



Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2018

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A short but busy term is over and it's noticeable that both the mornings and evenings are getting lighter. Even though it was only 5 and a bit weeks, we seemed to have crammed in lots! It may have something to do with the fact that we didn't win, but it seems like ages ago since the Friends quiz evening - I'm not sure I'll ever forget some of the answers that our team gave ("A Tower of Flamingos" - really!). We've also had a team in from Pentagon Play, re-developing our Phase One playground and then we performed at an academy-wide Candlemas service. I think the highlight for me has to be the fabulous Year 6 pupils leading the Family service at our own St Columba's church. It was a real delight to see so many of them and their families in attendance. They have set the bar very high so I'm looking forward to seeing what the Year 4 & 5 classes do at the end of February.

We have had more fabulous learning going on throughout the term and you'll get the chance to see this for yourselves in the upcoming parents evenings. I am sure you'll be delighted. The children are enjoying a rich, engaging curriculum delivered by a fabulous staff and I know that as a school, we'll soon reap the benefits of the changes that have been made. In the meantime, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mr Albert

The Victorian Block playground

I hope you've all had the opportunity to see the Victorian Block playground with its newly installed features. I'm sure that you'll agree that it looks amazing - it even got a feature by the local newspaper! The children are loving using it and it's really supporting them in their physical, creative and imaginative play. The development of this area has been a priority for the school and now our efforts will focus on gaining funding to improve the play areas on the Main Block site. Watch this space!



Tag-Rugby Triumph!

Mr Brown, Mrs Carp and a group of pupils attended a Tag-Rugby tournament on Thursday 8th March at Daventry RFC. Mr Brown was delighted with the team-spirit, sportsmanship and also the ability of the pupils as they stormed their way towards a place in the upcoming Quarter-Finals.

Wellingborough Mandir visits

Our pupils had a wonderful time visiting the two different Mandirs in Wellingborough. They enjoyed the statues of the deities, had the option of ringing the bell of worship, enjoyed sharing fruit and listened to a song performed by the local Pandit. The children were able to explore the temple and the staff were delighted when they asked some wonderful questions. The visit has really helped the children develop their understanding of Hinduism and a knowledge of wider Indian culture.



Safeguarding Matters

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.

Online Safety

Don't forget the Online Safety talk that is being given by Simon Aston on the 8th March. The session will be extremely popular so when we send out the reminder, please make sure you book your tickets. He will cover all things to do with keeping our children safe online and when playing on tablets and consoles and we think it's a vital session for all parents (including us as Mums and Dads too).

Diary Dates

19/2- Start of Spring Term 2

20/2 - Swimming Lessons begin for Year 4

25/2 - Y4/Y5 involvement in St Columba's Family Service

26/2 & 28/2 - Parents Evenings

6/3 - Phase 1 & 2 Visit to Woburn Abbey

7/3 - Scholastic Book Fair Arrives

8/3 - E-Safety Parent Workshop with Simon Aston

9/3 - Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

with the "Friends of Collingtree"

15/3 - Y5 at "Voice in a Million" event

22/3 - Full Governing Board meeting

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 Service

29/3 - End of Spring Term 2

16/4- Start of Summer Term 1

Reflection

When we return to school, we will begin focusing on the virtue of 'Wisdom'. Wisdom is not just about being knowledgeable and we'll reinforce this within the children. To the right, I'm sharing a quote that is purportedly from Lao Tzu, the ancient philosopher. To me, it speaks of being wise enough to realise that we need to continue to grow in order to achieve our potential. Over the holiday, talk to your children and see what wisdom means to them.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Grant me the serenity to accept those things I cannot change.

Give me the courage to change the things I can.

Bless me with the wisdom to know the difference between them.

Amen



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