



This issue of the newsletter is a little late following a very busy week but I hope the day's delay hasn't caused you any problems. As I write, there is a snow flurry outside and quite frankly, I'm now ready for this inconsistent weather to clear off and give us a proper spring! So what's been happening in the past two weeks in our great school:

## **Phase 1 & 2 visited Woburn Safari Park**

Last Tuesday, the girls and boys from Phases 1 & 2 visited Woburn Safari Park, looking in particular at the wildlife that is native to India (as part of our topic, "A Passage to India"). The pupils had an amazing time at the safari park and the staff were delighted with the exceptional behaviour that all of the children showed during the visit. We also want to say a special thank you to those parents who supported us on the trip.

## **Year 4 visited the Saints**

Another trip out saw our Year 4 pupils visit Franklins Gardens, home of Northampton Saints rugby club. Mr Brown and his class fully enjoyed the day and were able to visit the changing rooms, have a stadium tour and even get taught how to do a haka!

## **Football Matches**

Mr Brown arranged fixtures for both our Y3/4 and Y5/6 football teams over the past fortnight. The Y3/4 team played valiantly against Hopping Hill Primary and then took on Caroline Chisholm. Both schools had considerably more match-time than us and used this and their experience of playing football matches against us. Our Y5/6 played a very competitive match against a St James team that had a few highly talented players. Again, our lack of experience prevented us getting a result. The enthusiasm of the players was fantastic and I think that as Mr Brown arranges more games, we will only get better!

## **Book Fair**

Although I am yet to calculate the total, I know that as a school you were able to better the £500 target I had set for us to raise at the Book Fair. Once I have a total I will of course share it with you but possibly, more importantly, I will know how many free books the school has qualified for from your amazing fund raising. I intend to discuss the new books that we will order with our school council. Thank you so much for your support!

## **Voice In A Million**

Finally, our Year 5 singing sensations attended the Voice In A Million (VIAM) concert on Thursday night. Established in 2009, in addition to providing children with an exciting experience and the opportunity to perform, VIAM seeks to raise awareness of the plight of children in care and the importance of Adoption and Fostering, both in the UK and worldwide. Our children had an amazing time, met RoadTrip and HRVY, and were amongst the loudest schools at the event. Thank you to the staff who went in support and also to the families who drove down to the SSE Arena too. Here's just a few photos from the evening:

*Mr Albert*



## Safeguarding Matters

Please talk to your children about the dangers of talking or sharing information with people they don't know. Please remember to be aware of what children are doing when on mobile devices and computers, whilst at the same time talking to them about the dangers of talking or sharing information with people they don't know. If you are concerned about the well-being of any child or adult please speak to either Mr Albert (safeguarding lead), Mrs Osborne or Mrs Bedi (deputy safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on: 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or out of hours: 01604 626 938.

## Frances Le Pla

The Governors have asked us to share the sad news of the recent passing of Frances Le Pla. Frances worked in school improvement and had supported Collingtree on our improvement journey. You may have seen her in school during and following our academy conversion. She will be sadly missed by all in the PDET family.

## Diary Dates

22/3 - Full Governing Board meeting  
22/3 - "Sport Relief" sport-wear themed multi-day  
23/3 - *Pret-a-Portrait - Class Photos*  
23/3 - *Easter Disco organised by "Friends"*  
26/3 - Y4 at a Faith Roadshow organised by PDET  
29/3 - Easter Services at St Columba's Church  
**29/3 - End of Spring Term 2**  
**17/4- Start of Summer Term 1**  
26/4 - NSPCC school workshop  
26/4 - *Movie Afternoon organised by "Friends"*  
08/5 and 09/5 - Life Education Bus visiting school  
14/5 - 18/5 - End of KS2 Assessment Week (SATS week)

## Reflection

This term we've learnt that wisdom isn't the same as knowledge and can't be learned as a curriculum subject. Wisdom is about how we handle both the good and bad experiences in life. It is about how we use the knowledge we have. Wisdom is about acting wisely once you have weighed up the possibilities. Wisdom helps us act for the good of others and not for purely personal gain. Wisdom earns respect because it is focused on long-term thinking. Wisdom is about being prepared to listen to the advice of others, thinking before you speak and choosing silence over words. Take a moment to discuss this with your children.

## Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for children who are teachable.  
We pray You will continue nurturing their hearts and minds ,  
To be receptive to Your Word.  
Anoint them with wisdom and great insight  
So that they may discern between right and wrong.  
Amen



## Website

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## Twitter



Follow our twitter account —  
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We'll be using it even more moving forward; sharing photographs of the children at work, news updates and useful links. It's quick and easy. Come on—give us a follow!

“Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power.”

— Lao-Tzu

