



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Fringford C.E. Primary School
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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

Message from the Headteacher

We are delighted to be participating in Children's Mental Health Week this year. One of our activities this week we will be to choose our Wellbeing Ambassadors. We have had a wonderful response to this initiative with lots of application forms to read through! We will also be encouraging children (and staff!) to share their Show & Tell items around the theme of 'Healthy: Inside & Out'.

Kingfisher Class – Playing it Safe

Kingfisher Class were visited by the Arc Theatre Company. The children were taught about keeping safe on railways and around building sites.



Starling Class Multi Skills Festival

Starling Class attended the Multi-Skills Festival held at The Cooper School. Everyone showed great determination and perseverance and represented the school wonderfully!



Value of the Month

This month we will be discussing the value of Love with the children.

Teachers will be awarding 'Values Certificates' to the children who demonstrate our values in and around the school.



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34

Dates for your diary

February

4th – 8th Mental Health Week

5th Internet Safety Day

18th – 22nd Half Term

25th Back to School

25th Class Photos

26th School Vision Screening Robins Class Only

26th Rock Steady assembly and class workshops

March

7th World Book Day

15th Red Nose Day – School Uniform to be worn

22nd Great Big School Clean 2019

29th FoFS Mother's Day Gift Shop

School Council

Our School Council will be meeting next week to discuss World Book Day and Red Nose Day so please watch this space and ParentMail for updates on how we'll be celebrating these upcoming events.

Growth Mindset – Tips for Parents

Research shows that if we can help children to develop a 'Growth Mindset' they will become better learners. To continue the discussion at home we would like to share these 5 helpful tips.

1. Pay attention and verbally praise children for skills that don't sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake etc., rather than being "smart", "brilliant" or "gifted".

2. Be a growth mindset role model. Be honest: how often do you say "I can't (cook/sing/dance)" or "I'm terrible at (sports/spelling/maths/public speaking)" as if there's no hope for you? Make sure you're sending the right message – at school we are teaching the children about the power of 'yet'!

3. Encourage your child to forget taking the easy route (where little learning is done) and instead embrace challenges instead. A sheet full of questions your child already knows the answers to won't "grow the brain" like one deeper problem that requires more thinking time.

4. Remember growth mindset isn't just academic; it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn't go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.

5. Discourage envy of peers, and talk to your child about what he or she can learn from others who appear more successful. While skills may come more easily to some, most often there's a (possibly unseen) element of practice, persistence, and hard work which leads to achievement.

Safer Internet Day 2019

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February. The theme this year was 'together for a better internet'. In our assembly we discussed using the internet responsibly and respectfully. In keeping with the themes already discussed we will continue to encourage our pupils to explore how the internet works and who owns the information that is shared on it. We will also continue to ensure that they use technology responsibly by being aware of how to give consent and permission online and how they can manage their privacy and data. We would encourage that you continue this discussion at home. Some useful resources can be found here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

Fundamental British Values Week

We celebrated British Values week and welcomed a range of visitors including our friendly neighbourhood police officers and Victoria Prentis, Member of Parliament for Banbury and North Oxfordshire.

All of the children took part in the assemblies and learnt about

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liability
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith



Starlings Alien Crash Site

At the beginning of the term the children returned to a very strange occurrence indeed! It would seem an alien had crash landed on our school field. Fortunately, the alien was found safe and sound and taken to Professor Pong in Oxford. We investigated our crash site thoroughly so that we could email Professor Pong and let him know that we had some of the alien's spacecraft. We described everything that we found carefully. We also found some slime and some strange rocks which we investigated scientifically. We think that we were able to work out which planet the alien had come from. We hope that he found all of the missing parts to his spacecraft and has been able to return to his planet.

