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Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care with Courage, Trust, Love and Hope

We have had a number of visitors in school this week connected with our wider curriculum which we consider to be so important. Rachel Bailey from the Mind Up programme spent time in school on Wednesday helping us to review the programme so far and looking at the impact it is having on teaching and learning and on Tuesday and Thursday, in spite of the cold weather, Mr Crump and Mr Maundrell led our annual school bird watch in Lockburn. Our school values of courage, trust, love and hope have been very much to the fore in both of the above.

Big School Birdwatch



We have taken part in the annual Big School Bird Watch this week which collects data from around the country to see what is happening to the bird population. We are extremely fortunate to have our own Bird Hide in our school grounds which each class has spent time

in this week. Mr Crump has been very busy putting up different bird feeders over the past few weeks which have attracted many different birds. On Saturday he was surprised to see a Buzzard sitting on the gate! Each group in the bird hide



noted down what they could see under the experienced eye of Mr Crump. The children particularly enjoyed watching the Reed Buntings and the Long Tailed Tits. The groups also spent a session with Mr

Maundrell in another area of Lockburn looking up at birds and identifying them. Mr Maundrell has a real skill of recognising birds by their call and their shape in flight! The groups counted a number of Jackdaws but also saw a Black Cap, Woodpecker and Pied Wagtails amongst others. The children have learnt



that to do the Bird Watch properly they can only record the number of birds that they see at the same time. 21 different types of birds were recorded which is more than we have previously seen. Thank



you so much to Mr Crump and Mr Maundrell for their time and expertise in leading our school bird watch.

Sculptors in Willow Class

Willow Class have now painted their clay models in the style of Henry Moore and have written about the inspiration for their sculptures. The sculptures are now on display in the main corridor for all to see.

My clay sculpture was like a pineapple. I was inspired by a picture of a wooden pineapple with sticks on top which we saw on the whiteboard. I painted it orangy red.

Rebekah



I was inspired by a pineapple. I was going to make a fire but it was too hard so I made a pineapple instead.



Cosima

I was inspired by a rose but then I made it

into a pot with a frilly bit on the top. I also did a bright colour because I thought it would go with my sculpture.

Livia



I was inspired by a spiky model like an object which Henry Moore would design. When I created it I made sure it was in



Henry Moore's style. Max

I was inspired by Henry Moore's amazing sculptures. I designed my sculpture to look like a pot.

Louis



Mind Up Sessions

We are continuing to follow the Mind up programme which teaches children the science of the brain to help them to understand the pathways of learning. Each class carries out a mindfulness brain break each day. There has been a focus on mindful use of the senses this half term. Mindful looking and listening was the focus of one of the birdwatch activities and children were surprised how much more they noticed when they focused on these senses. The infants have been learning to use their sense of smell and how smells can evoke certain memories. The whole school will be thinking about mindful tasting when they have their firepit experience after half term. The next units of Mind Up focus on the power of perspective, choosing optimism and appreciating happy experiences – all very important for healthy mindfulness.

Thank you to the SFSA

We have recently purchased a number of music books and percussion instruments from funding given by the School Association to supplement our music teaching.



Elmer and the Hunters

The stories of Elmer have captured the imagination of Year 1 and 2 over the past few weeks. They have recently written some lovely stories in the style of David McKee about Elmer and the Hunters.

One sunny day Elmer and the herd were walking through the hot grassy savannah. Suddenly a boat appeared with elephant hunters on it. "Elmer the disgusting elephant hunters are coming." "Then we must make some enormous wings so we can fly." So they started building. As the elephant hunters stepped onto the savannah the elephants started flying. Then they had a happy party in the sky! Ella Y2

Elmer and his friends were walking in the sunshine. Some of his friends saw a disgusting elephant hunter. Elmer dug a deep hole and covered it with big green leaves and sticks and then they hid. The hunters followed the huge footprints and fell into the trap! After that the elephants had an amazing party with balloons and they never saw the hunters again. Arlo Y2



House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Wykeham House** for gaining the most achievement points this week.

Workers of the Week

Well done to the following children who received certificates today: -

Oak: **Harry and Finley**
Silver Birch: **Freya and Tess**
Willow: **Cameron and Wilf**
Maple: **Alfie and Henry**
Beech: **Gabriel and Al**

St Faith's Crosses

Romola – for enthusiasm for learning
Esther – for reading at home
Maisie – for always being polite and helpful
Finlay – for being polite and well mannered
Bea – for consistently being a selfless learner
Sienna – for being a super chair monitor
Megan – for helping other children with maths
Ava – for being an excellent helper, putting up the new word of the day every day!
Max and Tom – for helping others with their sewing

St Faith's Extended School Provision

Holiday Club News

The next Holiday Club will be during the week of **February half term**. £20 per day or £85 for 5 days

Breakfast Club Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per booked session and £5 on the day.

The Ark after school club Years R-6 Every day the school is open 3.30-5.45pm Monday – Thursday £12 per session or £15 on the day 3.30-5pm Friday £8 per session or £10 on the day.

Dawn James

Agility, Balance and Co-ordination Club for Years 1-4 where children learn about basic gymnastic skills

Marc will be running an A, B, and C club on Mondays for the last four weeks of the term – 11th, 18th, 25 March and 1st April at a cost of £16 Please sign up at the office if you are interested.

Message from St Cross

Sunday 10th February – 9.30 Parish eucharist for all ages (a simpler service designed to include both children and adults) All welcome!



Message from St Faith's School Association Volunteers please!!

Kerry Jack and Jayne Orton will be stepping down as chair of the School Association at Easter after leading the association for two years. Please let them know if you are interested in taking on the role or if you would like to join the committee.

Cake sale success! The Year 4 cake sale raised the impressive sum of £110. Thank you to all involved.

15th February - Year 3 Cake Sale

Emails/letters sent home this week

Whole school – Letter from the School Association
KS2 - Art competition

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6th February – Beech Class Slipper Fashion Show 2.40pm
13th February – E-safety day Parent talk 6pm
15th February – Willow Class Great British Tea Party 2pm
18th -22nd February– Half term
27th February – Royal Marine Activity Day for whole school
5th March – Author day for whole school with Anne Wan
5th and 7th March – Parent evenings
8th March – Wells Book Shop
13th March – Open afternoon for KS1 3.30 -4.30pm
14th March – Open afternoon for KS2 3.30 -4.30pm
18th March – Year 6 to Natural History Museum
18th March – Willow and Maple trip to Roman forest
20th March – KS2 football tournament
21st March – Young Shakespeare Company for KS2
3rd April – Infant Parent Outcome 9.00am
3rd April – Easter Service for whole school 2.00pm and Beech café 3.00pm
5th April – End of term 1.15pm

Summer Term 2019

23rd April – Term starts
27th – 31st May – Half term
18th July – Leavers' Service 9.10am
19th July – End of term 1.15pm
Inset days for 2018-2019
Monday 25th February 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019