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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN  
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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see the children dressed in bright colours today to support the Red Nose Day charity. In assembly we looked at how the money we raised will help others.

This week also has seen the start of Ramadan for our Muslim families and I was so proud of the pupils in assembly on Monday who voluntarily shared their beliefs and experiences of Ramadan with the rest of the school. Our children set such an amazing example to all of us in the way they are so keen to learn about each others cultures and beliefs.

#### Classroom redecoration

Our classroom redecoration in the middle block is due to be finished over the weekend and 3K will be back into their classroom on Monday. The decoration has made a real difference to the rooms and I would like to thank the staff for their additional hard work in getting this job done, moving furniture and resources in and out of rooms and cupboards after school and over weekends.

#### Lost property

Please, please can I ask that you label your child's clothing. Our lost property bin is full once again and the vast majority of items cannot be returned to pupils because they have no names. Currently, in addition to the plethora of school jumpers, we have a number of beautiful warm coats and a pair of brand new school shoes. If you are aware that your child is missing items please ask them to pop along to check or alternatively you are welcome to call in to check yourself via the school office.

#### **Update from the Year Teams**

##### Year 3

As part of our sensational structures topic we have explored different types of shell structures and used computer aided design to create packaging to store and protect seed bombs. Even though it was sometimes tricky we showed a lot of determination. In computing we are using PowerPoint to create a presentation about skeletons which is linked to our science learning. We have enjoyed learning lots of fascinating facts about bones.

In English we are writing an information text inspired by the book the Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers. This beautiful book includes important themes including working together, accepting who you are and following your dreams. In maths we are revisiting the topic of multiplication and division. The children are focusing on the recall of the 4x and 8x tables,

exploring different representation of different facts, as well as using these facts to solve different types of problems. We have also been working hard on using the facts we know to help us work out other related facts. We have been exploring the key skills of doubling and halving too as the 2x, 4x and 8x tables can be generated by repeated doubling.

Please do keep practising multiplication and division facts regularly at home as it really does make a difference.

In PSHE we have been learning all about keeping healthy and we will be entering Aldi's competition to design a healthy, balanced meal to fuel a Team GB or Paralympics GB athlete at Paris 2024. More details can be found here:

<https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/designameal>

Thank you to the grown-ups who helped with our seed planting. We're looking forward to seeing the results! Don't forget next Thursday at 9am in the hall we have our celebration of learning where we will be sharing our amazing artwork.

#### Year 4

Year 4 have started a new English unit and are looking forward to writing information booklets about their creatures. They are having to use their multiplication and division skills in maths and are beginning to realise the importance of learning and remembering their times tables.

Swimming is going well and they are thoroughly enjoying the sessions. We can already see an improvement in their water confidence. They are doing a good job in representing the school.

In computing, they are understanding what it takes to create an effective animation. The dance unit is coming along and they are nearly ready to start their choreography of their group dances.

#### Year 5

Over the last fortnight the rehearsals for our production of Treachery at Traitor's Quay have been well underway. It's amazing to think we'll be having our dress rehearsals next Thursday and Friday! It is a complicated play, with lots of dialogue and movement on, and off, stage. The children have coped really well. In English we have been studying The Ice Bear, a beautifully illustrated book with wonderful figurative language. We're using this to inspire our own writing about the Northern Lights. In maths we have been working out the volume of cuboids and cubes and in computing we have started to look at databases. In between all these we have been practising our singing!

#### Year 6

Year 6 had an amazing time at Liddington PGL. The children all succeeded in attaining individual goals, in that they pushed themselves to the limit. For some this was being away from home, for others it was conquering a fear of heights. They might still be a little nervous, but they now have the knowledge that they can do it if they really try.

During the week we all saw how much the children care for each other as they constantly encouraged and supported each other. The children made certain that they were never left out - realising when someone was vulnerable and taking active steps to include them. This was often as simple as offering to be a partner before the person had to ask. These simple acts of kindness really contributed to the team spirit and made the visit the success that it was.

We were really lucky with the weather and we all returned home tired, but happy. We hope that the children are able to apply what they learnt about themselves to their lives now and in the future.

It goes without saying that we owe a big thank you to all members of staff who went and to those in school who supported us too. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support.

For those pupils who remained at school for an activity week, they also had a brilliant time: designing, making, cooking, creating - to name but a few! Their day trip to Southwood Country Park on arrival started off a little wet, but soon dried up enough for the pupils to enjoy themselves. Their behaviour was exemplary, and we couldn't be prouder of them all!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay  
Headteacher