

Welcome to a new school year - and the first edition of Life and Learning

Celebrating Virtue Together

This morning we joined together as a school to celebrate two weeks of work on our class ChristiIn values and virtues. Every contribution from every class was very special, and some of the poems that were shared this morning are shown below. I was really impressed with the thought and care that children had put into definitions and into the work that resulted. It was obvious from what the children told us that the teachers had really taken this seriously. At a time when the government is worrying about "character education", you can be absolutely confident in your children's understanding of the virtues we hold to as a school. For the rest of the year the challenge is to LIVE THEM OUT, class by class!

PERSEVERANCE IS...

Perseverance is believing in yourself, when climbing a tall mountain.
 Perseverance is failing 19 times, then succeeding the 20th!
 Perseverance is fighting your troubles.
 Perseverance is the suspense, when you finally conquer a level!
 Perseverance is the suffering of trying to get a promotion
 Perseverance is always thinking of the bright side, not the dark,
 Perseverance is the difficulty of being honest, when you know you have done something wrong
 Perseverance is working hard at life's troubles,
 Perseverance is keeping on going when you know you want to quit.
 Perseverance is working as a team
 Perseverance is not looking at the things you can do, but those you can't;
 Perseverance is doing your best.
 Perseverance is not giving up, always looking ahead.

Marissa and William, Y6 (Barley)

COMPASSION IS...

Caring for others
 Our community being loving
 Mingle with people
 Pattern perseverance and peace
 Adapt to everyone's understanding
 Share and
 Submit your love
 Involve people in what you do
 Open your love
 Never give up
 This leads to compassion.
Folake, Y4 (Teasel)

Caring and thinking about each other
 Others are equal like you
 Mercy and sacrifice
 Peacefulness and patience for each other
 Allow yourself to think of people in need
 Serve one another
 Show love and kindness
 Include everyone
 Open your heart and give
 Never ignore or show nastiness.

Ayushi Y4 (Teasel)

Harvest Festival is early this year!



Next week in fact! Hopefully you will all have had the letter that came home earlier this week.

AS usual we will be creating a display out of leaves, branches, berries, nuts and vegetables—and any bread that you may contribute. Dried goods are going to be collected for the Food Cupboard in Bletchley to enable them to work with MK Social Services to help

those without enough to eat (quite a few in MK!). If you want to come to our short service (9am next Friday), please do—just let the office or your class teacher know. If you want to donate money, it will go to our collection to support Syrian refugee families coming to Milton Keynes.

Calendar for the next two weeks

19 Sep	FRIENDS TOGETHER AGM @ 3.30pm (school)
20 Sep	Y6 parents meeting 6 p.m. (Quinta/Assessment)
21 Sep	Young Voices Singing Club starts 3.30pm Resources/Environment Governors Committee 7pm
22 Sep	Nadiya Hussein Live Streaming Event 10am
23 Sep	Harvest Collective Worship 9am
26 Sep	Year 6 depart for QUINTA (Shropshire)
27 Sep	Y1 trip to Concrete Cows/Y2 geography trip
28 Sep	Y5 Badminton & Shenley Brook End 3.15-5.15pm Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm
30 Sep	Year 6 arrive home from QUINTA (late p.m.)

Clubs start again next week (from 19th September)



These children appeared in the Golden Book over the last two weeks...

- Oreoluwa** (Daisy)
- Emmanuel, Lenay Gabriel & Harry** (Thistle)
- George, Adonaya, Maksim & Paige** (Conker)
- Sophie J, Isabelle, Sophie R & Joel** (Acorn)
- Filip, Zionah, Adriano & Charlie** (Pumpkin)
- Luca, Angelika, Colby & Tom** (Clover)
- Shanice, Rebecca Ben & Alexander** (Mustard)
- Tia & Macie** (Teasel)
- Esther, Georgia, Jamie, Mackenzie** (Rosehip)
- Dylan, Ashelyn, Musa & Princess** (Sycamore)
- Terry, Eiden, Ben & Katie** (Catkin)
- Aleksandr, Owen, William & Lucy** (Barley)
- Jenna, Cleon, Dylan & Fatma** (Wheat)

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Loving, Learning, Growing Together

Are you eligible for free school meals?

A new Citizen Portal has been launched to help you find out if your child qualifies for free school meals.

Please visit to sign up, even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and receiving universal free school meals, or if you have applied before and do not think you are eligible. In doing so you will help us to find out whether we can claim pupil premium for your child. This is additional funding to spend on resources such as extra staff, books or school trips for eligible children.

The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a smartphone or hand held device. If you qualify, you will receive a reference number that you simply bring in and show us at school to start receiving meals. Register at https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING AT CTS

On 22 September, *Nadiya Hussain* will be reading her new children's book of "traditional tales with recipes" *Bake me a story* at a live streaming event at Christ the Sower. You should have received a letter about this on Wednesday last week. If you have NOT, please contact the office because unless you give us specific permission, your child will not be permitted to attend. We are collecting the replies, and Tuesday after school is the cutoff date, so we can prepare the hall correctly for the event. We are hoping that there will be a book sale of Nadiya's book at 3.30 pm on Wednesday, and I will confirm this (and the much reduced price!) on Monday when I have heard back from the publisher.

Friends Together (our PTA) are holding their AGM after school on Monday. If you are interested in being involved in our Parent Teacher Association, come along and meet people who are involved already. Make yourself known at the front of the school (if the weather is nice) as that is where we hope to meet.

We'd hoped to have a lot more parents than the few who attended last night at our WELCOME TO YEAR GROUP MEETINGS for YR-5. For those who came—thank you so much. For those who didn't, you missed a lot of very important information about your children's learning this year. In Year 1, for example, only 8 families were represented—and I know that Mrs Turner & Mrs Szentpeteri put a lot of work into preparing an interesting session for you. It means that there will be a lot of information coming home today and Monday that you'll need to READ if you are serious about being our partner in supporting your child in their work:

- **SPELLING LISTS and GUIDES**—showing the new way of teaching spelling in Y5!
- **PATHWAYS FOR PARENTS**—how to get involved in supporting school for the benefit of your child. This leaflet is **REALLY IMPORTANT**, and shows you all the ways of getting involved with the school—some have gone home already.
- **Curriculum Newsletters** with the work for the term on—these will also be on the website next week.

YEAR 6 PARENTS

DO NOT MISS TUESDAY'S MEETING!

The meeting will discuss ALL the information that the government has given us about assessment in Reading, Writing and Maths, and how your child will be tested at the end of the year. It will also tell you about our new approach to spelling in Year 6, and ALL the information you will need about **QUINTA**. It is absolutely essential that **EVERY FAMILY IS REPRESENTED**—you need a really good excuse to miss this one. It is hosted by Mr Humphreys, and speakers will include Mrs Clark, Miss Underwood and Mrs Sandhu. 6 pm in Y6 classes, 20 Sep.

LOST PROPERTY

From now on, Lost Property will be checked and disposed of weekly. This is how it works:

- If your child's name is in lost articles, they will get them back.
- If there is **NO NAME**, and it is school uniform, then Friends Together get it back and you don't, unless you re-buy it at one of their second hand sales.
- If there is **NO NAME**, and it is **NOT** school uniform, then we dispose of it—good stuff to charity shops, tatty stuff to the bin. **THAT'S IT.**

To finish this edition with, here is a prayer from Tolu in Year 4 (Rosehip) that was shared with us at this morning's worship:

Dear God, I pray that you help me not to give up, but to carry on in life; please give me hope, wisdom and understanding. Amen.