



Pixies news

How can you increase your self belief?



Value of the month

This was a question we asked the children this month as we talked about **Self-Worth**. Children are facing more information, technology, a faster pace of life and a more complex world than previous generations have lived through and not surprisingly, the children's answers were varied and imaginative. We have been using our growth mindset strategies to teach children some helpful habits to develop such as not giving up when things are tough and how to overcome obstacles with the understanding that self-worth comes from a healthy mind. The children enjoyed being introduced to kidpresident.com where 10 year old Robby has used his brittle bones condition to achieve greater self-worth and inspire other children to scale their own personal barriers. As we have also had Anti-Bullying week this month, we were able to make some strong links to this month's value and how it affects victims of bullying. Our value of the month for December is **Friendship**.

Martin Smith, Headteacher

Fireworks, Gunpowder & Treason

Thank you to all who attended our annual firework display which started with a bang as parents, children and visitors beyond the school were treated to a display of bright magnitude and colour. An enormous thank you to our wonderful FOPHS team for organising the event and ensuring the evening was safe and enjoyable for all.

Year 3 followed this up a few weeks later by doing an assembly on Guy Fawkes, explaining who he was, what he did and the grizzly end that he met.



Upcoming events

- Fri 1st Dec**
Non-Uniform – Bottle Tombola
- Fri 1st Dec | 5pm**
FOPHS Disco
- Mon 4th Dec | 7pm**
Full Governor Meeting
- Tues 5th Dec**
Pupil Progress Meetings
- Wed 6th Dec | 9.15am**
New Reception Parent Tour
- Fri 8th Dec**
School Panto (Snow White)
- Sat 9th Dec | 12-2pm**
Christmas Fair
- Mon 11th Dec**
KS1 Dress Rehearsal
- Tues 12th Dec | 2.15pm**
KS1 Performance
- Wed 13th Dec | 5.30pm**
KS1 Performance
- Thurs 14th Dec | 10am**
Carol Service at St Johns
- Thurs 14th Dec | 12pm**
Christmas Lunch followed by a film
- Fri 15th Dec | 10.30am**
Mince Pies for Parent Helpers
- Fri 15th Dec | 3pm**
Open Classrooms
- Mon 18th Dec**
Class Parties
- Tues 19th Dec | 2pm**
End of term
- Wed 3rd Jan**
Staff INSET Day
- Thurs 4th Jan**
Children Start Back



Come and enjoy our Christmas festivities in the coming month!

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

Hope for Children

A big thank you to Rose Walker for coming in to do an assembly on Hope for Children. The children were able to understand where their donations have gone and how it will improve life for children in Third World countries. After showing a short video, last year's school magazine team were very pleased to present a cheque for £358. We are going to be discussing a charity to support this academic year so if you have any ideas then please do let us know.



Rhyme Rocket

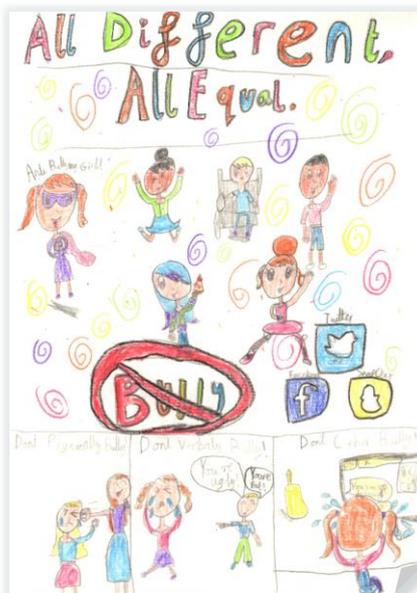
Children in KS1 and Year 3 had a whale of a time with Joe Chambers (First Officer Ditty) and Andrew Crawford (Professor Poet) who you may know from the CBeebies show 'Rhyme Rocket'. The children were mesmerised by the vibrancy of the show and there was much laughter as pantomime met literacy. I don't think the children were even aware of the amount of learning they were subtly doing!



Anti-Bullying Week

Our theme for Anti-Bullying week this year was 'All Different, All Equal'. We asked all children across the school to produce a poster (Zoe Eveson's poster right) and we have chosen the best 30 to display in the corridor which is also a good reminder to the children to speak out if they see any bullying or are the victims themselves. We also did an assembly to give the issue of bullying greater prominence and to give the children tools for things like cyber bullying. All teachers did a lesson in class to follow this up.

We take the issue of bullying very seriously and are quick to respond to the small handful of issues which occur each year. You can see our Anti-Bullying Policy on the school website. The most common issue we have with bullying is the confusion from some children that an isolated incident of falling out is bullying. Please help us reinforce the key messages.



World Vision – New Sponsor

We have had word from World Vision that Thierno, our little boy who we were sponsoring from Senegal has moved out of the area and gone to a senior school. We have therefore been given a new sponsor, Assette Kande (right). We haven't been given any details about Assette at this moment in time and I have requested further details from World Vision which I will share with the children once we've received them. We can then begin the process of writing to Assette to welcome him to our school family.



Stars of the week



Week of 03/11/17

Reception: **Teddy Grimes**
Year 1: **Lola Morgan**
Year 2: **Ellie Wright**
Year 3: **Louis Smart**
Year 4: **Olivia Linsell-White**
Year 5: **Phoebe Whiteman**
Year 6: **Connor Snell**

Week of 10/11/17

Reception: **Aliza Khan**
Year 1: **Flynn Green**
Year 2: **Elliott Giles**
Year 3: **Tyler Denton**
Year 4: **Ollie Jackson**
Year 5: **Callum Christie**
Year 6: **Emily Merrington**

Week of 17/11/17

Reception: **Freddy Mower**
Year 1: **Lauren Stevens**
Year 2: **Georgia Harris**
Year 3: **Whole Class**
Year 4: **Alfie Surety**
Year 5: **Jayden Harry**
Year 6: **Harry Wright**

Week of 24/11/17

Reception: **Jessica Tredoux**
Year 1: **George Peacock**
Year 2: **Jenson Lee**
Year 3: **Isabella Coles**
Year 4: **Whole Class**
Year 5: **Whole Class**
Year 6: **Francesco Luca Oliver**

Well done
to everyone!