



Pixies news



**“Practice makes progression,
not perfection and as soon
as we consider ourselves as
perfect, the learning stops”**

Ian Rose



Value of the month

In a month which included Young Voices, Ian Rose's visit and an Ofsted inspection, **Perseverance** has certainly been a suitable value to emphasise! Focusing on the work which we have been doing with the children, we talked about how sometimes things don't go to plan and how we often plan for one outcome when the reality can be quite different. We introduced the children to the concept of the learning pit – you see a challenge which needs resolving and you have to climb (sometimes fall) into that pit. At the bottom, you need to decide what to do in order to climb out and then act on the plan which may not be right at the first time of asking. Eventually, you climb out the other side to higher mountains.

Value of the month for March will be **Humility** as we explore the fine lines between self-confidence and arrogance.

Martin Smith, Headteacher

Tring Museum



The Year 6 children enjoyed a trip to Tring Museum as an extension of their topic on adaptation. Whilst there, the children had challenging worksheets to complete and enjoyed seeing a myriad of different animals on display. At lunchtime, they had an interval to discuss what they had seen in a little more detail in the lunch hut next door to the museum. One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to dress up as different species to see how the process of adaptation takes place. The children's excellent behaviour was commented on by the museum staff (well done Year 6) and they managed the whole day without Mrs Axford who was needed at school by the Ofsted inspector!

Upcoming events

Thurs 1st March

World Book Day

Fri 2nd March | 8.45am

Parent Briefing in the playground (by the outdoor hut)

Fri 2nd March

New School Council Elections

Sat 3rd March | 7.30pm

FOPHS 'At the Races' Event

Thurs 8th March | 9.15am

Year 5 Class Assembly

Mon 12th March

Spring Term Assessment Week

Wed 14th March | 4.30-6.30pm

Numeracy Workshop

Mon 19th March | 7pm

Governor School Improvement Committee

Tues 20th & Wed 21st March

Reception Parents Evening

Thurs 22nd March

Lower KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal

Fri 23rd March | 3.30pm

Sports Relief Netball Match – Teachers vs Year 6

Fri 23rd March

Sports Relief (including Sports Relief Mile)

Fri 23rd March

Bag2School Day

Fri 23rd March

FOPHS Disco KS1 4.45pm and KS2 6.15pm

Mon 26th March | 2.15pm

Lower KS2 Production

Mon 26th March | 7pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Tues 27th March | 6pm

Lower KS2 Production

Wed 28th March | 3.15pm

Open Classrooms

Thurs 29th March

School Reports Home Today

Thurs 29th March

FOPHS Easter Egg Hunt

Thurs 29th March | 2pm

End of Term

Thurs 17th April

Children Start Back

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**We love to learn
and learn to love!**

Ian Rose

We were delighted to be able to welcome Paralympian, Ian Rose to the school to share his story with the children of his journey towards winning a bronze and silver medal. Ian worked with each class to deliver workshops on perseverance and growth mindsets. Ian is a highly inspiring character who had a wonderful rapport with staff and children throughout the day. I had more positive comments about his work from staff in particular than I've had about any other visitor in my 6 years at the school so we will certainly be looking to invite him back in a couple of years. We hope that parents were equally inspired by the talk he gave at the end of the school day.



Stars of the week



Week of 02/02/18

Reception: **Amelia Lucas**
Year 1: **Isabella Ryan**
Year 2: **Megan Campbell**
Year 3: **Phillip Moriarty**
Year 4: **Luis Auld**
Year 5: **Grace Deane**
Year 6: **Amelia Eyles**

Week of 09/02/18

Reception: **Whole Class**
Year 1: **Harley Lee**
Year 2: **Jasmine Curtain**
Year 3: **Dervla Grimes**
Year 4: **Lola Whiston**
Year 5: **Lois White**
Year 6: **Whole Class**

Week of 23/02/18

Reception: **Ronnie Webb**
Year 1: **Laurence Black**
Year 2: **Poppy Preston**
Year 3: **Lilah Lee**
Year 4: **Kurt Preston**
Year 5: **Isabelle Parrott**
Year 6: **Whole Class**

Young Voices

Young Voices this year was one of the best in recent years and the children came back raving about a 15 year old singer/songwriter, a lightsaber dance and the quality of the singing.

A **big thank you** must go to our wonderful, dedicated staff and team of parents who made sure the day was memorable, safe and fun. There were a lot of tired children on the way home and they managed the next day in school really well. A special thanks to Mr Lawrence who has led music so well over the past couple of years. I am releasing him from this so he can focus on his Literacy role. After Easter, Mrs Rahilly will be leading music and running the choir.



(Lots of) News in Brief

It's been a very busy month and I've been unable to squeeze in all the news so here are a few short bits of news:

- **Ofsted** – Thank you so much for the parent view feedback and well wishes. We have a draft report which we have approved and the report should be live very soon.
- **Sports Relief** – The staff and children will be raising a little extra money on Thursday 22nd March. The teachers will be playing the Year 6 children. Entry is £1 per person to watch the match. On Friday 23rd March, we will be having a non-uniform day (again £1 to take part) and the children will be doing the sports relief mile during the day.
- A reminder that the **numeracy workshop** is taking place on Wednesday 14th March from 4.30pm till 6.30pm.
- A reminder that we will trial a **HT briefing** in the playground by the hut at 8.45am on Fri 2nd March.
- We have received a letter from **Assette Kande**, our new sponsored child in Senegal. He goes to school on a bowl of porridge whilst his father works in a local field. He is in pre-school so still quite young and he loves our school logo!
- A big thank you to Y4 children (and Connor) who attended the **Ukes for Unicef** fundraising event on Sat 24th. The event raised £3600 for children who are in danger around the world. Pictures on the website to follow.

Good Shepherd After School Club

Earlier in the year, it came to my attention that a number of parents trying to access Chaulden After School Club were turned away due to capacity issues which have since been resolved. I am pleased to inform you that I have been in discussions about a back up option which will be starting at Chaulden Community Centre from Sept 2018 called The Good Shepherd After School Club. Please see the recently sent out parent communication for further details.

Well done
to everyone!