



MORETON SAY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Christian Value for May: Responsibility

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Message from the Head

Everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved half-term break. We all hope for warmer, dryer weather too so everyone can enjoy the summer sun and spend lots of time outdoors.

Despite children feeling a little tired this week, they continue to give their best and we have lots of news to share with you in this week's newsletter.

Hearing children read on a 1:1 basis has been a highlight for me again in the last fortnight. Improving reading outcomes across our Federation is a key area in our school development plans. By taking a first-hand look at practices I can gain very valuable insights into potential next steps for our teaching staff to improve our provision further. The children that have read to me recently have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their books with me and it was clear to see how engaged they were with the books they have selected. Some of these readers are making a special appearance on Seesaw as a celebration of their skills and growing confidence.



After half term I will be visiting reading lessons to see all children in action and look forward to sharing good news with you in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please make sure any reading that is completed at home is recorded in your child's reading diary.

I hope you enjoy our updates and wish you all a happy and healthy half-term break.

Mrs Adele Thain

Values Award Assembly

Our celebration Values Assembly earlier today was extra special because we were able to welcome the parents of

the nominated children to join us using Microsoft Teams. Collective Worship has focused on wonderful aspects of our Christian faith and our value of the month, responsibility, has played a big part of our learning and worship experiences.

Following our Values Assembly, the children receive a special certificate and sticker.

Class 1 – Isabelle and Oscar

Class 2 – Jamie and Ayla

Class 3 – Freya and Samuel

Class 4 – Arthur and Kathleen

Class 1 – Reception & Nursery

Miss Clarke, Mrs Butler and Mrs Arblaster

We have been very busy learning about different life cycles. The children have enjoyed planting their sunflowers at Forest school and loved watching the time lapse of a sunflower seed to flower. In music the children used their bodies to recreate the life cycle of the sunflower to music. The children started off by curling up into a ball on the floor and slowly growing taller by stretching their bodies.

For literacy, in reception, the children have been writing their own stories and used their imaginations to write their own versions of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have made some lovely stories and we even used some glittery material as a class stage for the children to act out their stories with their friends. In maths, the children have started looking at telling the time and sequencing their days. The children enjoyed going on a time hunt outside and found all the different clocks hidden around the ground with all the different times. The time telling skill we explored was 'O'clock and half past'.

Class 2 - Miss Jones, Mrs Burns and Mrs Williams

Class 2 have shown great responsibility this week by helping to tidy up their Forest School area. They fixed the hedgehog home, replenished the bug hotel, weeded, collected rubbish and planted bluebell bulbs; kindly donated by Elliott.

In D&T they have been designing and making bridges to help Billy Goat Gruff cross the river safely. Research time has involved researching different types of bridges and what makes them strong. The children used pillars and triangles in their own designs. Billy Goat successfully crossed every bridge without ending up in the river!



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Class 3 - Miss McLaughlin and Mrs Jones

Class 3 have been working hard to produce final drafts of their dilemma stories. I was allowed to take a sneaky preview yesterday. You are in for a treat. The children have also been identifying various mini-beasts and classifying them using branching databases. It is great to see nature, science and technology connecting in a cross-curricular learning experience.



Class 4 - Mrs Baillie and Mrs Jones

Class 4 are enjoying using our new laptops as they work to develop their computing skills further. So far this term, they have been creating their own games using Purple Mash and Scratch. It is quite a complicated process and Mrs Baillie is so impressed by the children's ability to cope with challenging instructions and by their creativity. Mrs Rawsthorne has settled in nicely with Class 4 also. This week she has been delighted to share with me their beautiful work. The children have been exploring Llandudno as part of their seaside topic. They have been developing their map reading skills and locational knowledge. To enhance the learning experience further, they have explored scale. Their workbooks look fantastic and it is wonderful to see the children being able to use their maths skills in a real life context.

The Great Outdoors Day

Last week we had lots of fun, despite the weather, engaging in outdoor learning experiences. Teachers worked really hard to incorporate aspects of nature into the learning experiences. Our children love to be outdoors and it certainly has a positive impact on their mental well-being. Here are a small sample of photos from the day.



Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Across our Federation, all children have participated in this stamp design competition. Here are a small number of wonderful entry examples that honour Sir Captain Tom Moore and Mums' from our school family who are part of the nursing profession. With such high standards, we may have a winner:



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have her beautiful, long hair cut. Her lovely locks are being donated to The Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children who lose their hair as a result of cancer treatments.

Upcoming Bastille Celebration Day



We are so excited to share with you our plans for a French themed day on Thursday July 14th. Our teachers and children have been busy so far this term enhancing French speaking skills by making good use of our Language Nut app. Mrs Baillie has lots of ideas to share in the coming weeks but one that parents may need a little notice of is that we kindly request the children come into school that day wearing either red, white or blue or a combination of all 3.

More details to follow nearer the time.

Special Mention



A very special mention for Phoebe from Class 2. Phoebe has taken the courageous step of visiting her hairdresser to



Governor News

We are pleased to share with you all that we welcome two new Governors to our Federation Governing Body. Firstly, Helen Dutton joins us after being elected by our Diocese. Secondly, Diana Rosie joins us as our new parent governor representative. Marie-Anne Hollins has stepped down as Diocese Foundation Governor and Lindsay Kidd as Parent Governor. We would like to thank them both for their time served and their valuable contributions to the board.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their last day of half term by participating in the PTFA 'Break the Rules Day'. Children have come in fancy dress, worn own clothes, coloured hair, crazy hair styles, painted nails, tattoos. A good time was had by all. Many thanks for your generous donations. All monies raised will go to buying valuable resources for the school.

Have a lovely, relaxing half term with your family. School resumes **Monday 7th June**. Take care and stay safe.



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