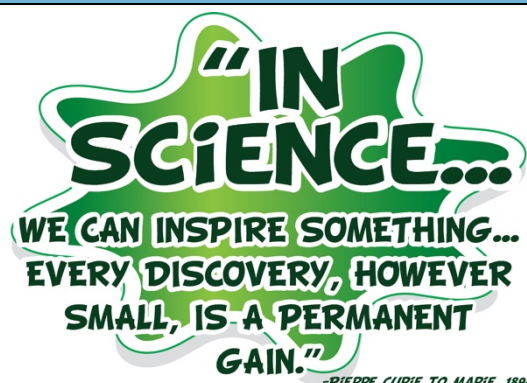


This week I have visited many classes to observe Science with Mrs Lea who is our science leader. It has been lovely to see the children engrossed in their learning and I have been very impressed by how hard they are working. This term we always update you on how your child is doing in school both academically and socially. Please ensure that you have received your letter about parents meetings which will take place in the last week of term. Your child's class teacher will have allocated you an appointment but if you cannot make this time please ensure that you have let the teacher know.



We have received a donation of food from NEO COMMUNITY. This is not fresh food but tinned and packet items. If anyone would like some of this food and feels they can make use of it, Miss Clark and myself will be available for you to come and collect food items on TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY between 2:30pm and 3:30pm in the After School Club room. You can access this room via the side door on the same side as the Nursery Entrance. We suggest you bring a bag with you.

Attendance – Our attendance continues to be impacted on by Covid.

Foundation 2 – 91.7%.

Year 1 – 94.8% Year 2 – 94.3% Year 3 – 94.8%

Year 4 – 89.3% Year 5 – 94.1% Year 6 – 89.3%

NUT FREE SCHOOL -Please remember that we are a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunch to school please do not send nuts or foods which contain nuts or sesame in your child's lunch (e.g. humus and sesame snap bars). We have a number of children across the school who have food allergies. It is really important that we take this seriously.



Timid to Tiger Parenting Course

Does your child struggle with anxiety?
Are you looking for ways to support them?

Timid to Tiger is an entirely parenting-based approach to managing anxiety in children (available to parents of children aged 8-12).

It is based on evidence that anxious children benefit substantially from a parenting style that is clear, calm and consistent.

This is an 8 week virtual course starting Monday 7th March – 6pm to 7pm.

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Last Friday, Year 5 worked with Mr Sledge and learnt about inspirational figures who fought for equality such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and Jo Cox. They thought about different events in history which required people to fight for justice. They marked Holocaust Memorial Day as a class and explored the lessons that we should all learn from what happened during the Holocaust.

Following his morning with Year 5, Mr Sledge then met with the School Council. They are very excited to be planning

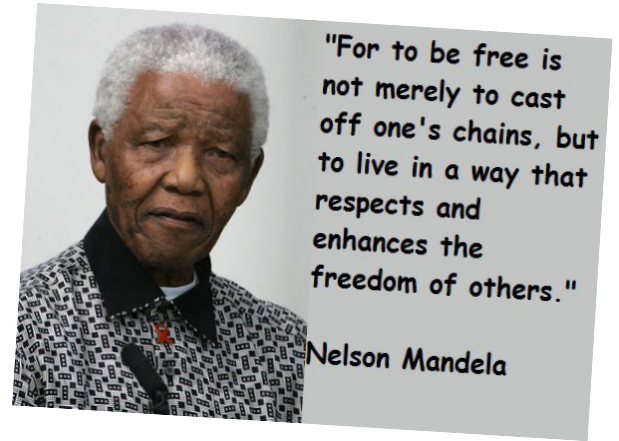
a Fair Trade Exhibition for after half term. Our School Council are now very busy getting ready to advertise their plans. We absolutely love the poster that one Year 4 pupil made at home. Watch this space as more details will follow!





Mrs Bennison led assembly with the older children this week and they thought about our new school value of 'Freedom'. They discussed what freedom means to them and how as human beings, we have 'free will' and can make clear choices about our lives and what we do. However, with that freedom, comes responsibility. Freedom is:

- the right to speak or think as you want;
- the right to act in the way you choose;
- the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved;
- the right to make your own choices and not have choices forced upon you.



At school we respect every pupil's human rights and freedoms. The children thought about how it's important to always try your best at school and to help to create a positive learning environment where everyone has an equal chance to reach their potential!



It has been another busy week in school this week

Our 2-year-olds have been learning about Chinese New Year. They have been dressing up, dancing and they have even had noodles at snack time. They have made some Chinese lanterns and have read their fortune cookies. Our Little Angels have also been celebrating Chinese New Year. They have been taking part in lots of different activities including maths work using Chinese symbols. This was very tricky!



Our Year 2 children have been inspired by the artist Andy Warhol when creating their own pop art style artwork based on Queen Elizabeth II.



Well done to Year 3 who have demonstrated excellent oracy skills when delivering presentations to the rest of the class. Miss McCallion was super impressed with the confident, clear and knowledgeable skills the children demonstrated.



Year 4 spent some imagining we were Stone Age hunter-gathers! We explored our forest school looking for assets which would help us survive in the wild.



This week in assembly with the younger children I was talking to them about the holy day called Candlemas which we celebrate on the 2nd of February. On this day we remember the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. It was at the temple that Mary and Joseph met Simeon and Anna, who was a prophetess. Both Simeon and Anna had been waiting all their lives to meet Christ.

Christians light candles at Candlemas to help them remember Simeon's words about Jesus. We describe Jesus as 'the light of the world' and we thought about how we must try to follow his example and live our lives as lights shining in the world.



Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph