



NEWSLETTER 5th FEBRUARY 2021

VALUE OF THE MONTH: COURAGE

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it”,
Mark Twain



Excellent Topic Work by Isabelle



Reading Dens

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

After another busy week which has included familiarity with the Lateral Flow Tests (we use them twice a week to check we are not asymptomatic carriers of Covid-19) and my own experiences of an attack of gremlins during the whole school assembly where everything that could go wrong technically did.



I am reflecting on the positive and shall learn from the experience and have already contacted friends for advice on working around similar problems should they occur again. Showing resilience and learning from difficult situations is something I want all the children in school to develop for the positive impact on their wellbeing. I am aware that the lockdown continues to be a severe challenge to our resilience and positive outlook.

Safer Internet Day 2021

Safer Internet Day is on the 9th February and this link has some good resources and ideas.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/safer-internet-day-resources/z6bbhbk>



Vision, Mission Statement and Aims

The governors, staff and I have been reflecting on what it is we really want to achieve and have updated our Vision, Mission Statement and Aims. Thank you to the parents that responded to the email about this.

Vision: “Our vision is for Spellbrook Primary School to be an inclusive learning community, where everyone strives for excellence within a Christian environment.

Mission Statement: “Through consistently high quality teaching and support, we will provide an ambitious curriculum which engages and inspires all pupils to achieve their full potential.”

Please read the full document on the school website.

School Improvement

Despite the lockdown, we are keeping up with our regular staff training and development and although using Teams, school improvement work continues. We have a cycle of policies that we review. We have just completed updating the Teaching and Learning Policy which aims to ensure best practice and consistency across the school and the Marking Policy which is to ensure that whilst managing workload, the marking and feedback has a clear impact on all the progress of all learners. We have also been updating our curriculum maps and they will also be on the website.

Reading Focus

I am really keen to see children developing a love of reading. Reading has had such a positive impact on my own wellbeing and is a favourite past time. Children in Diamond Class have been making reading dens and we have seen lots of children uploading their reading diaries this week – keep it up!

I hope that you all have a good weekend, whatever the weather and all stay safe and well.

Jeremy Fisher

Testing structures to find out if they are windproof



Super science, making coloured volcanoes



What a great reaction to the volcano erupting!



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon writes:

It was so lovely to join the Spellbrook School family online this past Wednesday for the weekly assembly. To see so many faces bouncing around in front of your various home video cameras reminded me of all the energy we have at the moment which we can't always use without access to the playground and friends to



play with.

In our house, my son has now got a cheap and very soft football which he plays with in our hallway, bouncing it off the doors. Whilst there's often a gentle, rhythmical thud against my office door, it's so soft that it doesn't do any damage, but gives him a great incentive to practise his "keepie uppies". (I can imagine a ball of rolled up socks working equally well.) Joe Wicks is also frequently on our tv screen, doing his morning PE session and I, from my office next door, have got used to hearing the beep-beep-beep of Joe's countdown clock announcing the end of another particular exercise.

STARS OF THE WEEK

YR: Lisa for being so positive every day in live lessons and producing such good work in her home learning.

Y1: Tristan for excellent participation in live lessons at home and lessons at school.

Y2: Jacob for making big improvements in his effort and standard of work at home and for doing lots of regular reading.

TTRS

TTRS Leaderboard

1. Jasper
2. Ranjeet
3. Alfie D
4. Archie
5. Joseph



Y3: Isabelle for continuous improvement with her writing, developing new writing techniques, with great flair and imagination.

Y4: Marlon for showing determination and perseverance across all his learning and challenging himself to deepen his understanding of fractions.

Y5: Joseph for working hard on his Maths, Reading and English and his continued enthusiasm for his learning.

Y6: Sophie for consistent and exceptionally high standard of work across all aspects of home learning.



FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

Maths Skills for Parents

On **Thursday 11th of February at 7.30pm**, Mrs Foster and Mr Fisher will be running the second quick skills session showing parents how we teach certain aspects of Maths. This week we will be focusing on **Addition** by showing you resources and skills that we use in our Maths lessons. We will share a link on the whole school Class Dojo page for you to join the meeting (look out for it on Thursday). **Please use your child's Teams login to join the meeting.**

Highest Earners from each Year Group

Y6 Callum
Y5 Jasper
Y4 Marlon
Y3 Finley
Y2 Lorcan



PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Thursday
Sapphire Class – Thursday
Emerald Class – Friday
Diamond Class – Friday



NEXT WEEKS MENU

Monday	Sausages with Gravy
Tuesday	Jacket Potato
Wednesday	Roast Pork
Thursday	Quorn Hot Dog
Friday	Pizza



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
15/02/21	Half Term
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19/02/21	
22/02/21	Inset Day
23/02/21	First Day Back
26/03/21	Last Day of Term
29/03/21	Easter Break
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09/04/21	
12/04/21	Pupils return to school
31/05/21	Half Term
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04/06/21	
07/06/21	Occasional Day



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- ◆ Strategies and practical tips on routines and motivation
- ◆ Understanding your child's learning style
- ◆ How to take the stress out of home schooling
- ◆ And much more!

Time: 7-9pm

Date: Thursday 11th February 2021

Venue: Log on to this virtual workshop via a secure link in the comfort of your own home using zoom video conferencing

Price: £5.00 per household



Spaces are limited –to book your place please contact

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