, the children had a sensory experience, touching and tasting many different fruits which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Being at school makes me happy because I like learning. Amariah

Mummy and Daddy make me happy and going to see the sea.

Norah

Bake Sale, Book Swap & Chocolate Raffle

During Parent Teacher Conference week, we raised £102.00 from our Bake Sale and the book swap was very successful. We also raised a huge £111.50 on the chocolate raffle. The raffle has been drawn and all winners notified. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support.

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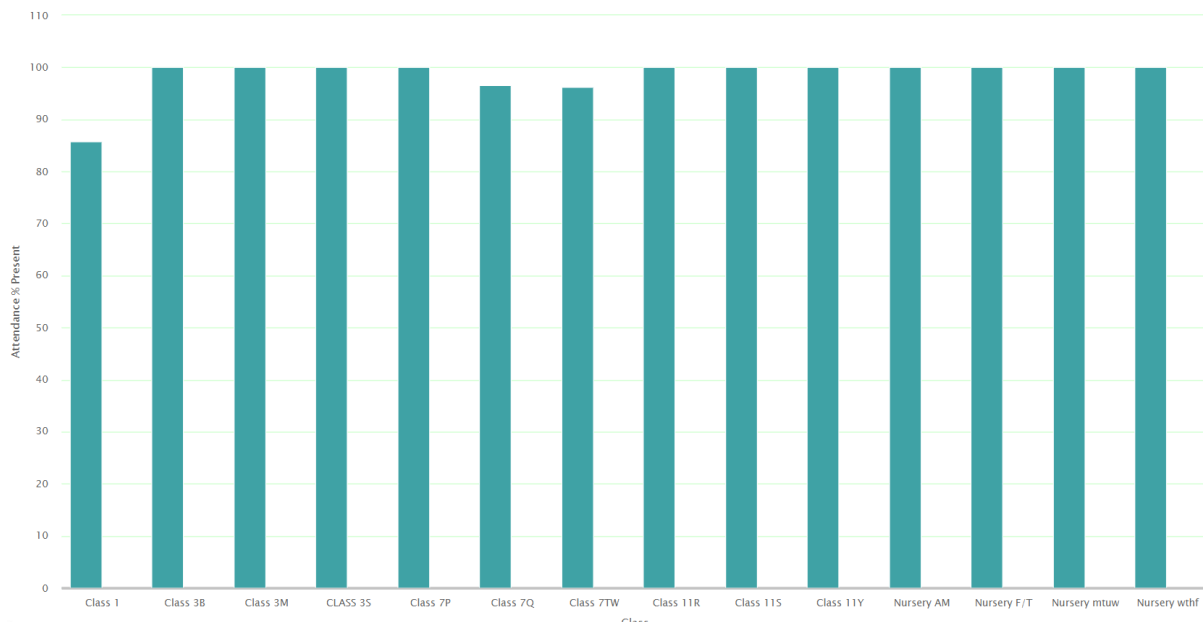
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Attendance this half term.

I am pleased to report that on the whole school attendance has improved, reaching above 97% this half term. We have days where most classes have had 100% attendance. Well done.



We have also been working with families to support getting children into school on time with a range of activities for children to come into school early to do, from time in their 'doodle book' to helping distribute the class milk quotas.

If your child is struggling to get into school on time please give school a call and we can organise something that best suit you.

I would like to thank all the parents I have worked with in helping achieve children being in school ready to learning on time.

I would also like to reiterate that I cannot authorise any holidays out of school time, unless there are exceptional circumstances that are unique to your child. Examples of exceptional circumstances include a bereavement, visiting a member of the family that is seriously ill, a wedding or a funeral.

To request an absence during term time please call the office on 01484 884300 or e-mail office@linthwaiteclough.co.uk for a Pupil Absence Request form.



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Important Information

School Dinners

The cost of school meals is £2.40. If you can please ensure that your Parent Pay account is kept topped up for the amount of meals your child is taking.

Illness Absence

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason please ensure you call the School Office on 01484 844300 by no later than 9.00am or send us an email to office@linthwaiteclough.co.uk

If we do not hear from you by this time we do follow up on every absence and will send a Ping and give you a phone call.

Pupil Absence Requests

Pupil Absence Request Forms are available from the School Office or to download from the website and must now be completed and handed in, in advance of the absence in order for us to process it and get back to you. Please be aware that absence will only be authorized under "exceptional circumstances" at the discretion of Mrs Barker.

Parking outside School

Please remember that you should not stop on the zig zag lines outside of school between the hours of 8-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

Extra Bank Holiday next year for King Charles III Coronation Celebration – Monday 8th May 2023

April

19th Male Voice Choir visiting

21st PC Hunt visit for Year 5 6

25th MHST workshop – building children's self esteem
3.30pm

27th Strictly Colne Valley 4.30pm

May

Year 2 SATS throughout May

Week Beginning 8th year 6 SATS

Week beginning 29th Half Term – Spring Bank

June

Year 4 Multiplications tables Check (MTC)

Year 1 Phonics Screen Checks

Year 4 Sports Barn

July

4th and 5th Book Fair

5th Year 6 transition to year 7 workshop – MHST

Parent teacher consultations

8th July Linthwaite Lead Boilers

Week beginning 17th transition week

