



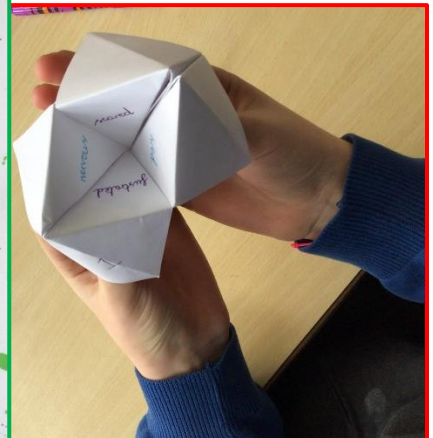
Newsletter 21
11th February 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had a focus on Children's mental health as part of the Place2Be initiative.

The activities have been varied and started with an assembly that focussed on children's belief in themselves; understanding can achieve anything they



they are unique and they set their minds too.

Classes have had sessions in addition to their normal curriculum. Examples, pictured above, are 4J gardening – improving the environment for everyone and enjoying planting. 6J were very artistic with their "support" balloons in which they named all the people who support them. Understanding emotions was also a focus of activities. Talking to children across the school today, they both enjoyed the activities and found them very positive.

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Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus.*

3Anning	Munich Dall'Armellina	For always being a bucket filler.
3Nightingale	Joshua Haynes	For excellent maths work and filling buckets in mental health week.
4Jemison	Hana Sobota	She quietly works very hard with excellent progress as the outcome. Kind and friendly to everyone.
4Attenborough	Fabio Seaman	For his hard work and contribution to our learning, and for his creative Romeo and Juliet writing.
5Mandela	Mthokozisi Ndlovu	For his positive attitude and outstanding resilience this term.
5Einstein	Mildred Jabati	For her contributions in class – with lots of excellent answers. She has work very hard in all lessons.
6Johnson	Michal Sojka	For his positive attitude in his learning this week, and his increased motivation.
6Martin Luther King	Luke McNamee	For his fantastic football prowess in recent matches and for his effort in writing this week.

Sports Fixtures and Events

The Year 6 Boys' football team made it four wins out of five last Friday by beating St Mary's 7-0. Four of the goals were scored by Luke McNamee (the second game in a row where he has netted four). Two more were added by Oscar Smith and the seventh was an own goal.

Here are dates (so far) for after half term, up to Easter.

Thurs 24th Feb - Year 6 Slam Jam (Basketball) tournament - Longdean - 3.30 - 5.30pm

Tuesday 1st March - Y6 Girls' Football Tournament - London Colney - All day (transport provided)

Monday 7th March - Y6 Boys' football match - Away v Southill (Football Club cancelled)

Tuesday 8th March - Year 6 Boys' Football match - Away v Potten End

Wednesday 9th March - Year 4 and 6 Girls' football tournaments at Longdean - (Morning)

Monday 14th March - Y6 Girls' football match - v Greenway - (Home) Football Club cancelled.

Wednesday 16th March - Y3 Rugby Festival (mixed) - Morning at Camelot.

- Y6 Girls' Netball match - Home v George Street

Tuesday 22nd March - Year 6 Girls Netball match - Home v Galley Hill

Tuesday 29th March - Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament - at Kings Langley - Daytime

Wednesday 30th March - Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament - Kings Langley - Daytime.

PA News

Thank you to everyone who brought in Happy Bags to raise money for the school. We had a large pile of bags collected this morning – 376kg! This equates of over £150 raised. Thank you to those parents who helped organise this and made it possible.

The PA also gave out flyers at our Parents Evening, setting out how you can help, and inviting new members to come to our next meeting in school on February 24th at 7pm in school. You can raise money by simply using Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising every time you shop. More details on St Cuthbert Mayne PA facebook page.

The next event is one we want the children to take part in – creating their own piece of Lenten bunting and decorating it with your Lenten promise. Maybe something to do during half term? The PA is suggesting a £1 donation on our school gateway (AFTER half term). Instructions and a template was attached to the Wednesday email.

Covid-19 Update

We continue to have a low level of cases in school and our general level of attendance is improving – this is down to your co-operation in keeping children at home when Covid cases have occurred in your family. Thank you – I believe this has been the single most important way to reduce outbreaks in school. We will return after half term using our same guidance but will be reviewing measures in school that week and will update our guidance as appropriate. We currently have five pupils off with cases today (all previously isolating) – four in one class.

Staff News

We sadly say goodbye to our Site Manager Mr McKinnon next week as he goes on to a full time role elsewhere. We are sorry to see him go and will miss his dedicated care of the premises and safety of us all. We wish him every future success. I am pleased to announce that Miss Brydon will be our new site manager before and after school while continuing to support pupils for part of the school day.

I wish you all a wonderful half term whether you are going away, staying at home and seeing family and friends.

Have a good break,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher