



# NEWSLETTER

*'If you believe it, you can achieve it'*

Friday 27th October 2023

Dear families,

I write to you on the last day of this half term feeling a very PROUD Principal. I am proud of the childrens'

achievements; the hard work and the progress they have made. I am proud of the staff and their commitment to providing engaging learning opportunities. I am proud of the events we have run such as: the Read, Achieve, Succeed breakfast mornings; the maths parent workshop; a fantastic 'Pledge Week'; and the trips. Please take a moment to ask your child what they feel proud of this half term; what subject do they enjoy and why? What have they learnt about their topic this half term?

This week, Cowell class visited Markeaton park and explored the human and physical features of the surrounding area. The children thoroughly enjoyed using the map and collecting natural materials.

On Monday, Miss Peat launched 'Pledge week': each class had been tasked with completing one/ two of the Pledge points (see the tree below). It was wonderful to hear about their learning in assembly this morning, well done to those children who stood up to talk to the school- you were very confident. Congratulations to Rundell class for a wonderful performance of Frere Jacques. We were also very lucky to have the fire service and community police officers visit us on Wednesday afternoon as part of Year 6's Pledge point: Be workwise.

On Thursday, we had our first Autumn disco, it was wonderful to see the children enjoying the music and games we played.

I wish you all a happy and restful half term break. We will see you back at school on Monday 6th November

Mrs Patmore (Principal)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6th November- return to school

13th November- anti-bullying week

Wednesday 15th- school photo day

Friday 17th- INSET day

Friday 22nd December- last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024- return to school



## The Harmony Pledge week



BE SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY

BE A PERFORMER

BE RESPECTFUL

DEMOCRATIC

BE AN EXPERT LEARNER

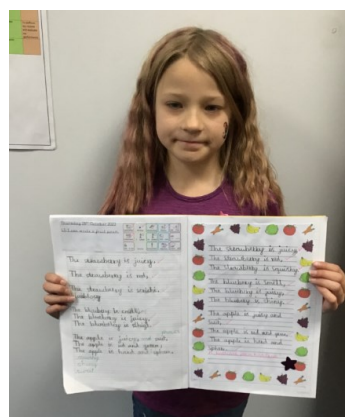
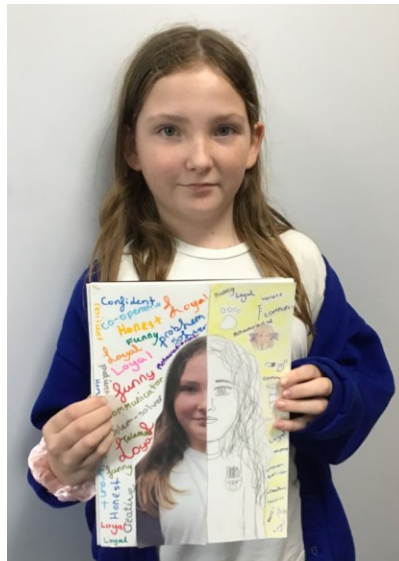
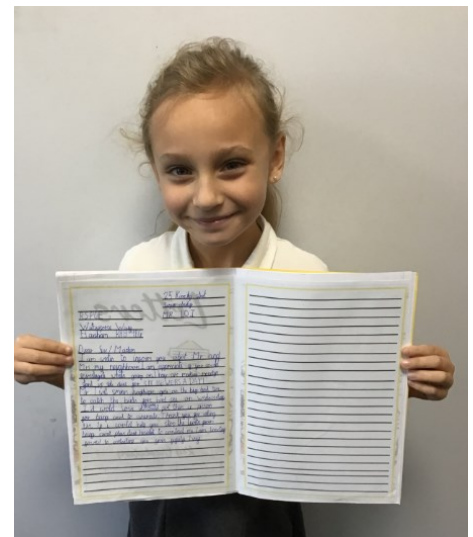
BE A FUNDRAISER

BE AN ECO-WARRIOR

BE A VOLUNTEER

BE AN ADVENTURER

BE WORKWISE





Wow! What an exciting Pledge Week we have had! It was so lovely to see all the children in their 'Harmony Colours' today, and a huge thank you for all of your chocolate donations.

**Be safe, happy and healthy** - Ahlberg class explored what to do in an emergency, and thought about people who help us. They even had a visit from our local PCSO and The Fire Brigade, who talked to them about calling 999 in an emergency.

**Be a fundraiser** - All children across school took part in this pledge point, by coming into school in their Harmony Colours and bringing a donation of chocolate for our next fundraising event.

**Be a performer** - Rundell class gave an excellent performance of Frere Jacques this morning, they worked hard to learn this song in both French and English! They worked hard to perform as a group and even managed to perform their song in a round!

**Be an eco-warrior** - Donaldson Class explored our school grounds and thought about ways we could become more eco-friendly. They all designed posters to go up around school to raise awareness of how we can all become Eco Warriors

**Be respectful** - All children across school took part in this pledge point, by listening respectfully to the other classes during our Pledge Assembly.

**Be a volunteer** - Cowell Class have worked hard this week to think about how to transform our outdoor learning space. They have thought about what it means to be a volunteer, and written letters to local companies asking if they could volunteer to help us develop this outdoor space. They also designed what they would like our outdoor learning space to look like, and sent their designs and letters to local companies.

**Be democratic** - All children took part in this pledge point, by taking part in a whole school vote for our Head Boy and Head Girl.

**Be an adventurer** - Year 6 will be taking part in this pledge point during the Summer Term!

**Be an expert learner** - All children have taken part in this pledge point! Since we started back to school in September, all children have worked hard to become expert learners!

**Be workwise** - Rauf Class have been thinking about their aspirations this week and what they might like their future careers to be. We thought about the skills, qualities and qualifications we would need to achieve our dreams. We even interviewed a range of people to ask about their careers, and to find out more about the different paths we can take to achieve our goals.

