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WOW ISABELLE!



It was a little quieter on Monday in Beech Class as Isabelle started her silence to raise money for the Woodlands Trust. To date she has raised £200. This is a very impressive amount of money for one pupil to raise, especially as she drove the campaign herself.

Congratulations Isabelle – you should be very proud of your achievements.

MINI MARATHONS

Mrs Springthorpe our PPA teacher organised our Autumn Inter-House Team competition. Team Fox, Team Deer and Team Kite all tried very hard as they competed in a series of running events.



It was so lovely to hear children cheering for one another – thank you Mrs Springthorpe for all your hard work in organising and teaching the children this term in the skills of sprinting and longer distance running.

As for the winning House team – the points will be counted and verified and the results will be announced next week in a special end of term ceremony. Time for me to polish the cup!

SMART THINKING



Sometimes in our teaching careers, we are asked a question by a child, which makes us smile or stop and realise just how deeply children are thinking.

This week in Worship, we looked at an image of a spider's web. We considered its strength, beauty, and ingenuity. Jasper in Year 2 then asked: "If a spider's web is sticky, why doesn't get stuck in its own web?"

Freddie in Year 2 then offered a brilliantly logical answer: "I think it is because a spider has cold, wet feet and these don't stick to the web because they are slippy."

Great questions and answers from 2 great thinkers! Mrs Nelmes our science coordinator helped them to understand the scientific reason. Maybe you would like to research the answer at home!



PARENTS/CARERS ZOOMS

Thank you to all of the families who joined us on ZOOM or phone this week. We hope you found the meetings informative in terms of knowing how your child has managed settling back in to school or a new year group and their starting points for the year.

LUNCHES

I thought I should just explain the hot lunch system, as I know there has been some concern regarding children having their first choice of hot meal. Chartwells provide enough portions of food for all children having hot lunch. This includes the vegetarian and baked potato and topping option.

We rotate the children through the classes, although for the first month allowed our youngest children to eat first. We now rotate between Willow, Beech and Oak Class. They do not sit as previously in mixed class tables.

Chartwells are governed by strict policies on how food is heated and how long it is permitted to be served for. This means we have one sitting and sometimes children may not get their first choice but are always fed.

I hope this clarifies the situation, as I am aware Chartwells have received a number of emails regarding this issue.

Worship in School: Resilience – how does that look, feel and sound in our school?

This week the children have thought about the word Resilience. As the children have returned to school we have noticed that this is something they have found more challenging as they transition back to school, relationships with friends and learning. We are teaching the children the phrases ' I can't do it YET!' and ' I'm not giving up'.

In Year 5 and 6 we talked about how if a baby learning to walk sat down after their first attempt and been able to say ' that's that, I've tried to walk but it's no use and I don't think I'll try again' we would have a very interesting world!

We discussed how Christians believe that God who created us, knows us and loves us, wants for each of us to show resilience and be the best we can be.

The Worship Leaders yet again made a fantastic Worship weekly Film for us. They read the story of Rosa Parks and explained how she showed resilience at a time of oppression and racism. They gave us top tips to help us to stay resilient – positivity, talking things through, trying repeatedly, and telling yourself you can do it!

Have a lovely weekend

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team

