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New Values Launch

We focused our efforts on demonstrating Equality and Empathy in school last half term. The children were excellent ambassadors of this value, and many received recognition of their efforts through award badges, certificates or mentions in praise assemblies. This half term, our focus is Kindness and Care- the two values central to our whole school vision and ethos. These values were launched in assembly last week with a focus assembly based upon being a 'bucket filler;' remembering to complete small acts each day for other people both around school and at home. There will be a focus display in school linked to this and the children receiving recognition will have their photograph displayed there.

Following the success of last half terms' initiative, the school Equality Team will be leading this focus once again. We are planning to relaunch our Right Choice tickets with a new 'Act of Kindness' recognition award. This will be awarded to children who are observed behaving in a kind of caring way, not doing so to seek recognition but as part of their everyday behaviour. Acts will include recognising other children's successes, displaying a polite and friendly manner around school and helping out with classroom jobs without being asked. Teachers, teaching assistants and midday supervisors will all be looking out for these acts throughout the week and the children observed will be awarded a special 'Act of Kindness' certificate in the Praise Wall assembly.

The children at Barlby Bridge are excellent ambassadors of our school values and we are excited to recognise the pupils who 'always' put in this extra effort without asking for reward or recognition. The Equality Team have designed a Kindness badge, the first of which will be given out in assembly this week.

Sensational Story Characters!

World Book Day celebrations have included children and staff having fun dressing up as book characters. Parents and Governors attending Good Work Assembly were treated to a range of super work from Alice in Wonderland, Dorothy, The Dark Knight and The Queen of Hearts- to mention a few. Children have also been taking part in an Extreme Reading competition. We have received some fabulous entries including Freddie here reading whilst horse-riding: an impressive effort I'm sure you'll agree!

As authors ourselves, children are writing and making our own picture books for us all to enjoy.



Some children from Neptune Class have taken the opportunity to enter a competition and have written winning spooky sagas, which have been chosen to be published in the next Young Writers book. We are very proud of them and school will have a copy of the book in the library soon.



Magic Breakfast

We launched our new Magic Breakfast initiative last week- and all children have had the opportunity to sample a breakfast bagel at the start of the day. We are planning to roll this initiative out to the whole school in the next few weeks. There will also be an opportunity for parents to sample the bagels in school; more information to follow!



School Fundraising

Last year your incredible and generous support helped the school to raise much needed funds, allowing us to purchase new laptops for the children to use to support their learning across the curriculum. These have had a big impact on the learning opportunities that can be provided for all pupils. Your support makes a huge difference and we are always extremely grateful and appreciative of it. We need your help again!

As we know, the ability to read has a huge impact on progress in all subjects and future life opportunities. In order to better support the teaching and development of reading skills we would like to purchase new reading books for the children to use in school and at home. To this end we will be hosting two fundraising events this half term.

The first is a 'Bring and Buy' sale that will take place on Wednesday 10th April at 3.15pm here at Barlby Bridge. There will be a meeting to organise this on Wednesday 13th March at 9am. If you can offer any help or ideas, please do come along.

Following on from the popularity of the 'Mini Mudder' last year we have decided to host another! Mudder 2 will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 4th April. It promises to be bigger than before! As last year, children will get the opportunity to be sponsored to complete the event, with prizes for the most sponsorship raised and an opportunity for parents to challenge themselves against the course.

Your child should have received their sponsorship forms and more information will be given at the time. Many thanks in advance.

BBS Cares- Foodbank Collections

Selby Food Bank have been very grateful for our support and School Council would like to start our themed collections again.

Sadly, we know that more and more people are needing help to feed themselves, their families and their pets. This includes people who go to work.

Donations can be made on any day and items can be put into the basket outside Class Earth. On themed days there will be volunteers in the playground with Selby food Bank bags ready to collect donations.

Our next themed collection -Tooth Set Tuesday-will be on Tuesday 19th March anything connected with cleaning your teeth and zip lock bags to make a pack for someone.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Hosford and School Council.



Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th March	Saturn Reading Session– 2.30-3.10pm
Wednesday 13th March	Parent Forum- Fundraising Spring Term Focus 9.00am
Tuesday 19th March	Neptune Reading Session – 2.30-3.10pm
Thursday 21st March	Jupiter class opening morning for parents: 9.00-10.00am
Friday 22nd March	Whole school topic day – STEM focus
Thursday 21st March	Saturn class open morning for parents: 9.00-10.00am
Thursday 22nd – Tuesday 26th March	School Book Fair- Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday after school
Wednesday 27th March	Literacy Festival at Selby Abbey- 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 27th March	Reception and Jupiter (Year 4) Parents' evening
Thursday 28th March	Parents' evening whole school
Thursday 4th April	Mini Mudder Fundraising Event- 1.00pm
Tuesday 9th April	Easter Egg Competition entries brought into school
Wednesday 10th April	Bring and Buy Fundraising Event 3.15pm. Date TBC
Friday 12th April	School closes for Easter Holiday

Parent Consultation Meetings

The termly parents' evenings will take place on Thursday 28th March (Wednesday 27th March for parents of children in Reception and Year 4.) These meetings provide an opportunity for you to discuss both your child's social and academic development. This year, you will receive an information sheet indicating your child's current attainment in reading, writing and maths and whether they are working at, beyond or below the year group expectation. There will also be an effort grade awarded which will indicate how well your child applies themselves to learning in the classroom. These aspects are always reported on in the summer term, but in response to parental questionnaires we have decided to provide this information more regularly to ensure you are fully informed. You will receive a letter next week with the option to request a specific time slot for a meeting.