

As part of the pupils return to school, this week during Collective Worship, we explored the meaning of gratitude.

We explored the text <u>The Giving Tree</u> and considered the different things that each class was grateful for. Each class then recorded these on a piece of ribbon and hung them from our willow archway. Children across the school are encouraged to read what their peers are grateful for as they complete the Daily Mile. You may want to explore the text further at home and create your own Giving Tree.



### **Home Learning:**

Today your child has been set their Home Learning challenges. The challenges run the same as during the Autumn Term and our approach to Remote Learning. Pupils in Years 1 and 2 will be set their Home Learning via Class Dojo and pupils in Key Stage 2 will be set their Home Learning via Google Classroom.

In addition to the tasks set by your child's class teacher, there will also be a whole school challenge. This week's challenge is linked to healthy lifestyles.

Further information on the expectations regarding Home Learning can be found on the school's <u>website</u>. Please not that we will not be setting creative home learning challenges at this time.

### **Potato Characters:**

This week, the Junior Governors voted for the winners of the potato challenge which we set during World Book Week. Thank you to all children that entered the competition. The winners have each received a certificate and a £5 Amazon voucher to buy a new book.

The winners are:

EYFS: Victoria GYear 1: Tommy PYear 2: Jack KYear 3: Maisie PYear 5: Eloise MYear 6: Pawel M



## **Inclusion Sports:**

This week across the school, pupils in Years 1 - 6 have been learning a range of skills linked to different inclusion sports. Over the following weeks, pupils will deepen their understanding of in game tactics and strategies.



### **Times Tables Rock Stars:**

The current battle is now at the mid-way point. Although there is still almost a week until this particular battle ends, the current standings are:



#### Year 6 v Year 4:

Year 4 are steaming ahead with 39,569 points, however Year 6 are hot on their heels with 24,626 so everything could change before next week!

#### Year 5 v Year 3:

Year 5 are currently ahead, with 12,002 points (but Year 3 are not too far behind, with 7,662 points!).

The latest battle will run until **7.00pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Results will be announced in the newsletter on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Numbots:**

The children who earnt the most amount of coins in their year groups this week are:

EYFS: Malachi HYear 1: Antonia TYear 2: Marley M



Each of these children will receive a certificate for their achievement. Well done to all children who are logging on and completing the challenges.

### **Cycle Safety:**

As the weather begins to improve, more children will be cycling to and from school. Please remind your child to wear a cycle helmet when travelling on their bike to keep them safe. In addition, cycles and scooters must be locked when leaving in the cycle racks.

### **School Sporting Achievements:**

Following the recent Virtual School Games, we were delighted to receive a certificate to recognise our participation in these events:

'During National Lockdown 3, South Bersted clearly demonstrated commitment to PE and school sport as well as high level success. Listed below are all the achievements over the 4 weeks'

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Primary Champions! (Snow Sport)

KS1 Champions (Bob Run)

Primary Participation Champions! (Bob Run)

This really is a superb result and is thanks to the effort made by children across the school during lockdown.

# Letter to Parents and Carers from Paul Wagstaff:

This week, Paul Wagstaff (Director of Education and Skills for West Sussex), wrote to all parents following the reopening of schools. Please click <u>here</u> to view a copy of this letter.

There is also some guidance available from the Government linked to rapid COVID 19 testing for parents and carers, which all parents and carers should please read. You can view a copy of the guidance <u>here</u>.

## **Letters Sent Home This Week:**

Please find below a summary of letters sent home this week:

| Date                   | То  | Details                   |  |
|------------------------|-----|---------------------------|--|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March | ALL | Lateral Flow Testing      |  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March | Y2  | Phonics Screening Results |  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March | ALL | Letter from Paul Wagstaff |  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March | Y5  | E Safety                  |  |



# **Red Book:**

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been recognised for good work, effort, achievement and or demonstrating this half term's value of **ENDURANCE** in action:



Isabelle P (YR), George F (YR), Hanna S (Y1), Joshua J (Y1), Mary G (Y2), Leo M (Y2) Millie-Mai T (Y3), Owen E (Y3), Frankie-James N-A (Y4), Olivia R (Y4), Charley C (Y5), Eliza M (Y5), Max C-L (Y6), Harvey W (Y6)

Please watch today's Collective Worship on Class Dojo for more information about why each child has been selected for the Red Book this week.