



Our Values for this half term are:

Creativity

Thinkers, Adaptable, Independence, Imagination.

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Newsletter No. 4

Dear Parents & Carers,

History Day

Last week all year groups took part in History day where they explored history through many diverse and exciting ways.

Foundation Stage explored the history of me. The children decorated faces and shared and talked about photographs of themselves as babies. They created a timeline by ordering pictures of babies, toddlers and children.

Year 1 explored Mary Anning. The children learned about who she was and why she was famous. They made their own 'fossil' using playdough or clay, looked at real fossils and made dinosaurs by cutting, sticking and using split pins.

Year 2 explored dinosaurs. They created a dinosaur timeline focusing on dinosaurs from different eras. They went outside and measured how big a Supersaurus would be, which was 41 metres! They also created paper plate and split pin dinosaurs

Year 3 explored Florence Nightingale. The children created a concept map. Then later in the day wrote a diary entry, comparing modern nursing to nursing in the past. The children also created a lantern.

Year 4 were encouraged to ask their own questions about the history of the countries of the rainforest, linking in nicely with their topic. The children created a fun fact file, and researched information using ICT.

Year 5 found out facts and information about the plague. They took part in a number of exciting drama activities using Horrible Histories and created posters.

Year 6 linked their history day nicely into their Victorian topic and focused on workhouses. They chose their own learning from a selection of tasks, which included comparing the meal of a person from the work house to a rich person's meal.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for your generous donations, we raised a total amount of £305.16 for this very worthwhile cause.

Parent Consultation Meetings and Foundation Stage Open Days

Please ensure you return your slip for your appointment time by Monday 8th October.

Absence

If your child is absent please contact the school before 9.30am on the first day of absence to inform us of the reason (the responsibility for authorising the absence lies with the school and not the parent/carer); please avoid, if possible, making medical or dental appointments during school hours and not take holidays during term-time.

We have a policy of first day contact to ensure that children are safe. If you do not contact us, we will try to contact you.

Please ensure you give a reason for the absence, rather than 'unwell'. If no reason for absence is given to us then the absence is regarded as unauthorised and will be reported as such.

Children leaving early

We have an increasing number of children leaving school early for appointments. Can I please ask that you only collect your child from school early if it is absolutely necessary and inform the office well in advance. It is very disruptive to the class to keep interrupting lessons even if it is the last 10-15 minutes of the day.

Starting School 2019

If your child was born in between 01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015 the online application process opens on Wednesday 10th October to apply for a school place. You can do this and find all the information needed online at www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool. The closing date for applications is Monday 15th January 2019.

Parking

Unfortunately we have had complaints regarding parents parking inconsiderately and blocking driveways and the end of Jowitt Avenue. Can I please remind all parents to park with care and respect for others, it is vital that the emergency services can get along Jowitt Avenue. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Stanyard
Headteacher