



NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th January Issue 4

Values: Our Value for this month is Compassion.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Psalms 145:8

Our website is: www.thebattschool.org.uk

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Dear Parents & carers,

I hope that you are all keeping as well as possible. We have been informed by the DfE that the school will close for all pupils during the half term week. We have also now been told that the school will remain partially closed for the first two weeks after half term.

Rachel Crouch

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CALENDAR

- 25 Jan SEND reviews week
- 29 Jan Newsletter out
- 5 Feb Newsletter out
- 12 Feb School closes for half term
- 22 Feb School partially reopens for Keyworker children and vulnerable children.

Food boxes

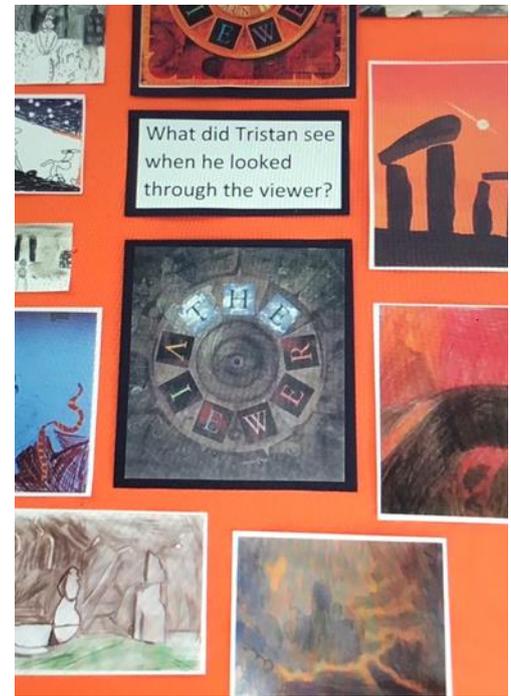
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Witney Covid-19 support group for enabling 22 of our families to receive a food box. This is a really difficult time for so many families and they have really helped to make life easier during these trying times.



Challenge 3 winner

A big thank you to so many of you that took part in this week's Poetry challenge. We are pleased to inform you that **Holly Harris in 5H** won the challenge with her amazing recital of the School Kid's Rap. You will find this on our webpage.

Artwork in Year 5



The Cookery Bakery Challenge 4

Some of you have been busy baking and cooking at home and we have loved seeing pictures of what you have made. You have inspired us, so this week has a cooking and baking theme. We challenge you to get involved with cooking a meal for your family or baking some delicious cakes or biscuits. We would then love to see pictures of your creations. At the end of the week, we hope to have a recipe section on Seesaw so we can all have a go. For some families, the weekend will be the time for cooking together, so there is no rush to do this and no closing date for sending in your recipe and picture.

- Please always cook or bake with an adult
- You might like to film your cooking or baking adventure – imagine you are presenting your own cooking programme – See Master Chef Australia for inspiration.
- Upload your recipe, a picture or film to Seesaw.
- We are hoping that Mrs Lockwood will upload the recipe for her legendary Peppermint Slab! It is amazing.

Happy Cooking & Baking

Staff changes

Jess Elam will be leaving us on Friday 12th February. Following from last week's Newsletter, we wish her well in her move.



Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Express Yourself

From 1-7th February 2021, we are taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'express yourself' and we are encouraging all children and adults to find different ways to express themselves, allowing us to share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas.

With schools partially closed and lots of uncertainty, children and young people's mental health has never been more important. Emotions are a normal part of life but understanding how to express and cope with them is vital for everyone. Over the coming week, staff will be posting activities for the children to complete on Seesaw which promote their mental health and wellbeing.

Mental Health Awareness Week Challenge:

Design a piece of artwork entitled 'Express Yourself'.

In your artwork you could show us who you are, what makes you unique, what you like doing and how you are feeling.

Useful links:

Ideas and activities for parents and carers:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

National assembly – available from 9am on Monday 1st February 2021

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/assembly>