

Including each other  
is a value we can be  
showing everyday

It is the heartbeat  
of harmony



## Value of the month | Inclusion & Tolerance

We have celebrated and promoted **Inclusion & Tolerance** through a raft of special events this month...so much so that we have only had time for one formal assembly on this value. I was deeply impressed by how well the children approached the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day, with even the youngest children showing the maturity to understand why we remember. The children impeccably respected a minute's silence and were also able to explore this value in more detail through Values Day, Anti-Bullying Week and our charity assembly with St Francis Hospice (more about these events in the newsletter). Our teaching focus has centred on showing the children that we are all different in many ways but also looking at how there are many things that make us the same and that people are only exclusive when they fear the differences.

Our value of the month for December is **Compassion**.

*Martin Smith*

Headteacher

## Values Day 2018

Many of you who have been around the school for a number of years will know that every three years we have a Values Day. This year's theme was films and we linked each film to a value and an activity as the children, in mixed age groups for the day, worked their way around the special lessons. Towards the end of the day, we had a celebration assembly where the children showed off the many keepsakes they had made throughout the day, such as friendship bracelets and masks. A big thank you to Mr Duvall and Mrs Hyams who provided us with some film posters and props making the hall and classrooms feel really special on the day.



## Upcoming events

**Sat 1st Dec** | 1-3pm

Christmas Fair

**Mon 3rd Dec – Fri 7th Dec**

Autumn Term Assessment Week

**Fri 7th Dec**

Christmas Panto at the Elgiva Theatre

**Mon 10th Dec** | 7pm

Full Governor Meeting

**Tues 11th Dec**

Pupil Progress Meetings

**Thurs 13th Dec** | 10am

Christmas Service at Boxmoor

**Fri 14th Dec**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Fri 14th Dec** | 10.30am

Mince Pies for Parent Helpers

**Fri 14th Dec** | 2.45pm

Open Classrooms

**Mon 17th Dec** | 1.45pm

KS1 Dress Rehearsal

**Tues 18th Dec** | 2.15pm

KS1 Performance

**Wed 19th Dec**

Christmas Dinner & Film

**Wed 19th Dec** | 5.15pm

KS1 Performance

**Thurs 20th Dec**

Class Parties

**Fri 21st Dec** | 2pm

End of Term

**Mon 7th Jan**

Staff Inset Day

**Tues 8th Jan**

Children start back

## Governor Workshop

Missed the governor workshop (well done Mrs Kingsbury)? You can see the powerpoint presentation given on the school website. Click the link below to find out what governors do!

<http://pixieshill.herts.sch.uk/parent-info/workshops/>



## St Francis Hospice Visit



We were delighted to welcome Lucy and Lisa from St Francis fund raising team. The hospice was our chosen charity over the last academic year and the school mag did a fantastic job of raising money to help those in need of care at a difficult stage in their life. Lucy shared an age appropriate presentation of how the hospice works and we were delighted to hand over a cheque for £150. Well done to Mia Lillywhite for suggesting this charity last year!

This year's chosen charity as voted for by school council is the Rock UK bursary fund. Having had children benefit from this fund in the past, we thought it would be nice to give something back. Please support the school mag!

## FOPHS

FOPHS have been exceptionally busy of late organising discos, Christmas shopping evenings, fireworks, craft nights and, of course, the big highlight was Kidzania.

The children really enjoyed their day out and sampled all kinds of careers such as the fire and ambulance service, wrestling and even how to be a Radio Presenter! Thank you to all the many parent helpers who made the day possible and to Kelly Tomlinson who worked with staff at school to organise the day. It was a truly memorable day that will live long in the memory and Kidzania even managed to simulate the departure lounge of an airport with stunning accuracy!



## Miss Best News

We are very pleased to announce that Miss Best has had her baby... 5 weeks early!

Harper Louise Anthony was born on Sunday 18th November weighing a tiny 5 pound 6 oz. Miss Best and the baby (and Dad) are all doing really well and are settled in at home getting used to their new parenting roles. As you'd expect, Miss Best is taking it all in her stride and no doubt will be teaching baby Harper her phonics in time for Christmas.



## News in Brief

- Thank you to everyone who supported the purchase of poppies and Children in Need Day.
- The window walling project is a couple of days ahead of schedule and the disruption has been kept to a minimum. The children have enjoyed having the hall as a classroom for a few days.
- Teachers did bespoke lessons with the children for Anti-Bullying Week. We have some wonderful fresh posters in the main corridor on display. This year's theme was 'Choose Respect.'



## Stars of the week

### Top job everyone!

#### Week of 09/11/18

- Rec ★ Madeline Hall  
 Y1 ★ Taylor Kaill  
 Y2 ★ Zack Auld  
 Y3 ★ Raya Prestige  
 Y4 ★ Alicia George  
 Y5 ★ Zoe Eveson  
 Y6 ★ Phoebe Whiteman

#### Week of 16/11/18

- Rec ★ Amelie Rose Davis  
 Y1 ★ Teddy Grimes  
 Y2 ★ Luca Timms  
 Y3 ★ Isaac Maddison  
 Y4 ★ Alexander Arnett  
 Y5 ★ Grace Lee  
 Y6 ★ Whole Class

#### Week of 23/11/18

- Rec ★ Riley Lee  
 Y1 ★ Jessica Tredoux  
 Y2 ★ Daisy Wangwan  
 Y3 ★ Harry Brennan  
 Y4 ★ Lilah Lee  
 Y5 ★ Alfie Surety  
 Y6 ★ Alfie Welham

#### Week of 30/11/18

- Rec ★ Evie Blanden  
 Y1 ★ Lucy Curtain  
 Y2 ★ George Peacock  
 Y3 ★ Charlotte Barnes  
 Y4 ★ Oliver Carroll  
 Y5 ★ Millie Lucas  
 Y6 ★ Francesca Goates-Smith