

**Being polite in the everyday costs nothing**  
**Being impolite can cost a whole lot more**



## Value of the month | Politeness

**Politeness** has been on our minds for much of this month. I talked to the children about how this value can be shown through good manners and did some visual catchphrase style slides to make key manners more memorable.

The children talked with knowledge about this value and we discussed how politeness in the world seems to be on the decline and that we must make a concerted effort to show good manners to other children around us and even adults so we might set a strong example. You may have seen the posters we have put up around the school to encourage better levels of politeness with words that we can use to demonstrate our level of manners (please, thank you, etc).

Finally, we did some role play scenarios where we 'freeze framed' the drama to talk about the levels of politeness and how being aware of manners made us and others around us feel.

With the impending arrival of the Easter holidays, the newsletter will take a break until the end of May where we will be focusing on the value of **Courage**.

*Martin Smith*  
 Headteacher

## Thank you Lions Club (and FOPHS)

The FOPHS team approached the Lions Club for help with funding of new Read, Write, Inc books which are designed to reinforce the learning of secure phonics for our EYFS and KS1 classes. We were delighted that they made contact with us and came in to give us a cheque for £1,000 towards the purchase of these books which are already being used to give children a strong start in their reading. Parents will find helpful questions at the back of the books so they can ask their children questions and help improve their comprehension and understanding.



## Cookery Club

This half term, the children have really enjoyed the cookery club and as we have had so much positive feedback about this, we will look to run this again in the future. For practical reasons, we needed to limit numbers but every child who wanted to take part has attended at least one week.



A big thank you to all the staff who each helped run a session with the children. They have made (world class) Shepherd's pie, fairy cakes, quiches and there are still a few more recipes to be made!

## Upcoming events

- Thurs 4th April | 3pm**  
Open Classrooms
- Fri 5th April**  
FOPHS Easter Egg Hunt
- Fri 5th April | 2pm**  
FOPHS Easter Bake
- Fri 5th April**  
Reports out today
- Fri 5th April | 2pm**  
End of Term
- Mon 22nd April**  
Bank Holiday
- Tues 23rd April**  
Inset Day
- Wed 24th April**  
Children return to school
- Wed 24th April | 6pm**  
Rock UK Parents Meeting
- Wed 1st May**  
Class Photos
- Mon 6th May**  
BANK HOLIDAY
- Thurs 9th May | 9.15am**  
Year 3 Class Assembly
- Fri 10th May**  
Culture Day
- Mon 13th – Fri 17th May**  
KS2 SATS Week
- Mon 13th May**  
YR Boxmoor Trust Trip
- Thurs 16th May | 9.15am**  
Year 1 Class Assembly
- Mon 20th – Fri 24th May**  
KS1 SATS Week
- Mon 20th – Fri 24th May**  
Walk to School Week
- Mon 20th May | 1.30pm**  
KS2 Staying Safe Online Workshop
- Mon 20th May | 4pm**  
Governor School Improvement Committee
- Thurs 23rd May | 9.15am**  
YR Class Assembly
- Mon 27th – Fri 31st May**  
Half Term



## Y5 & Y6 Knex Challenge

The Year 5 & 6 children took on the Knex challenge which is being promoted by STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Ambassadors. This year, the challenge was to build a working model of something that could theoretically fly. The challenge wasn't easy as the children had to meet certain requirements making space for a seat, wheels and an engine whilst ensure that it would be aerodynamic. You can see our proud winners holding their certificate. Big congratulations! I'm sure there will be further opportunities to look at some more STEM activities soon. Teachers also recently had a staff meeting looking at STEM resources we could use to make lessons even more engaging.



## Zumba!

Year 6 recently did a topic called 'Full of Beans' whereby the children needed to understand Zumba moves. Year 1 and Year 2 got in on the act as well incorporating some Zumba into their PE lessons.

Of course, we couldn't have done this without calling in the help of an expert so on behalf of the children who have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions, thank you Mrs Harry. It was hard work but a lot of fun at the same time.



## Synagogue Trip

The Year 4s had a trip to the synagogue as part of their RE topic which was really informative and practical. Whilst there, the children were shown various artefacts used in worship as well as learning about the Passover meal, what the Torah is and what life is like inside a synagogue.

Thank you to all our parent helpers who ensured a smooth trip and well done to the Year 4 class who were impeccably behaved throughout the day!



## News in Brief

- The **Parent Forum** discussed behaviour. Minutes are now live on the school website and can be found here <http://pixieshill.herts.sch.uk/parent-forum/>
- **Red Nose Day** raised a very impressive £538.95. **Well done everyone** for buying the noses and wearing red on the day.
- A new **School Council** is in place for the remainder of the academic year. Usually, the first meeting involves taking pictures of councillors to update our notice board, setting future agendas and going through the rules for the committee but this new council got straight down to work, meeting Jean from Herts Catering. The children talked about what they did/didn't like on the menu and how we can make school lunches even more tasty. Watch this space for some new ideas coming to the summer term menu.
- **World Book Day** was fantastic but...we've run out of space to tell you about the day!

## Stars of the week



### Top job everyone!

#### Week of 01/03/19

- Rec ★ Ava Barnes
- Y1 ★ Joshua Hardaker
- Y2 ★ Lauren Stevens
- Y3 ★ Connor Tomlinson
- Y4 ★ Isabelle Oliver
- Y5 ★ Ryan Hardiman
- Y6 ★ Whole Class

#### Week of 08/03/19

- Rec ★ Orla Fraser
- Y1 ★ Teddy Rutniewski
- Y2 ★ Myiah Bouri
- Y3 ★ Jack Steel
- Y4 ★ Dervla Grimes
- Y5 ★ Whole Class
- Y6 ★ Whole class

#### Week of 15/03/19

- Rec ★ Dixie Knight
- Y1 ★ Elsie Alderman
- Y2 ★ Whole class
- Y3 ★ Klara Ajazi
- Y4 ★ Zara Milligan
- Y5 ★ Christopher Arnett
- Y6 ★ Hayden Marsh

#### Week of 22/03/19

- Rec ★ Noah Hathaway
- Y1 ★ Alfie Garner
- Y2 ★ Oliver Ricketts
- Y3 ★ Daisy Kingsbury
- Y4 ★ Oliver Godfrey
- Y5 ★ Ava Woolman
- Y6 ★ Zach Broadbent

#### Week of 29/03/18

- Rec ★ Cooper Prestedge
- Y1 ★ Caitlin Green
- Y2 ★ Oscar Holland
- Y3 ★ Whole Class
- Y4 ★ Louis Smart
- Y5 ★ Paige Giles
- Y6 ★ Emily Simpson

