



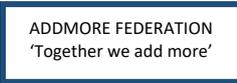
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This Half Term's Value: Justice



'Phrases of Faith'

'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them' - Matthew 7:12

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I write this, I have just received a photograph of our Formula 1 Engineers who are currently in Birmingham. The impressive achievements of our Formula 1 Club; their designs, bids for sponsorship and collaborative work have been absolutely incredible. It is great to see that all this hard work has once again meant that they have successfully secured a place at the event in Birmingham today. I must extend a special thank you to Miss Jones as without her hard work and dedication to the club every year this event would simply not be possible. Three cheers for Miss Jones! We are eagerly looking forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return!

In addition to the Formula 1 Club, I we will be introducing new clubs and new exciting opportunities after the half-term break. All clubs are bookable through our school's online platform, School Spider.

Meanwhile in school our children have been busy exploring the topic of Mental Health and Wellbeing and were joined by our Mental Health practitioner Lucy for a special assembly workshop. Here the topic of mental health, the importance of wellbeing amongst other areas and ways to look after ourselves was discussed.

As the week draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break over half term. I know that everyone has worked exceptionally hard this term and deserve some well-deserved time to recharge and relax. Thank you too for your continued support throughout this term.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th February.

Mrs S. Henney





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Attendance



This week's joint winners are Wrekin – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Lawley	98.95%	98.95%
Wrekin	99.13%	98.26%
Caradoc	97.86%	92.50%
Stiperstones	96.32%	97.89%
Whole School	98.09%	96.52%

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Ercall – Molly for always being so helpful around the nursery classroom. Well done Molly!

Lawley – Willow, for pushing herself with her writing. Willow has taken real pride in her writing, wanting to do her best and go the extra mile. Well done Willow!

Wrekin – Cynan - for fantastic skills in Maths this week, where the focus was arrays and simple multiplication.

Caradoc – Xander, for taking pride in all your work this week, especially your fossil- Miss Pugh

Stiperstones - Millie- for showing great resilience in maths and not giving in. What a great attitude . Well done!

Class News

Ercall

We have had a wonderful half-term in nursery!

This week we have been celebrating Chinese new year, tasting foods, painting Chinese symbols and mark-making with chopsticks. Our role-play area is a Chinese restaurant and the children have engaged well, taking on different responsibilities within their games.

We have explored a tuff tray full of red coloured objects, we have played with sea creatures in the water tray and we have explored red gloop with mark-making materials.

During maths we went on a 'heart' hunt and created cards for Valentines Day.

On Wednesday we enjoyed decorating and tasting pancakes, thank you to our PTA!



We have been on a few listening walks this week, we heard tractors, birds and explored the forest school area.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term.



Best wishes, Mrs Butler and the Nursery team.

Lawley

This week, Lawley have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children have been practising Chinese numbers and matching them up to our numerals and quantities. We have enjoyed looking at how people celebrate the new year in China and comparing it to our own celebrations, we recognised that we use fireworks too but would like more dragon and lion dances in our new year celebrations! We also enjoyed tasting some different Chinese food, using our chop sticks and creating a tally to show which was our favourite.





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Thank you to Jack's mum and Foodshion Garden Chinese Restaurant for your kind donations to support this.



As part of safer internet day, we have been looking at how technology has changed over time by sorting and talking about different computers, music players, games consoles and phones from different years. Some of them were easier to recognise than others. We talked about the importance of turning screens and technology off to help us feel better and get to sleep easier. We also talked about only using games and apps which are aimed at the right age so that we know there will be nothing upsetting on them.

Lawley would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Jones, we have loved having her with us for the half term and wish her the best of luck as she continues her teaching career at Adderley.

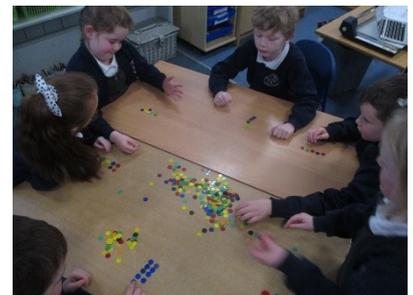
Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Jones and Mrs Arblaster

Wrekin

We absolutely loved it this week when the PTFA came in and served us pancakes with all sorts of tasty toppings! After, we found out more about the history of Shrove Tuesday and discussed what we might give up for lent.

We have been working hard this week to create acrostic poems for the Poetry Bus competition. We practiced writing this kind of poem using our favourite person for inspiration and then wrote a new one about any subject we liked. Look out for some of them appearing on our class page.

Well done again to Year 2 for winning this week's TT Rockstar tournament and for Edward being our ultimate champion! Who will have a go over half term and aim for top spot?



Miss Jones, Mrs Jones and Miss Henshall



Caradoc

This week, Caradoc have had a very 'Sciencey' week! Firstly the children learnt all about soil composition and the layers it contains. They then created their own edible soil models, from chocolate and biscuits! We then looked at fossils and how they are made. The children learnt all about the different types of fossils and even had a go at creating their own cast fossils, which turned out fantastically!

In English this week, the children have written their own verse to add to Rudyard Kipling's poem 'The River's Tale', using their own knowledge of the Stone Age! The children wrote verses in rhyming couplets- no easy task, and did really well!

A busy but productive week! Well done Caradoc!



Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Burns and Mrs Ritchings

Stiperstones

Stiperstones have had their last week with Coach Neil this week. We showed him how much we've developed our skills in football and got to play some matches. Coach Neil also awarded us all with certificates to show how hard we have worked. Eve and Reuben were also the luck winners of some tickets to go and watch Shrewsbury town play a match. We have really enjoyed the Read the Game programme.

Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans





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other news

Reading Challenge

Well done to these children for moving through our reading challenge awards! This half terms winner of our book token award is Ophelia who has now read 1,646,205 words in total . What a fantastic achievement Ophelia!!

Ready (1000+)

Amelia A

Independent (5000+)

Grace H

Autumn H

Eddie R

Rising (10,000+)

Dylan B

Alfie P

Ferne S

Mason S

Georgia A

Neve M

Super (50,000+)

Lottie M

Rupert S

Advanced Reader (100,000+)

Pheobe B

Harry R

Reuben S

Eve W

Star Reader (250,000+)

Beau S

Eliza B

Classic Reader (500,000+)

William H

1,000,000 plus!

Ophelia M





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Music Matters

What a busy term. The young musicians at Moreton Say have been enjoying their music lessons, singing in Worship, learning to play instruments with our visiting music tutors, coming to Music Clubs and attending Young Voices in Birmingham.

In Worship we have been introducing a piece, an instrument or an artist each week and listening to music as we come in and leave the hall. This term the music has included 'Imagine' by John Lennon and Yoko Ono, Strauss Waltzes, John Denver's 'Country Roads.' and songs from 'The Lion King'

Music Lessons

Wrekin class have been exploring music and dance from Africa. Listening to a talking drum helped them to use instruments to have rhythmical conversations. They loved exploring tempo by singing 'A Ram Sam Sam' which keeps on speeding up and is very energetic. The famous Thula Baba lullaby from South Africa made us all feel calm whilst the energy of an Afro Beat band made us all jump up and dance. We have also started to read music by following a score to add body percussion to 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.'

Caradoc have been learning some new notes on the recorder and getting really good at writing down rhythms and reading music. They've also been exploring steel drum music. We have been memorising Samba rhythms and are hoping to take our Samba band outside as soon as the weather allows. It was interesting to learn about carnivals which take place before Lent each year, especially as we also enjoyed eating the lovely pancakes organised by the PTA.

Stiperstones have listened to several versions of a Viking folk song called 'My Mother Told Me' to help them create, rehearse and perform their own Viking Song. Using a drone on the keyboard, a pulse on the drum, a repeated rhythm (ostinato) on percussion instruments and finally memorising the lyrics, everyone is looking forward to performing their compositions after half term.

Music Clubs

28 children attended our Young Voices Choir Club and we had a great time in Birmingham at the Young Voices concert.

Some children have asked if they can practise their instruments at school and so we are offering a free drop in club every Thursday lunchtime up to Easter. It's called 'Practise makes Perfect' and will take place from 12.30 to 1.00 in Caradoc classroom. Initially it will be for any child who is learning an instrument in or out of school. We have a keyboard, guitars and ukuleles in school that can be used. Children can also bring in their own instruments.

Mrs Vaughan





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Children's Mental Health Week

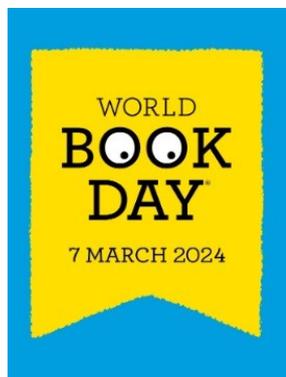
Launched by Place2Be in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme was My Voice Matters.

We were excited to see our children to come into school on Monday to kick start our mental health week wearing something that 'expresses themselves', there was a huge range of different sporting kits and lots of sparkle!

Our aim for the week was to help our children know they have the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. To ensure that our children feel listened to and know that they're not alone. During assembly we played a 'last to sing' game and realised how hard it is to be the only voice speaking up but that it can become easier when others around us are speak up too.

Lucy, our mental health support worker was in school on Thursday. She spoke to us about using our voice to create the change we want to see. Sometimes our voice can make a big difference in the world, but equally important is the way we use our voice to make a difference in small, everyday ways. She shared some stories about children who have used their voice for change around the world.

World Book Day



Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2023. We have planned some special reading activities to promote reading, share with children what a joy reading can be and remind them how reading can open up new worlds to them.

We feel that the purpose of the day is celebrating the pleasure of reading- so we are asking that children 'come in reading clothes'. This means you can come in school uniform, own clothes, sports gear, pyjamas – or fancy dress if you wish-any clothes will do- as we can read anytime, anywhere!



Lunchtime Helpers

Mrs Hayward would like to say a very big thank you to the following pupils who have very kindly helped her during the lunch service, your help has been very much appreciated:

Harrison, Beau, Lu, April, Jess, Nicholas, Izzy H, Izzy N, Ella, Logan, Phoebe B, Meadow, Neve, Isabelle, Phoebe S, Eliza, Pheobe G , Lottie and Jacob.





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After School Clubs

Booking is now open on School Spider for the following after school clubs for the second half of the spring term:

Ultimate Frisbee Club (Yr1 to Yr6) – Tuesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – 20th February to 19th March - £17.50

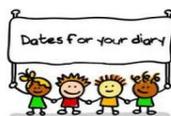
Clubbercise (Yr1 to Yr6) – Wednesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – 21st February to 20th March - £17.50

Gardening and Home Crafts (R to Yr6) - Thursday 3.15pm to 4.15pm - 22nd February to 21st March - £17.50

The F1 Club will continue to run on a Monday until 18th March for the children that signed up last term.

On Thursday lunchtimes Mrs Vaughan will be running a "Practise makes Perfect" club as a drop in club (no booking required) for children to come along and practise their instruments. This will be in Miss McLaughlin's class from 12.30pm to 1.00pm for as little or as long as they like.

Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024



FEBRUARY

Friday 9th February – School breaks up for Half Term

Monday 12th February – Keeping Children Safe Online, 7.00-8.00pm

MARCH

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 4th March – Dress up as a Scientist Day

Thursday 7th March – Science Fair 2.00 – 4.00pm

Wednesday 13th March – Lawley and Caradoc visit to Blue Planet





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and finally....

Congratulations

This week we would like to say a big congratulations and well done to the following pupils:

Ella who has won first prize in the local round of the Rotary Club art competition that took place as part of the Market Drayton Arts Festival in October. Her piece will now be submitted to the District round.

Jasper who has qualified for the Shropshire County Championships in the 100m breaststroke. It's a huge achievement as he has only been a member of the swimming club since September 2023.

Rupert who was Champion Medal Winner in his Solo Junior Dance Competition on Saturday Evening at the Wrekin Dance Festival - representing his dance academy! His super proud mum said that he took it all in his stride and it was a delight to watch him shine!

Well done to you all on the wonderful achievements!



**SUN
12TH
MAY
2024**

**MARKET
DRAYTON
10K
RUN**

See
<https://marketdraytonrunningclub.com/market-drayton-10k/>
 for more information

Are you looking to kick start your fitness in 2024?
 Why not sign up for Market Drayton 10K, and run in support of Moreton Say School?

We have spaces reserved for any parents or friends who would like to sign up for the challenge! Entry would be a much reduced £25, including the cost of a team T-shirt. All we would ask for (apart from the super enjoyable time training!) is a minimum of £50 in sponsorship.

To join the team please speak to any of the PTA committee or email moretonsaypta@gmail.com

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