

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 10th March 2023

School Council Update

Red Nose Day

This term our well-being focus is 'Give'. We know that this is not just about giving to charity but giving time, love and just being a good friend. However, the school council would like to use Comic Relief to take the opportunity to give to those less fortunate than ourselves.

They would like to invite children to come to school in non-uniform **NEXT FRIDAY -17th March** (red if you have it!) for a suggested donation of £2 that can be paid via Parentpay. During the day we will also hold a joke competition so get thinking of jokes that will make us howl with laughter.



**Your time,
your words,
your presence**

Decorate an Egg Competition

School Council also decided to continue with the tradition of 'decorate a boiled egg competition' in the last week before the Easter break. More info to follow but this is advanced notice so you can get *cracking* on all your *eggcellent* ideas!

Anti Bullying Ambassadors

On Wednesday 1st March, 8 children from year 4- 6 (Austen, Minnie, Jasmine, Elania, Teddy, Gabriel, Charlotte and Rachel) took part in an anti-bullying training session ran by The Diana Award. The children worked together and acquired vital skills to enable them to have the confidence to address different situations, both online and off.

The Diana Award's anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme sees trainers working with students and other young people to change the attitude surrounding bullying. The programme has a strong peer-to-peer focus, with trainers giving young people the skills and confidence to become Anti-Bullying

Ambassadors to tackle bullying in their schools long after the training has finished. The Diana Award's anti-bullying work is recognised as world-class thanks to this sustainable approach. The training looked at bullying in different situations including face-to-face and online. At the end of the session, pupils made an action plan of how to approach bullying issues that may arise in their schools and committed to their roles as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

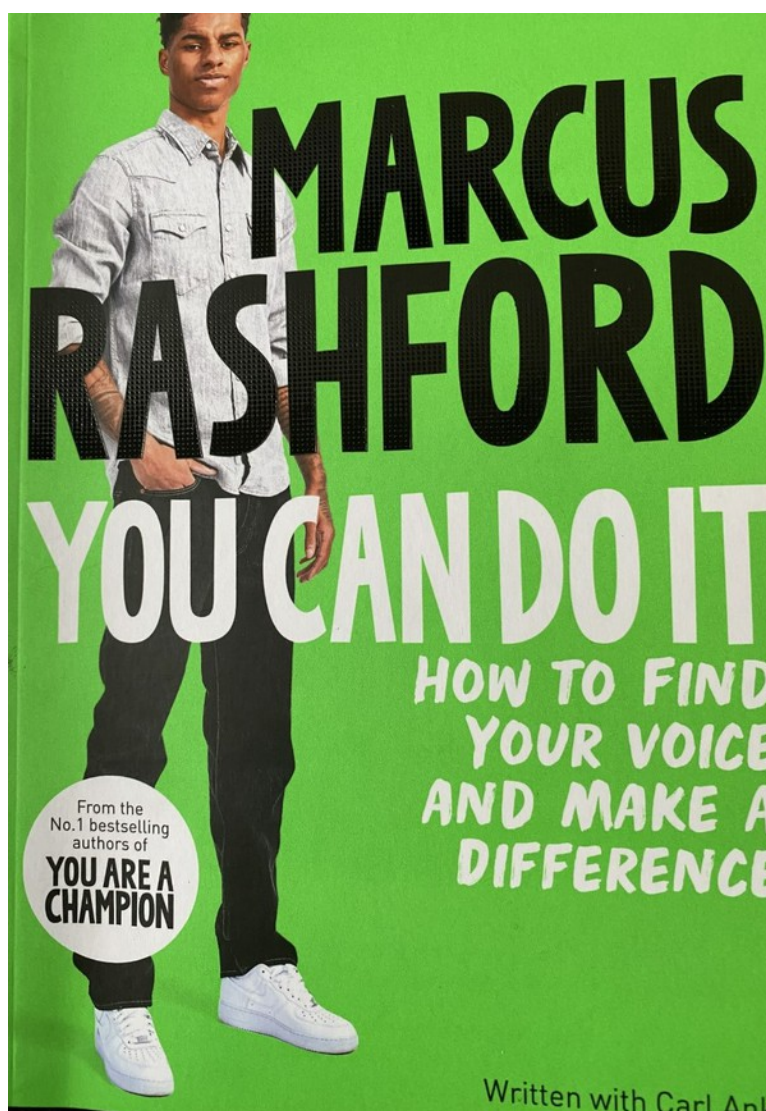


For their first project, the children will be addressing the issue of:

Respect For All. We can wait to share all our exciting ideas with the school community.

Teddy, one of our Ambassadors said:

"It was great and taught us a lot - like that bullies are not bullies for ever- they CAN change." He also wanted to recommend this inspirational book:



Fun in the Snow

Children all enjoyed their snowy day at school today. Some very inventive structures were spotted in the snow and some huge snowmen! It was great to see the younger and older children playing so well together too.



Attendance Matters

At Kirkby and Great Broughton School we aim for excellent attendance and it is our legal duty to monitor this. Anyone with less than 90% attendance (this is 18 days in the whole year) is classed as a 'persistent absentee' and may receive a letter (although we know that in some circumstances this is unavoidable and we do take this into account). However please do read the leaflet attached below written by the Swaledale Alliance which the school is part of. This clarifies the impact of low attendance on children's learning and other aspects of attendance such as a parent's legal responsibility.

Please also be aware that Headteachers are not expected to authorise any term time holiday and should only authorise absences under exceptional circumstances (noted on the application form available on the website or via the school office). Please do support us with this.

If you would like a paper copy of this leaflet or if you would like to know your current child's absence please contact the school office.

Attendance Matters Parent Guide - printable.pdf

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Our re-vitalised quiet area

You may have noticed that the school quiet area has had a makeover. This was something that last year's School Council wanted but has been put on hold over the winter months. This has only been possible due to your support of the Friends of the School who have funded much of it and also the Henry Edmund Trust who worked with the School Council last year and identified the need for new planters! An enormous thank you to Adam Burton and his team who have created this fabulous area and have also provided sensory plants for our children. The children love it! Thank you all.



Governors

You may have seen some of our governors around school and on the playground recently. Governors are a vital part of school life and work alongside senior leaders and staff to strategically move the school forward. Your children will have seen many of them in and around school supporting us. Thank you to those parents who talked to two of our governors last week, and shared your positive comments about our school and safeguarding. Two reminders for you that came from the discussions:

- If you have a safeguarding concern then Mrs McCormick is our designated safeguard lead. However, if she is unavailable, we have two additional safeguarding leads: Mrs Borwell (Class 1 teacher) and Miss Atkinson (Class 3 teacher). Please see safeguarding section below.
- Each term we hold a Parents' Forum where you can hear about school improvement and ask any questions. The next one is on 26th April at 9am

We currently have one vacancy on our governing body. This is for a Foundation Governor. In addition to governor responsibilities, Foundation Governors have a special role in, and responsibility for, ensuring that the Christian character of a Church of England school is secured, preserved and developed. If you feel that you, or know someone who would be keen to take on this role please do get in touch with Mrs McCormick or Reverend Anne.

World Book Day and Sponsored Read

We had a fantastic time on World Book Day and well done to children (and staff) who came to school dressed as a character from a book - everybody looked amazing!

In the words of one of our governors who popped in in the morning:

"Your children looked awesome in their super costumes and the whole school feeling of engagement was brilliant! 🥳"

Of course, a massive well done also goes to all the amazing and dedicated staff for dressing up too!

Top job to you all! 🥳 😊"

In EYFS and KS1 children looked at lots of book by Julia Donaldson and James Mayhew. They completed lots of fun activities linked to the books throughout the day.

In KS2 children completed for book related workshops in the morning and studied local authors in the afternoon.

We were excited to launch out sponsored read/sponsored listen on World Book Day and we're excited to hear that children are having fun completing the challenge. Please collect any sponsorship money and bring it to the school office by Friday 17th March. Thank you for your support in helping us replenish books in our library.

A huge thank you to Mrs Johnson for organising the day.



5* Kitchen

This week our school kitchen received a 'spot check'. There was no surprise that it received a 5 star cleanliness rating . Well done Mrs Atkinson!

Dates for Diaries

Friday 17th March Comic Relief Non-uniform day

Monday March 20th Spring parents' meetings

Thursday 23rd March Year 5 and 6 visit Middlesbrough Mosque

Weds 29th March 11am Easter Service at church - all welcome

Weds 26th April 9am Summer Term Parents' Forum

WB 8th May Year 6 Sats Week. Tests will take place Tues-Friday

5th- 9th June 2023 Y6 residential

Safeguarding at KGB

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick (who should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns), and we have two deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Borwell and Miss Atkinson. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.

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