

St Ethelwold's VA School Newsletter

20th November 2020

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter with a round-up of news and forthcoming events.

Class 1

This week Class 1 have been learning about the dentist and how to care for our teeth.

We have also been designing odd socks and making worry dolls as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

Class 2

Class 2 had lots of fun during our Enterprising, Creative Contributors Day. They had to complete 2 challenges, passing a hoop round a circle without letting go of hands and planning and building the tallest group tower using materials found in the woodland. They showed fantastic problem-solving skills and worked successfully as a team.

Class 3

Class 3 have been learning about different food groups and have used this knowledge to create a healthy menu using the app Explain Everything. They have also read the story of Rama and Sita as part of their continued work on the Hindu festival Diwali.

Class 4

Class 4 have interviewed both of Mr Griffith's sisters about Phoenix House Care home in preparation for our project to put together Christmas hampers for the staff there. They planned their questions and showed a great deal of confidence in front of the camera.



Many thanks for your help so far with the traffic situation in the morning. Sadly, we are still getting reports of some cars driving too quickly. We have contacted North Wales Police who will come to school and monitor the situation. It is a shame that with so much else going on in the world that it has come to this.



Special Mentions

Ambitious, Capable Learners

Class 1

Jessica Roberts for always making us smile.

Edward Miller for coming up with some great ideas to help someone who might be being bullied,

Class 2

Jorgie Challinor for her great suggestions on how to unite against bullying.

Lara Cartwright for showing super teamwork during our building towers challenge this week.

Class 3

Rylee Pugh for showing resilience when faced with maths challenges.

Ruby Roberts for demonstrating excellent cooperation when working with others.

Class 4

Sam Whaley for great effort in long multiplication

Ella Grey for all round effort, excellent behavior and always trying to produce her best work.



Wellbeing Award

We are right at the beginning of a journey towards **The Wellbeing in Schools Award**.

The award is in partnership with **The National Children's Bureau** and focuses on changing the long-term culture of the whole school. Using an evidence-based framework to drive change, it will help deliver staff and pupil wellbeing, review our staff training, and revise our policies.

This award will ensure that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of school life.

We have already started to appoint a Change Team within school. The Change Team will consist of: a Year 5 pupil, a Year 6 pupil, headteacher, a teacher, 2 members of non-teaching staff, a parent and a governor.

Our vision is that good emotional wellbeing and mental health are at the heart of the culture and the ethos of the school so that pupils, with support from teachers, can build confidence and flourish.

This award will help our pupils in our quest for them to be **Healthy, Confident Individuals**.



Welsh Water



Class 3 and Class 4 have spent a very worthwhile morning with Welsh Water today. Of course, with us still in the grip of a global pandemic, the morning was virtual, with a presentation on Microsoft Teams from a member of the Welsh Water team.

The children heard a presentation on the nature of Welsh Water and were then encouraged to ask and answer questions; learning that leaving the tap on to brush your teeth uses a whopping eighteen litres of water!

Having seen how environmental matters have fired our pupils so far this year, we will look to incorporate much more of this type of thing within our topics in the coming terms and years.

Our pupils are once again showing themselves to be **Ethical, Informed Citizens**

Friday Prayer

Lord God, we praise you that you are fully in control of all things. We pray you would protect our children. Keep them healthy and help them to thrive. I thank you that you know every hair on their head. You know exactly when they rise and when they fall. Watch over our children in every area of their life and keep them safe I pray, Amen.