



Malvern Way News

From Mrs Cole

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World Book Day

The school looked a very interesting place on Thursday 3rd March when we celebrated world book day. It was simply lovely to see the effort our children and their families had gone to with their costumes. The staff also joined in the event dressing as characters from their own favourite books.



Book Look ~ Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our recent "Book Look" session. The children really do enjoy the opportunity to share their learning with parents, grandparents etc... They are all rightly proud of their achievements. Our next Book Look is on Friday 10th June at 9am (or 12pm for our Ducklings).

Governor Day

Last Friday the school held the now annual 'Governor Day'. Governors had an action packed day with a variety of activities involving all aspects of the school. The remit of the day was to observe pupil behaviour, pupil engagement and use of learning powers.

The day started meeting staff at an informal breakfast before moving on to badges assembly. It is always a pleasure to see the children rewarded for their fantastic behaviour. The children were told Governors were in the school all day and were invited to say hello and chat when they saw us which many of them did, clearly proud of their work and their school. Next we were able to look around the school observing the children doing various things from maths tasks to exploring the school pond while Nursery were busy splashing at the water table, playing outside and learning about travel. After this there was discussion about what we had seen and how this applied to various Ofsted criteria. We met with the school and Eco councils, both of whom were extremely vocal and excited about what they were doing. The children told us the best bits about being on the councils and where they thought the school could improve. Future politicians in the making!!

After a school lunch and some very excited children showing us the school playground we had training on PREVENT/WRAP. This is government training helping those working with children spot potential extremism activities.

At the end of the day we had half an hour to meet with parents. Whilst it would have been nice to meet with many more of you, a huge thanks to those who came along, chatted to us about our roles and helped us eat the giant cookies.

If you wanted to speak to Governors regarding the strategic management of the school but were unable to, you can complete a form available from the office.

Mindset and Motivation Workshop

Along with quite a few Malvern Way parents, I attended the Mindsets and Motivation workshop at Chessbrook School. As I hope you are aware the school places great value on promoting Growth Mindsets with our children and this presentation was a great way for parents to develop their own understanding. Robin Launder was an entertaining presenter and he left us with some practical ways of supporting our own children through the use of praise. I have been made aware that more parents would have attended but were unable to secure tickets. I will be investigating with Robin whether he is able to deliver a workshop here for our parents.

Our Hertfordshire Improvement Adviser (HIP) spent the day with us on 25th February to assess the standards across the school and validate our own self evaluation. The outcome of the day was also based on the standards review in December which had a focus on looking at achievement data. We spent a large part of the morning in our Reception classes and the HIP was certainly impressed. She noted many strengths of this area of the school but noted:

“Teachers and leaders work with energy and enthusiasm to ensure expectations remain high and as a result the children have access to a vibrant, creative and dynamic learning environment that provides challenge and enquiry rich learning opportunities.”

“Adults interact effectively to develop the language of learning and growth mind sets. Children work collaboratively, despite their age and were observed supporting one another to move learning forward through dialogue and collaboration.”

In the afternoon we spent time discussing the schools own evaluation of standards and the evidence which supports these. I am absolutely delighted to report to you that she judged our school to be Outstanding in every category. In the report she wrote:

“Pupils love the challenge of learning and are resilient in the face of challenge. They are curious, interested learners who seek out and use new information to develop, consolidate and deepen their knowledge. Children thrive in an environment of enquiry and exploration.”

I feel very privileged to be the Headteacher of a school with such dedicated teachers and children who genuinely love learning. I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work, drive and passion and also to our Governors who continue to support our school.

E-Safety Meeting

Our joint e-safety meeting was held at Little Green School on Wednesday 2nd March. It was a disappointing turn out of Malvern Way parents and I hope this is because you are all accessing the important e-safety messages for your children rather than thinking this is not an issue you need to concern yourself with.



The parents who did attend reported to me how useful the meeting was in both raising awareness of our responsibilities as parents but also in giving practical advice for how to control devices and the material our children are accessing. A separate letter is being prepared which pulls together the main themes of the evening and some practical advice for ensuring our children remain safe online.

Badge Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have received a badge since our last newsletter:

Being Independent Learners ~ Amina, Perez, Nolah, Isla, Joshua, Archie, Molly, Eleanor, Philip, Eduardo, Maximilian, Keira, William, Leon, Edie, Amy, Kayden, Lillie-Mae, Lottie, Alexandra, Oscar

Good Listeners ~ Lucy, Eva, Hayden

Being a Good Friend ~ Aryan, Jack, Samantha, Amelie, Freddie

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Alexandar, Mayra, Josie, Ava, Charlotte

Polite ~ Abi, Luke, Denzyl, Rowan

Care Of The Environment ~ Charlie, Amelie, Archie, Ananya



Head Teacher Awards

Dragonfly: James, Oliver, Mary, Max D, Aryan, Isla, Louis, Lily S, Amelie

Shield Bug: Jakob, Charlie, Keira, Eve, Wiktoría, Ava

Bumble Bee: Joshua

Ladybird: Olivia, Hayden, Charlotte, Molly, Violet, Archie, Scarlett, Dilan

Rabbit: George, Oliver, Evelyn, Bailey, Max, Sophie, Emily, Eli, Kayden

Squirrel: Keavy, Francesco, Enya, Luke

Robin: Sienna, Safiya

Heron: Emma, River

Owl: Jake, Alfie, Orla, Jack, Sarah, Eduardo, Stanley