

Mrs Mason's Messages



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Headteacher's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be pleased to know that, after last week's peak of Covid cases, numbers have plateaued this week following the pattern in the Bradford area. Although you may have seen the national guidance stating masks are no longer advised in communal areas, the local authority are advising schools to maintain current measures until the 4th February when they will again review the situation. We have taken advice from them regarding clubs and worship and are delighted to be able to commence these again as of Monday. Thank you for your patience and support during their temporary closure.

I have been working hard behind the scenes this week following pupil feedback on lunchtimes to improve play resources. We have successfully recruited another lunchtime supervisor to support in the dining hall and are pleased that our PE coach, who is currently coaching some classes in golf, will be also running organised football sessions at lunchtimes Monday, Wednesday and Friday for KS2 pupils from next week.

In school we have had singing workshops, local visits and some inspiring lessons and it has been a real delight to visit so many classrooms this week to look at the learning taking place. Have a well-deserved weekend! Mrs Mason

School News

On Monday we were visited by Alex Berry from Bradford Cathedral and Years 2, 3 and 4 pupils took part in singing workshops. They were great fun to be part of and I really enjoyed listening to the sound of singing filling our school! Some children even received a golden ticket, inviting them to the Cathedral for a morning of singing in February as part of the *CathedralSing!* event.



Year 1EB and EYFS have been out and about in our local area this week as part of their topic work. Year 1 are studying local geography and enjoyed seeing all the shops, houses and other buildings on the high street. Thankyou to the parents who supported both trips - without them this wouldn't have been possible.

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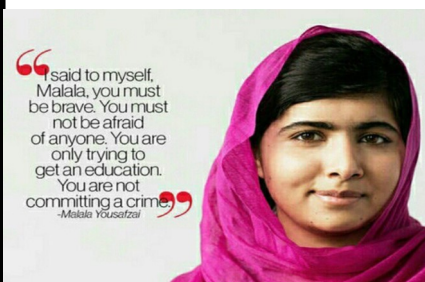
(Social, Moral,

Spiritual and Cultural) focus this term is equality and diversity. This week we have been thinking about human rights, linking this to our Worship theme of Respect, and learning about another inspirational person.

Staff training this week has focused on the diversity of books used within the classroom and whether these are inclusive of our community.

Worship

This week we have been worshipping in class. We have focused on another inspirational person, Malala Yousafzai, the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 for her bravery in campaigning for the rights of all girls to an education. We have had the opportunity to reflect upon the importance of respecting the rights of all members of our community.



Prayer



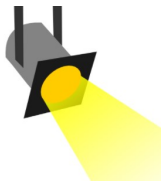
Father God,

Help us to be brave and follow your teaching, be brave to do the things you ask of us, be brave to make the right choices and help me to be brave and stand strong in my faith. Amen

Birdwatch - 28th-30th January

This weekend is the RSPB *Big Garden Birdwatch*. Year 1 are getting involved at school, linking to their topic of migration and hibernation. Can you join in at home? You can join in online: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

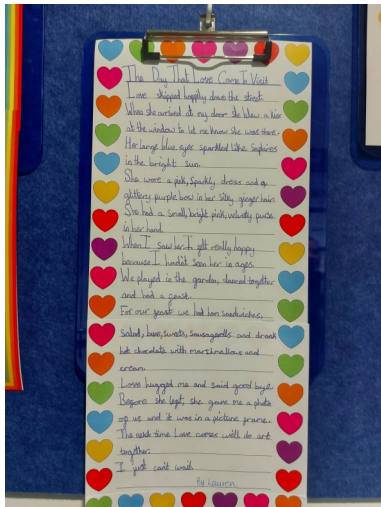




In the Spotlight..... Looking at Learning

This week at Idle CE Primary the spotlight has been very much on learning as we have been completing 'learning walks' around school looking at good practice in reading, writing, phonics and mathematics. It has been a brilliant opportunity as a new headteacher to be able to see the learning journey across the school from EYFS all the way to Year 6 and seeing how core skills develop.

One of our ambitions is to develop a real love of learning in our pupils and you may have received a postcard home from your child's classteacher this week celebrating this. These are in addition to the certificates children receive in achievement assemblies on a Friday and are spontaneously awarded when pupils demonstrate a love of learning which wows us! Well done to Daphne and Megan in 2HM who wowed Mrs Metcalf in their reading and written work and Matilda, Oliver and Lily in 2AB who amazed Mrs Mills with their ICT and music work. Joseph and Theo in 5BT demonstrated superstar behaviour in their RE and music work respectively and Charlie impressed with his reading. Oscar and Emilia in 1EB were fantastic problem solvers in maths. Well done to all our children this week, keep demonstrating that love for learning! You make us all so proud.



Pupil Voice

This week, all children have completed a pupil questionnaire in class time. We are now in the process of compiling the results and when these are ready we will share these with you.



I look forward to finding out what children like about our school and any areas we could improve upon!

'Dress Up for Digits'



Next Friday, 4th February, we will be joining in with the NSPCC fundraising day *Dress up for Digits*. Children will take part in a range of fun activities and games involving number and are invited to 'dress up for digits' in anything related to numbers, the more creative the better! For example, wearing a T-shirt with numbers on it or dressing in something number related such as a playing card. Children are invited to bring 50p and all monies raised will go to supporting the NSPCC to run its *Speak out, Stay safe* programme to help children know what to do if they are scared or worried.

Community News

I will be holding the first of our 'parent forums' in February via zoom. This is an opportunity for us to gather remotely to discuss important issues in school. The first forum will focus around **Homework**. If you think you would be able to join us then please contact the office who will provide you with a zoom link.



Diary Dates

Clubs restart Monday 31st January
 Tuesday 1st February—1RR local walk
 Wednesday 2nd February—3KW Hindu temple visit
 Thursday 3rd February—3SG Hindu temple visit
 Friday 4th February—NSPCC 'Dress Up for Digits' day
 Parents forum via zoom—tba (please see texts)