



Dear Parents,

We have had a great first full week of term getting back into the swing of school life despite the cold and rain. This week, I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to teach 3 out of the 4 classes which I thoroughly enjoyed and it has helped me learn the children's names too.

On Monday, I introduced the school value for this term which is Kindness and we have started to think about how kindness can have an impact on those around us. The children have been given the mission of colouring the school with kindness. This can even be something as small as a smile as we learnt from Spike Milligan's Poem, 'Smile'. In their classes, the children also discussed the big question: 'Can kindness change the world?'

I have also spoken to the children about how important it is to look smart and have been encouraging the children to remember to tuck their t-shirts in when in class and I have already noticed how many more children have already started to make a habit of it. Next week we will begin to encourage greater independence at lunch times, with children from Year 1 to Year 6 clearing their own plates and FSU starting with clearing their pudding bowls.

Wishing you all a warm and dry weekend,
Nadia Gosling

Head Teacher Value Award -Kindness



Freddie Ward – for helping out a classmate without a second thought.

Seb Beane - for being kind and caring towards another classmate when they were upset.

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5&6 with:

97.32% Attendance

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

School Dates

Friday 10th February — End of Term
Monday 20th February—Return to School

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons:
Thursdays (19th, 26th January, 2nd & 9th February)



Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8.45am
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am
CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

CAST mobile no: 07395182892

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to reception through to year 6 children only.

If you could **please try to get your clubs booked by Sunday for the week ahead**, so that snacks can be arranged. (Although we appreciate that you may need to book on last minute– and that is no problem, this will just help our CAST team to plan ahead.)

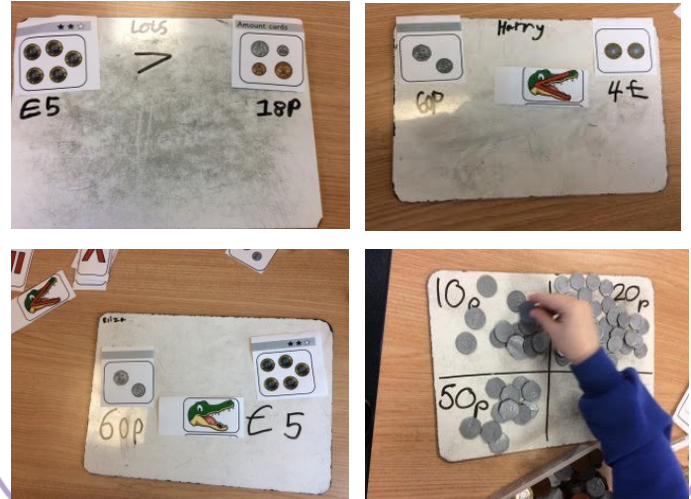
Early Years

FSU children enjoyed a collaborative child initiated activity on Wednesday. They linked Octons together and set themselves the challenge of a chain as long as the table, which extended to as long as the carpet space, and ended up under the tables as long as the room! There was a lot of excitement and super team work as they set goals and achieved them.



Year 1 & 2

This week in maths we have been finding out all about money. We started by recognising different coins and notes and then we looked at combining coins to make different amounts. Year 2 have also been exploring different ways of making the same amount and finding out how to give change. In our choosing time we also have our own shop role play!



Year 3 & 4

This week, year 3 and 4 began their habitat topic in science. We started by conducting a habitat survey of our playground and field, looking for plants and creatures. Some of us were lucky enough to have caught a glimpse of a tiny field mouse.



Year 5 & 6

This week in Year 5/6, the children have enjoyed exploring their English text for this half term, 'Rain Player', which links with their Mayan topic. The children researched the ancient Mayan game of Pok-A-Tok and designed recruitment posters for the character, Pik, to attract new talents to his team.

Celebrations this week



Class	Value	Reason
Early Years	Resilience	William—For showing maturity and independence coming to nursery.
Year 1 & 2	Resilience	Archer—For being resilient in writing.
Year 3 & 4	Kindness	Lily—Showing kindness to all her new friends and settling in well.
Year 5 & 6	Kindness	Tom—for showing kindness to his classmates in swimming, and reassuring those who were nervous.

Safeguarding

Please contact Miss Giles, Mrs Clarke or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.