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Weekly Newsletter – Edition 10

As amazing as it may sound, we have reached the end of the 5th week of Termlet 2. Perhaps even more amazing still, there are only 4-more weeks until the Christmas holidays! Where does the time go? As always, it has been a fun, action-packed, creative, and rewarding 5-days with the children and I hope this 10th edition of the weekly newsletter brings this to life for you. We are so lucky to have our children, and every day, they must make you very proud indeed.

Loving Laughing

Mayflower is famous for many, many things, but one of our greatest accolades is that for the last 6-years, we are officially the funniest school in Leicester! As part of the Leicester Comedy Festival, schools are invited to take part in a stand-up comedy category, and this week, we were delighted to welcome Rob Gee to school. He spent a very enjoyable day with Year 6 getting them started on the road to what we hope will be another year of success at the Y Theatre. It goes without saying that our children are hilarious all of the time, but Rob coached them to become comedy writers as well as performers. Over the next few weeks, we will see all of the sketches that have been produced, and this will allow us to select the ones that will make the greatest impression on the judges. Year 6 were very animated, but they also know there is pressure to succeed. Needless to say, I am backing them every step of the way. Please look out for further details, soon.

Evington Library

Our thanks to the brilliant team at Evington Library for allowing all of our Year 6 children to visit on Wednesday. They are all now library members, and for those that have never visited before, they were able to choose their very first book from the huge stock available. What made me laugh is that you would then often spot children walking along the corridors with their nose in a book. Seeing our children lost in a fictional world is a wonderful thing indeed, and I know of at least 1-child who read their entire book, which was titled, 'The Worst Week Ever,' in a single day. Very impressive stuff indeed.

Hall Space at the Mayflower Site

One area that has been a deficit for us at the Mayflower site has been the absence of a large hall. Pleasingly, we have now come to an arrangement with our friends at the Methodist Church, and this will allow the children in Nursery and Reception to have access to this space on a weekly basis, if they need it. This will be ideal for many different Physical Development priorities, and will also provide options for whole-class PE sessions. There has been no further news on the marquee for the bus children, and you will recall that this could also become additional space for the children based at Mayflower. I have sent a number of reminders, and hope to have more positive news that I can report next week. For children in Nursery and Reception, look out for further details soon of what we can offer.

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Toilets on the Main Playground – Parents Collecting Children at the end of the Day

Just a quick reminder for the parents of children in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 that there are 2-additional toilet areas on the playground at the end of the day. The one on the left is for the staff, and the one on the right is available for anyone to use, as required. It would be helpful if you could avoid using the toilet on the left because this could become a safeguarding risk for staff. As always, my thanks for your help and understanding on this important matter.

Our Letter to Jon Ashworth (MP)

Parents will recall that the 3rd strand of our call for peace and humanitarian relief involved an open letter to Jon Ashworth (MP). I can now confirm that this will be sent next week, and will also ensure that you gain access to a copy. Mayflower children stand for justice, peace and equality, and wherever this comes under threat, they know they have a voice, and also how to use it. Every day they may me feel proud to work at Mayflower, and I also know that our world will be in very safe hands when it is their turn to lead.

Restorative Champions

Special thanks to designated children in Year 6, who served as our Restorative Champions last year. Pleasingly, a new group of children in Year 5 have now completed the requisite training and are ready to take on these roles at school. A Restorative Champion has the skills and awareness to support children who have encountered minor disagreements on the playground. They are easily identifiable, wearing fluorescent jackets, and they were also introduced to the school community in my assembly this morning. I know that the new Restorative Champions will do a brilliant job, and I thank them in advance, for wanting to make our school community such a happy and harmonious place.

Camera Watches

Just a quick reminder that camera watches are not allowed in school because they pose a safeguarding risk to the child themselves, and also others. Staff will be on the lookout for such devices, and if they are seen, we will confiscate them and return to parents. I know that you will understand keeping our children safe is our most important priority, hence the reminder.

Attendance

Some very pleasing figures yet again this, week and my thanks for all the great efforts you go to each day to bring the children into school:

Week Beginning Monday 20 th November 2023			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Chestnut: 93.9%	1KM: 95.8%	4CR: 97.1%	6RK: 98.1%

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Wow Moments in School

Here is a small selection of some of the amazing things that have been happening in school:

			
Lost in Learning – Y3	Creswell Craggs – Y3	Creswell Craggs – Y3	Making Switches – Y4
			
Role-Play – Y4	Times-Tables – Y5	Curling – Y5	Archery – Y5
			
Library Visit – Y6	Team-Building – Y6	Loving Laughing – Y6	Loving Laughing – Y6

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