**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 27th October 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy last week in school with some exciting enrichment activities, some fantastic Design and Technology work and a great class assembly.

On Monday our year 6 class enjoyed a trip to Safety Central, where they learned some important life skills and how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations. Today they were visited by an Imam who has talked to them about Islam to enhance their learning about this religion.

Year 1 have been busy over the last half term, designing and creating houses to protect the three little pigs from the big bad wolf. Their designs are amazing – what a creative and imaginative bunch they are! I really enjoyed them sharing their finished products with me today; they were all able to explain the features of their designs and, most importantly, they all stood up to the ‘blow machine’ (hairdryer) when they put their structures to the test. Well done Year 1, we are very impressed with your work! Please look out for photos on Facebook.

Year 2 kicked off our programme of class assemblies on Wednesday with a super assembly to share some of their learning over the past few weeks. They were incredibly proud to show off their knowledge about space pioneers, Mae Jemison, Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. They also impressed us all with their maths skills and poetry writing. Well done year 2! We’re looking forward to the year 5 assembly on 17th November.

In assembly today we celebrated our stars of the day from all classes. Lots of children are showing a great deal of resilience in many aspects of their learning, which is wonderful to see. Year 2 shared a wonderful quote from Mae Jemison who said, *‘If you can dream it, if you believe it and work hard for it, anything is possible’*. Our stars of the day have definitely proved what can be achieved with hard work and persistence this week, well done to all.

**Fireworks**

We are really looking forward to our annual fireworks fiesta, which is taking place on Monday 6th November. If you haven’t managed to buy your tickets yet, don’t worry we will be selling them during the day on 6th November. However, we won’t be selling them at the gate, so do please make sure you have bought them before the event.

**One School, Many Cultures**

Each year we have two days where we celebrate the many cultures both in our school, and wider, community. On Tuesday 7th November we are looking forward to learning all about Sri Lanka. We would like to invite you into school from 3.15pm so the children can share their activities from the day, with you. Please collect your children as usual and then make your way to the main entrance to visit the classrooms and see what we have all been up to.

**Attendance**

This week the winners for attendance are year 6 with 94% – well done! We spun the wheel of fortune and they won a sweet treat which they will enjoy this afternoon.

Today we also celebrated those children who have had good attendance this half term. They will all be rewarded with a certificate today.

*Attendance for the week:*

Reception: 93%

Year 1: 87%

Year 2: 81%

Year 3: 85%

Year 4: 90%

Year 5: 92%

Year 6: 94%

*Whole school attendance for the year so far is 94.4%*

**Dates for your Diaries**

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Break up for half term | Friday 27th October 2023 | 3.15pm | All year groups |
| Fireworks Fiesta | Monday 6th November 2023 | 5pm | School families/ local community |
| Open Afternoon for parents | Tuesday 7th November 2023 | 3.15pm | All year groups |
| Year 5 Class Assembly | Friday 17th November 2023 | 9.15am | Year 5 parents |
| Christmas Jumper Swap and coffee afternoon | Thursday 23rd November 2023 | 2.25pm | All year groups |
| Infant Play Dress Rehearsal | Monday 11th December 2023 | 1.30pm  | Reception, year 1, year 2 parents/ grandparents |
| Infant Christmas Play | Tuesday 12th December 2023 | 6pm | 2 tickets per child will be issued – Reception, year 1, year 2 parents/ guardians |

Next half term the children will particularly focus on being **respectful** in all aspects of their lives, including their behaviour towards others, taking care of our school environment, and presentation and pride in their work.

We have spoken to the children about keeping themselves **safe** over the next week, particularly as the nights will be drawing in, and many of them will be out and about trick or treating for Halloween. We have reminded them to always have an adult with them, to wear bright clothes so they can be seen and to only visit the homes of people they know.

We hope you all have fun over the next week and we look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday 6th November.

Happy Halloween and happy half term everyone!

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy