

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What great weather it has been for outdoor learning this week. Children have enjoyed exploring and creating outside in the sunshine which has supported their physical development and emotional wellbeing through being active, interaction through problem solving and experiencing the joy of learning together with their friends at school again.

The recovery curriculum is demonstrating great impact on behaviour and I am hugely impressed by the children's engagement, smooth transition and sense of community that delivery of such a curriculum is effecting. Behaviour has been exemplary and our school values of kindness, respect, inclusivity, openness, resilience, understanding and empathy are really being lived through the breadth of activities within our recovery curriculum.

Next week on Friday 25th September, we are holding a special day in school which we are calling '*All About Me*'. Over the course of the day children will participate in many creative and inspiring activities to capture what they want others to know about their unique self. There is much scope for the outcomes that this day will produce which could be artwork, a book, dance, drama, a song, poem, rap, a story, collage, pictures, music, film, or a presentation – we will see where the learning journey takes us and look forward to learning more about children as individuals. It would really be helpful if you could email in photographs to the class teacher to support your child's engagement with this theme. This could be a photograph of a favourite toy, sport, game, place, family member, celebration, holiday, pet, food, activity, etc.

The '*All About Me*' story each child will create will begin a whole school approach for true person-centred planning. Mrs Toshack will lead and develop a person-centred approach throughout the year so that each child's views and 'voice' are really heard and represented. A child or person-centred approach will also support annual review of the EHCP as well as further enabling us to:

- concentrate on the child as an individual, overcoming barriers to fully meet their needs
- look at things from the child's perspective and through the lens of autism
- give opportunities to learn through experiences, the senses and doing
- listen so that ideas and views are valued
- develop a sense of belonging to a community
- support holistic development
- support children to make their own decisions and solve problems
- allow children to develop confidently and independently
- develop self-respect so that children can feel comfortable with who they are
- develop a child's understanding of self and the surrounding world in preparation for adulthood.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of '*All About Me*' day with you.



Mrs Laura Ives
Principal

What have we been learning through our recovery curriculum in week two ?



In Mouse class Callum was thrilled to win at Bingo! Malachy showed the value of kindness by giving a flower to his friend. Children have been learning about time in maths and using their senses to explore.

Mouse class have particularly enjoyed reconnecting through their relationships within imaginative play centred around their interests (Pokémon and Minecraft) and interacting outside together in our newly grassed courtyard.



Caterpillar Class have been creative little explorers this week – constructing, building, making, designing and problem solving.

Children in Busy Bees are really gaining in confidence this week. They are even taking part in their work system tasks for counting, sorting, matching and mark making as well as enjoying lots of physical development activities - balancing, throwing, climbing and jumping outside.



Dragonfly Class have been using the 'Zones of Regulation', interacting as a group through Attention Autism and concentrating well in number work and phonics – what super stars!



Robin class are certainly planning ahead and are already making preparations for a yummy Christmas this year! Here they are making their Christmas cakes which are going to be delicious.

This week Buzzard Class have been learning to sew as well as modelling with clay. A lot of fun has been had playing cricket in their PE lesson too.





Enormous fun outdoors in the digging pit, music making on the pots and pans and on the rope swing at Forest School.