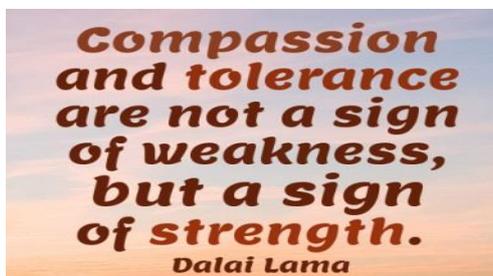


A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week's focus has been on **COMPASSION**:



COME AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS! – This week our assemblies have focused on the virtue **COMPASSION**. The children were asked to write on post-it notes what they thought compassion was. These have been added to a temporary wall display in the main school corridor. We would like to invite any parent or member of the community to share what they think compassion is by writing on a post-it note and adding it to our wall display. We look forward to getting you more involved with our weekly focus on virtues. Please feel free to ask Miss Braddon in the office if you wish to have a post-it note and a pen. Next term we plan to launch our **THANKFULNESS TREE** display which we also hope you will join us in populating with special words and phrases.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS! – On Thursday this week, the staff and pupils got into the spirit of celebrating World Book Week by dressing up as their favourite books characters. The day was an exciting mix of a costume parade, guess the character, creative writing, favourite book quizzes and drama. During the afternoon the children were organised into small mixed age groups and enjoyed visiting up to 12 different visiting story tellers. We are very grateful to all the story tellers that came along to share their favourite books. We are also very proud of our Year 6 pupils who rose to the challenge of organising their group ensuring the movement from one story teller to another ran smoothly. Every child made such a wonderful effort with their costume and we look forward to sharing some wonderful photographs of the day with you soon. Well done to all involved!

FIRE DRILL WITH A DIFFERENCE – Yesterday, our Health and Safety Governor, Karen Partridge, was visiting the school when the termly fire drill was carried out. Mrs Partridge commented on how quickly and quietly the children walked out into the playground to line up in their classes. A record breaking time of 2minutes and 26 seconds was recorded as the time it took to completely evacuate the building. The only difference with this fire drill was the rather colourful lines of story character outfits. However, the Two Aliens in Underpants (which suspiciously looked like Mrs Lea and Mrs Brooks) did not deter the children from following the usual procedure and focusing on lining up with straight faces. Well done to everyone for holding it together long enough to impress of Health and Safety Governor! We all carried on regardless.... of what we were wearing!

IT'S NEARLY TIME TO SHOUT FOR YOUR TEAM AND FOR A FULL HOUSE! – Don't forget to join in the fund raising fun this Saturday from 3.45pm when the **BIG MATCH** will be screened in the school hall. Donations on the door is all we ask along with enthusiasm for cheering on your team. Bring along your own refreshments and stay a little longer for the family fun chocolate bingo which will start at 6.30pm. Bingo tickets will be available for sale at the event. We look forward to an afternoon of competitive cheering and an evening of exciting bingo calling.

Have a great weekend!

A BIG WELL DONE to Lily Roe, Rosie Lawrence, Madlen Wilson, Finlay Hudson and Toby Piper who represented the Penryn Cluster at the postponed cross country tournament on Monday. We are pleased to announce that Toby will be one of fifteen representing the Peninsula region at the County cross country finals on Thursday 17th.

Design a netball kit update: Thank you for the amazing response to our design a netball kit competition. We are pleased to announce that the three short listed designs, are by Merryn Grosvenor, Madlen Wilson, and Sophie Woodrow. They will be digitally designed by AGame, at which point there will be a school community vote for the most popular kit. The design with the most votes will be the one that we use for our new netball kit. More information on how to vote will follow shortly.

Headlice: Unfortunately we have a reported case of headlice in Starlings. Please would all parents check their child's hair thoroughly over the weekend and treat if necessary. We have a leaflet offering advice on how to clear headlice available in the main reception area, please help yourself if it is needed.

Sponsorship money – Super Schools

Please may we ask for any remaining sponsorship money to be passed into the school office by Monday 14th March? Many thanks.

Little reminders:

Guitarists playing during assembly: Mrs Liz Sibley (guitar teacher) has kindly arranged for the children to play to the whole school during assembly on Monday 21st March. If your child is learning the guitar with Liz, you are very welcome to enjoy the recital with us. Please join us from 10.20 a.m. if you are available (grandparents are also very welcome to come along with you).

Year 6 transferring to Secondary school

- Induction Days at Richard Lander School: Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July, 9am – 2.30pm.
- Parents Information Evening at Richard Lander: Thursday 7th July, 6pm – 7pm.

Celebration Assembly:

The following children all received a certificate, medal or badge in assembly today:

Bronze: for reaching 50 points: Ocean Stock, Eli Guimaraes.

Silver: for reaching 100 points: Charlie Munro, Lola Murdoch, Isla Knibb, Ned Thomas, Matt Marshall.

Gold: for reaching 150 points: Dylan Barker, Michael Ware, Edie King, Sapphire Bennett, Tarloh Morris, Teagan Yendle.

Medal: for reaching 200 points: Cara McCandless, Darcy White, Paige Murdoch, Lola Guinchard, Isla Dark, Merryn Grosvenor, Giselle Tyler-Scott.

Badge: for reaching 250 points: Evie Dark, Miles Cameron.

RAK Club: This week we have had two nominations for pupils who have demonstrated Random Acts of Kindness. Teagan Yendle has been nominated for offering her PE T-shirt to a child in another year group to enable them to take part in their PE lesson. Ellie Jamieson has been nominated for taking the time to offer her own ideas to staff about how the older children in our school could help with looking after younger children who may find it hard to join in games at playtime. Well done to both children for being nominated for helping others.

Very well done to you all.