

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

It has been a really busy week with two Grammar Learning cafés; a visitor from the Football Association, Matthew Potter, teaching football skills to Chestnut and Silver Birch classes and our plans beginning to come together for the visit to see Charlie and The Chocolate Factory in Drury Lane, London.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been VALUING OTHERS. Our pupils of the week for valuing others are Tyler Oaks class, Pearl in Hawthorn class, Joseph in Rowan class, Katie in Chestnut class and Lily in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be RESILIENCE.

## In the Community

A big well done to Bethany who has achieved her 25m Rainbow Swimming Award Scheme badge. We are always really pleased to hear about the achievements of our young people outside of school.

## Grammar Cafés

It was lovely to receive such positive feedback following the two Grammar cafés. The request for more of the same will be honoured and the next Learning Café will be our Online Safety Café which will be run by our digital leaders. They have begun the planning for this and the sign-up sheets will be by the office soon.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the school year so far is 94.3%. The class with the best attendance this week was Chestnut with 97%. So far it is neck and neck between Rowan and Chestnut classes. Come on everyone let's see if someone else can win!

## Reminders

Our little apple trees and horse chestnut trees along the front of school are being damaged and small branches have been torn off. Please do be vigilant and if you see anyone interfering with our trees please let us know.

## Clubs

Print making club is going well and the children have enjoyed exploring press print this week. Next week we will be making mono prints. All of our work will be turned into useful objects and form part of an exhibition at the end of term.

## The School Council

The School Council have worked together with the Digital Leaders this week to review our Online Safety Policy and their own e-safety agreements that they sign each year. They have changed some of the wording and clarified some of the statements, which they felt were open to interpretation. I have been very proud of the children's mature and sensible attitude towards Online Safety and impressed with their knowledge of what to do if they felt uncomfortable about anything they saw online or any online behaviours that worried them. I am confident in their ability and willingness to seek help and report problems.

### Emergency Response Planning by the School Council

The School Council decided in their meeting last week that they would like to be able to respond quickly to any disasters that happen in the world and do their bit to contribute to making the lives of other children less difficult. They decided that having organised fund raisers for emergencies such as earthquakes and floods might take too long. The children unanimously decided that they would respond more quickly to such events by having a bucket on the playground to collect spare change in the event of an emergency. They will be wearing reflective vests detailing what it is they are collecting for and all monies would be passed on within 24 hours.

### Behaviour and Inclusion Policy

A working party consisting of children, Parents, Governors and Staff has been collectively working to review the school's behaviour policy in an effort to make it more positive and ensure it focuses on a restorative approach to resolving difficulties. The new policy will be on the website early next week and the new behaviour systems will be fully in place after half term. Children are already responding well to the changes to house points and liking the opportunity to earn more rewards and have their excellent behaviour recognised.

### Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

This new policy is now on the school website and I draw your attention both to this and to the Prevent Leaflet for parents. There has been much in the news lately about school's responses to the new Prevent Duty. It forms part of our role in Safeguarding and protecting all children and ensuring all children remain free to learn and enjoy childhood. Please do come and talk to us if anything in the policy is unclear. This should be read alongside our Safeguarding Policy. All policies can be found on the website.

### Diary Dates

01.02.15 - 05.02.15 Multi-Cultural Week - The Lost Suitcase

05.02.15 Flying on the 5<sup>th</sup> - 2.30pm Parents to "collect" the children from "the airport" and share in the work we have been doing all week. More details to follow.

09.02.15 Safer Internet Day

11.02.15 Paired Reading

15.02.15 - 19.02.15 HALF TERM

Enjoy the weekend. Mrs Amanda Fewkes