Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 18th March 2022

Our New School Vision

It is with pleasure that we will be able to launch our new school vision with the children next week. Slightly delayed, we have now been able to gather the views of parents, staff, children, governors and the church to create our new vision statement which we hope you agree encapsulates what we want for all of our children and school community.

Rooted in the Bible Verse:

"You will shine among them like stars lighting up the sky." (Philippians 2:15-16)



Our Christian vision is for every member of our school community to shine:

Shine within themselves

Shine for our community
Shine out to the world
Together, we light the way for others.

This vision represents how we want all of our school community to be the best they can be, to make a positive difference in the world and to do this alongside others.

In the next two weeks the children will be taking part in workshops to explore this vision so please do talk to them about it at home. Look out for special bookmarks too! As we move forward you will see our vision in action throughout the whole school.

Shining out to the World

Over half term, three amazing members of our school, Alaia, Eleanor and Elania had a joint birthday party. Instead of asking for presents, they asked for donations to the Ukraine Crisis and raised a staggering £150. On behalf of all of the school community, we are so proud of you. This is a true example of living our new vision day to day. Girls, you are shining brightly!

Eleanor also shone recently by gaining her piano certificate. Well done



All things Dinosaurs

The children in Reception have become palaeontologists this half term, digging deep to discover all about the prehistoric age. They have amazed us with their knowledge and have loved exploring dinosaurs' weight, size and habitats as well as making their own fossils!













Comic Relief

The school was even 'redder' than usual today for Red Nose Day! This year the theme is resilience, confidence and friendship which fits perfectly with our vision. The children in some of the classes worked on resilience and tried to follow instructions for making an origami bird. As well as discussing the serious aspects of fundraising, the children have had fun too!













Request for absence in term time

As a school we are getting many requests for pupil absence during term time. Whilst I do understand that many family holidays have had to be rearranged in the last couple of years, the guidance states that only exceptional circumstances will be authorised.

For example:

- · Service personnel returning from active deployment
- · Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company
- · Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided
- · When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis

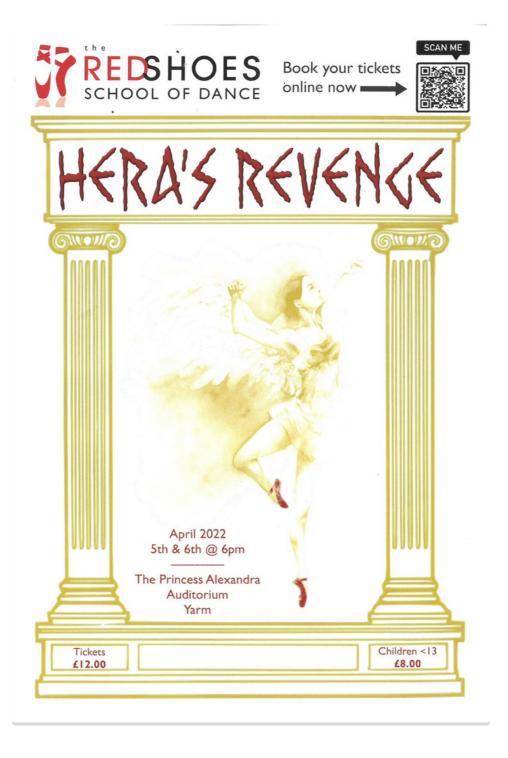
The guidance also states:

Whilst many of you may be disappointed that a request for absence for holiday is unauthorised, I hope that you understand that I must follow government guidance. Thank you.

Community news

Supporting our children to shine in our community

Some of our pupils will be 'shining' when taking part in 'Hera's Revenge' dance show on the 5th and 6th of April. They would love you to support them. Please see below for details.





Dates for your Diaries

21st March (Monday 6pm) Deadline for Parent Governor votes.

30th March 5pm in school. <u>Parents' Forum.</u> A chance to meet school leaders and find out about school development.

Tuesday 21st June Class Photographs