

Thoughtfulness through showing careful consideration and attention



Value of the month | Thoughtfulness

There are many different strands to **Thoughtfulness** which makes for a multi-layered value. This month we have been thinking about taking a step back, remaining calm and thinking about everyday things at a deeper level. For example, we talked with the children about that moment you return to your desk to find your pencil missing. There are lots of responses a child might have, one of which is to blame the child who they sit next to. However, *thoughtfulness* teaches us to take a moment and consider other options. For example, could the pencil have been mistaken as the possession of someone else or has someone tidied up and put it back in a pencil case? In this day and age of mass social and media and fake news, we also spoke about the need to use thoughtfulness to consider how likely something is to be true.

Our value of the month for November is **Inclusion & Tolerance**.

Martin Smith

Headteacher

James Arnott, Paralympic Athlete

James spend a day with use this month and was a hugely inspiring presence. He told the children his story of how he had needed to work even harder to fulfil his dream of becoming an athlete because of the severe nerve damage he suffered as a child. It was a lesson to everyone about perseverance and a healthy mindset, especially when James shared his daily routine which includes hours of training every day whilst still having a normal job.



After the assembly, James worked with each class, answering questions about being an athlete, showing his medals and giving the children some tough exercises to go through to see if they can compete against themselves. As James is only 21, we are hoping to follow his career as he aims to win more medals for Team GB.



Harvest Thanks

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Harvest celebrations at St George's Church and for all the donations which we are passing on to DENS this year. Although it was nice to go to a church setting and to have Andrew Masters involvement, we have made the decision to return to our normal format next year. Sometimes you have to try new things to understand there are too many logistics which outweigh the benefits.

Upcoming events

Mon 29th Oct – Fri 2nd Nov
HALF TERM

Sunday 4th Nov 5pm
FOPHS Fireworks

Mon 5th – Fri 9th Nov
Y5 and Y6 Cycling Proficiency

Mon 5th Nov
Miss Shaw's first day
in Reception

Wed 7th Nov
Parent Tour for
Prospective Parents

Thurs 8th Nov 9.15am
Year 3 Class Assembly
(TBC – Building Works)

Fri 9th Nov
FOPHS Non-uniform
Chocolate Tombola

Mon 12th Nov – Fri 16th Nov
Anti-Bullying Week

Mon 12th Nov 3.30pm
Governor Workshop for Parents

Thurs 15th Nov
Values Day

Fri 16th Nov
Children in Need

Mon 19th Nov – Fri 23rd Nov
Unwanted gifts for
FOPHS collection

Mon 19th Nov | 4pm
Governor SIC Committee

Tues 20th Nov
Nasal Flu YR to Y5

Tues 20th Nov
Bag2School Drop

Tues 20th Nov 7pm
FOPHS Craft Evening

Thurs 22nd Nov
Whole School Trip to Kidzania

Fri 23rd Nov
FOPHS Disco

Thurs 29th Nov | 9am
Parent Tour for
Prospective Parents

Fri 30th Nov
FOPHS Non-uniform
Bottle Tombola

Sat 1st Dec | 1-3pm
Christmas Fair



Gadespring Boxmoor Visit



Year 5 had a very enlightening visit to the Gadespring site based in Boxmoor. They packed in a huge amount of activities and learning on the day which started with a barge trip. On the trip, the children saw how the locks worked and were even given the opportunity to steer the barge. When the children arrived at the site, they did some pond dipping capturing a variety of creatures including crayfish. It was pleasing to see the children enjoy the outdoor environment, holding frogs, bird watching and going on a nature walk were some of the highlights.

Many thanks to our parent helpers who assisted on the day.

Values Based Education

We have proudly been a Values school for nearly six and a half years. Hopefully, everyone has seen the letter about the upcoming values day (see: <http://pixieshill.herts.sch.uk/news-and-dates/letters-home>) which I'm sure will be another fantastic day.

We have made a few revisions to the Values Policy after consultation with the School Council, Parent Forum, staff and governors and have made the decision to remove 'creativity' as a value as it is fairly inherent to most things we do in school. In its place, we are going to introduce the new value of '**Resourcefulness**'. We have also added '**Resilience**' to '**Perseverance**' to give a stronger link towards secondary school.

FOPHS Calendar

The FOPHS team have been working hard on planning and preparing for a number of events over the academic year. There are the usual events such as the non-uniform day for the tombolas as well as plenty of events to enjoy such as the Fireworks evening on Sunday 4th November 5pm, a Christmas shopping stall evening on Thursday 15th Nov and a quiz night planned for Friday 8th February. All the dates have been published in the school calendar which is available on the school website.

News in Brief

- Just a reminder that the window walling building works will commence after half term. It will hopefully be completed by Christmas. Work in the kitchen will take place over a couple of weekends in order to continue the provision of school lunches and the builders will start work in the hall first which will be used as a makeshift classroom as each classroom is refurbished. Please bear with us during the disruptions.
- If you haven't done already, please read the letter and accompanying map sent out about parking; it is vital we sort this issue for the welfare of the children. There is strong feeling about this not only from myself but this is a shared concern from the majority of parents, local residents and school governors.
- We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Careers Fair. So far, we have only had two volunteers so if you would like to be involved with this then please do let the office know.
- Finally, we wish Miss Best a happy, enjoyable maternity leave and look forward to her return at the end of the academic year. Miss Shaw has been into school on a number of occasions to begin the handover process and is already getting to know the Reception children.

Stars of the week



Top job everyone!

Week of 05/10/18

- Rec ★ Spencer Bowgen
Y1 ★ Toby Butterworth
Y2 ★ Laurence Black
★ Tommy Stewart
★ Aiden Oliver
★ Lucas Turner
Y3 ★ Ellie Wright
Y4 ★ Sullivan Hatchett
Y5 ★ Whole Class
Y6 ★ Whole Class

Week of 12/10/18

- Rec ★ Bella Higgins
Y1 ★ Layla Cooper
Y2 ★ Charlotte Farmer
Y3 ★ Jenson Lee
Y4 ★ Ferrell McNulty
Y5 ★ Owen Campbell
Y6 ★ Sofia Milligan

Week of 19/10/18

- Rec ★ Isaac White
Y1 ★ Aliza Khan
Y2 ★ Whole Class
Y3 ★ Rebecca Stevens
Y4 ★ Tyler Denton
Y5 ★ Luis Auld
Y6 ★ Sandro De'Sousa

Week of 26/10/18

- Rec ★ Lennon Goczan
Y1 ★ Whole Class
Y2 ★ Freya McMahon
Y3 ★ Sam Beaumont
Y4 ★ Class Trip
Y5 ★ Ellena Curtain
Y6 ★ Jessica Hall

