



Dear Parents,

This week we have continued exploring our value of *Kindness*. The children listened to songs that helped us reflect more deeply on what kindness looks like in action. We discussed some of the phrases from *Try a Little Kindness* and *We Will Go*, thinking about how our kindness can guide others towards positive change, supporting them in finding the right path, and helping them move on from mistakes.

We also revisited the personal aspirations chosen back in October. Both children and staff had the chance to review their goals and decide whether to continue with them or choose new ones—either to build on their progress or to set themselves a fresh challenge. I was impressed by the thoughtful new aspirations selected; they showed real reflection, ambition, and a desire to grow.

During lunchtime this week, we expanded our indoor provision by opening the hall for board games and craft activities, offering some shelter from the rain. While many children still preferred to enjoy their outdoor play, a number of pupils used the space to plan a pupil-led club. Their initiative and enthusiasm were wonderful to see.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the PTA's Little Recyclers collection. Your generosity helped make it a great success.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling



**Headteacher Award**  
**Edie**  
**Well Done!**



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## Our Stars of the Week

Irina

Elsie B

Maddison

Ralph

Emily T

Ella

Alice

Oliver G-W

Lily

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU & Year 3&4 with:

**97% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**91%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

## Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am

8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

## ECO COUNCIL

Our current focus is on litter, and we will be looking for litter picking monitors in school at playtimes. Please encourage your child to sign up.

## PTA

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Little Recyclers.

**We raised £100.35!**

Next Friday we will be holding a Doughnut and Cookie sale.

Please see the attached poster. You Doughnut want to miss out!



## Diary dates

- **Dance Club— 23rd January-13th February (pre-booked only)**
- **29th January-5th February—Swimming Lessons Yr3-Yr6 (Thursdays)**
- **30th January—PTA Doughnut + Cookie Sale**
- **4th February—FSU Book Themed Day**
- **9th February—Yr6 Junior Citizens Trip**
- **16th-20th February—Half Term**
- **18th & 19th March—Parents Evening**
- **8th-10th July Y5&6 Youlbury Residential Trip**



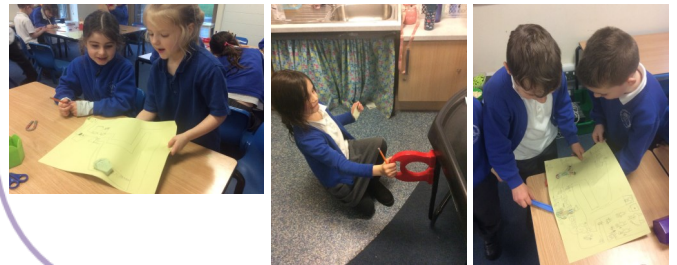
## FSU

We have focused on the story of The Three Little Pigs this week. During provision we have built various houses from different materials, acted the story out and continued with colourful semantics. Yesterday, we went for a walk around the village to see if we could spot any buildings made from straw, wood and bricks. They are really enjoying this topic and we are excited to look at Goldilocks and the Three Bears next week.



## Year 1 & 2

We have been investigators in our 'Materials' Science topic this week, trying to figure out answers to questions like "What objects can you find in the classroom that are magnetic?", "Are all metal objects also magnetic?" and "What could magnetic materials be used for in everyday life?" The highlight of the lesson for the children was creating games in pairs that use magnets. Some children made fishing games with magnetic rods and paper clip fish, while others created elaborate mazes and moved their paper clip characters around the maze using hidden magnets. It was a lot of fun.



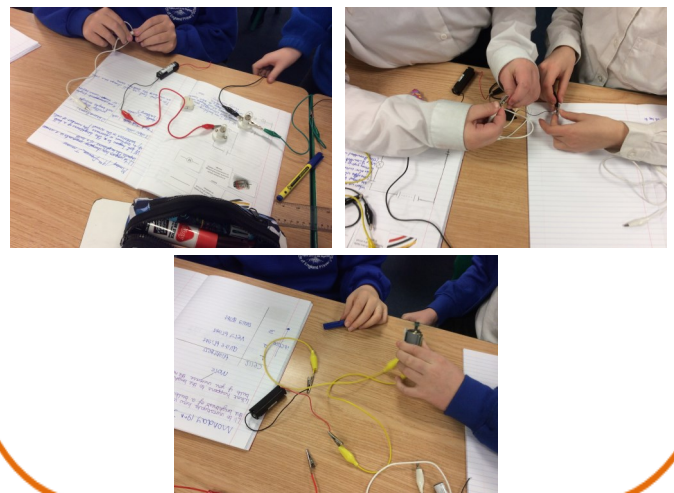
## Year 3 & 4

This term in Year 3 and 4 our music topic has a Reggae focus. Each week we listen to a different song by Bob Marley including 'Three Little Birds' and 'Jamming'. We then do some activities like clapping to the beat/ pulse or sing a song and finally we get to accompany a backing track of 'Three Little Birds' on the glockenspiels! So far we have played two different accompaniments one using the notes G and A, and the other using C and A. I have been really impressed with what a pleasant sound they make!



## Year 5 & 6

In our science investigation, we explored what happens if we change the components in a circuit and whether the bulbs get brighter. We learnt that voltage measures the push of electricity in a circuit, and a greater voltage would create a brighter bulb. This was the same when we tested motors, which also got faster.



## Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

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