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Growing together; succeeding together

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The Year of 'The Curriculum'

A note from the Principal

This term has seen so many wonderful events, trips and learning opportunities for all our pupils ranging from a visit to parliament to the PTFA Valentine's Day ball! I would like to thank you for your support as these events.

The pupils have had the chance to consider their own mental well-being and really embrace our mission statement of 'Growing together; succeeding together.' Across the school the pupils have been focusing on reading more books and developing timetables. Over the holidays, it would be great if you could support your child to practice these (for years 1-6) using the PiXL Apps. Reading challenge: try to read with your child for 15 minutes a day. For every week you do this, you could be adding a year's reading age to your child's abilities!

I hope that you have a wonderful, restful holiday and look forward to seeing all pupils back on Tuesday 25th February.

Mrs Amy Rogers

RE day

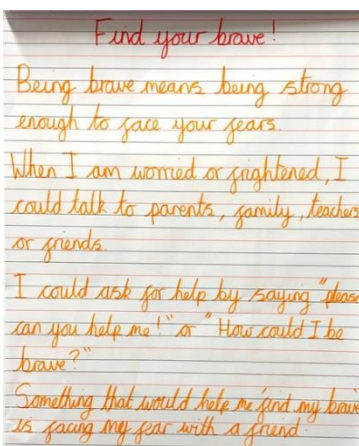
We had such a wonderful day today focusing on learning about many different religions. We were very lucky to be joined by a number of visitors from different religious groups who taught lessons to the pupils. The pupils were full of curiosity and asked many insightful questions. It is amazing to have such a diverse community at Dashwood and to be able to celebrate our differences in such a respectful way. Ask your child at home – what did they learn today about religion?

Dashwood Musical events



Year 2 pupils definitely 'found their brave' this term by performing a wonderful play around the fairy tale Cinderella. They sang and acted wonderfully! Well done Year 2 for being amazing.

This week, Rowan class performed brilliantly for parents and other pupils following a term of music lessons. They were brave, confident and calm; performing after just 5 weeks of lessons! What a lot of talented musicians we have at Dashwood.



Health and Safeguarding

As part of Mental Health week, each class completed activities around the theme 'Find your Brave'. The pupils have discussed how to challenge their own demons and negative thoughts by facing things head on. Consider at home: do you model trying new and challenging things and demonstrate how you tackle problems in a positive way?



This week has also been internet safety day (11th February). Pupils in Year 4 enjoyed exploring the theme and looking at what they are free to be when they

are online. They looked at all the amazing things they can do and be online and how to stay safe whilst doing it. Despite these lessons, we still have some pupils in the older groups who are using devices and social media inappropriately. We will only tackle this issue if we all work together so please make sure you are checking devices regularly and not allowing your child to use websites and Apps that are not meant for their age. Thank you.

Parking: please refrain from parking on double yellow lines but also please make sure you walk pupils down paths and not across the staff carpark to ensure they are safe.

As a nut free school, we thank you in advance for your support in providing lunches and snacks that are nut free. Please remember that this includes spreads like Nutella as they contain nuts.

Keeping ourselves safe

Year 6 Pupils enjoyed their session at Junior Citizens this term in Oxford. They worked through several safety scenarios and even got to make a 999 call. Children were taught how to do this properly in a 'real life' scenario and know they are only to call for the emergency services when there is a real emergency.



World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March it is World Book Day! We will be asking pupils to dress up as characters from two of our favourite authors – Julia Donaldson and David Walliams! We will be completing many exciting activities over the day and also holding a second hand book sale so we are asking for donations of books you no longer want. Money raised will be used to buy new books for the school. We cannot wait for this exciting event!

Important Dates and reminders

14th February: PTFA Valentines Ball! Look out for posters with more information.

RE whole school day

Break up for the half term holiday.

24th February: INSET day – school is closed to all pupils

25th February: All pupils return for term 4.

5th March: World Book Day (see above)

11th – 13th March: Year 4 residential trip

20th March: PTFA market event for Mother's Day

24th and 26th March: Parents evening (signing up information will come out nearer the time)

30th March and 1st April: Parent/Carer and pupil Easter craft session (more information to follow next term)

3rd April: PTFA coffee morning

Break up for the Easter holidays

Term Dates for 2020/2021

Term 4

Tuesday 25 February – Friday 3 April 2020

INSET DAY: Monday 24 February (no children in school)

NB: there will be no After School Club on Friday 3rd April.

Term 5

Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May 2020

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Monday 4 May 2020: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2020

INSET DAY: Friday 26 June (no children in school)

INSET DAY: Monday 20 July (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 17th July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

Dates for 2020/2021

Term 1

Wednesday 2 September – Friday 23 October 2020

INSET DAY: Tuesday 1 September (no children in school)

NB EYFS pupils will start later due to home visits - date to be confirmed

Term 2

Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2020

INSET DAY: November- Date to be confirmed (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 18th December*

Term 3

Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February 2021

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Term 4

Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 1 April 2021

INSET DAY: Monday 22 February (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Thursday 1 April*

Term 5

Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May 2021

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Monday 3 May 2021: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Tuesday 8 June – Wednesday 21 July 2021

INSET DAY: Monday 7 June (no children in school)

INSET DAY: Late June – date to be confirmed (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Wednesday 21 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

Transition days will take place on Monday 19-Wednesday 21 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.