



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 11/02/2022

‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’

A special mention for our highest scoring ‘Doodle Maths’ superstars in each class:

Reception – Tiggy

Year 1 – Tom

Year 2 – Nova

Year 3 – Liam

Year 4 – Ellis

Year 5 – Jack D

Year 6 – Rowan

Top Doodling Class – YEAR 4

(Please note Doodle passwords have changed - your child should have their slip in their home-school journal).

A message from the Head:

Hopefully you have already heard a lot this week about all of the exciting things our pupils have been doing as part of ‘National Children’s Mental Health Week’ !

It really has been a delightful time in school, a great opportunity for us all to reflect on our own emotions and how we can keep ourselves and others feeling mentally well and invigorated. On Monday we considered how we had grown emotionally since we first started school and where we would like to take that in the future. Tuesday was certainly one of the loudest days we have ever experienced in school, as our guests Rock Kidz taught us all about perseverance and positivity as well as how to play awesome air guitar. On Wednesday we considered the benefits of art and creativity and everyone in school produced a fantastic clay sculpture, now on display in the school entrance. Thursday of course saw everyone dress as the person they aspire to become and we thank all of our families for their support in preparing pupils for this. Today is then a chance to reflect and develop all we have learnt this week and share our work at the end of the day in assembly.

We are incredibly proud of how mature, open and honest our pupils have been this week in discussing what may seem very abstract concepts, no doubt an indicator of the happy and emotionally literate adults they will become. A big ‘thank you’ too to Miss Rose who helped plan and organise many of our activities, as part of her new role as ‘Mental Health Lead’ for our school, we are certainly all in safe hands ! As ever, if you feel your child is struggling with any issues covered this week or in any way related, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will endeavour to support where we can.

If you have a moment to offer any feedback on the week we would very much appreciate it :

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R6KVKTC>

Have a super weekend !

Reception/Year 1:

I have got to say that this has probably been our best week so far in Reception and Year 1! The children have been so receptive to all the concepts we have covered over the week, they've been creative and thoughtful with amazing behaviour (which was highlighted by our visiting Kidz Rock team on Tuesday!) We have thought about things which make us feel happy and calm, and a lot of the week has incorporated things that we actually do regularly, but on a larger scale! There has been a lot of singing, dancing, painting, drawing, creating, malleable materials and fun with friends! The children really enjoyed the Rock Kidz workshops and threw themselves into every activity presented to them! The team were really impressed with their enthusiasm and responses!

We created 'Bags of Positivity' and each child decorated their own with their name and face. We talked about the great number of positive qualities we all have in the class (one being 'loyal' which I was really impressed with!) creating a word bank. Then the children wrote one word for each of their friends in the class, putting it in their bag!

On Wednesday, the children created their own clay figure for our whole school Antony Gormley inspired project. Our figures are now displayed in the entrance hall. Some of our children spent over an hour enjoying the feel and texture of the clay!

On Thursday, the children enjoyed talking about their aspirations for the future and we were lucky enough to spend some time with our year 6 buddies who helped us to research the steps we need to take to achieve our job aspirations! Friday was our well-being and mindfulness day with lots of peaceful activities and some yoga with Mrs Johnson to help us to step calmly into our weekend!

Next week, we are looking forward to our visit from a Selby Librarian on Tuesday. Remember to return your library joining forms by Monday if you are not already a member of the library and you would like your child to receive a library card!

Home learning this week:

Reception

- Enjoy your books at least three times and record in your journal
- Doodlemaths- stay in the yellow but reach for the green!

Year 1

- Enjoy your books at least three times and record in your journal.
- Doodlemaths- stay in the yellow but reach for the green!
- DoodleSpell - complete your extra!

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

Year 2/3:

What another brilliant week it has been in Y2/3! We have been focusing most of our curriculum on our mental health and how to improve it. Throughout the week we have incorporated exercise into our daily routine to help booster our positivity. On Monday, we focused on thinking about our own mental wellbeing and one way we would like to improve it e.g. having more resilience. On Tuesday, we had the Rock Kidz in who lead an assembly and workshops on self-esteem, confidence and our aspirations. On Wednesday, we took part in a whole school art project making clay sculptures of ourselves and learning how hobbies/creative activities can help relax us. On Thursday, we thought about dream jobs and created vision boards with realistic self-set targets that we can achieve over the next few months to help reach our dream job. Finally, on Friday, we reviewed and summed up our learning and had an extended time outside focusing on teamwork and supporting each other in games.

Home learning this week:

- Read at least three times this week and record in your journal.
- Stay in the orange on Doodlemaths and reach for the green (10 mins a day!)
- Complete your extra on DoodleSpell

Have a fab weekend! Mr Hedges

Year 4/5:

It's been Mental Health Week this week so year 4/5 have been very busy learning about how to look after their mental health. On Monday the children learned about anxiety and how we can control our 'anxious brains' when anxious thoughts arise. They learned about different emotions and how these can present differently for different people. On Tuesday we had the excellent 'Rock Kidz' visit our school. The class had so much fun dancing and singing motivational songs. On Wednesday the class worked with clay to make clay figurines of themselves! On Thursday we had an excellent 'careers' day when all the children came in dressed as a job/career they wanted to do when they're older. There were so many fantastic outfits - hopefully you'll see some pictures on Seesaw soon! They created powerpoints all about a chosen career, considering the role of the job and the routes into their chosen career. On Friday to finish the week, we listened to inspirational songs and wrote motivational quotes for display.

Homework this week:

Doodle Maths (stay in the yellow, reach for the green!)

Doodle spell Extra activity

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Reading 3x times and recorded in their home-school journal

Have a good weekend! Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

Year 6:

This week we have really enjoyed Children's Mental Health Week. On Monday we looked at a quote about growing and thought about how we want to grow as a person and steps we can take to achieve this. Some of us picked learning how to deal with our emotions, some of us picked organisation and some of us picked helping others. All of our work is on Seesaw. On Tuesday, we met Rock Kidz, we listened to their songs about not quitting, it was very loud, and we jumped around a lot. It was fun and we all enjoyed it so much! On Wednesday we did some art therapy and created our own sculpture from clay inspired Anthony Gormley. Did you know he made the angel of the north? On Thursday, we came to school dressed as who we aspire to be. We researched skills needed for different sectors and researched what we need to create the job we want and made a vacancy report. I made one for a horse-riding instructor and Alannah made one for a set designer. We also visited our buddies to help them research what they want to be when they grow up too. We also read the story Mr Huff and made our own Huff to represent our powerful emotions then we thought of strategies to help us. Thanks for reading our newsletter from Molly and Alannah.

Homework this week:

Doodle Maths (stay in the yellow, reach for the green!)

Doodle English (stay in the yellow, reach for the green!)

Doodle spell Extra activity

Read 3x times and record this in your home-school journal

Incomplete homework will be completed in homework club next Friday lunch time.

Diary Dates:

Mon 21/02/2022 to Fri 25/02/2022 Half Term

Mon 28/02/2022 to Fri 04/03/2022 - World Book Week - literature focus week in school

Mon 28/02/2022 - Visit from author / artist Al Murphy

Wed 02/03/2022 - 15:30 - 16:30 - Open classrooms - families invited in to visit their child's class and share work.

Thu 03/03/22 - World Book Day – Focus day in school

Fri 11/03/22 – 3.00/3.30pm - Year 6 Open Assembly

Mon 14/03/2022 to Fri 21/03/2022 – Forest School Week – Sessions for all pupils.

Fri 18/03/2022 - Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' focus activities in school.

Fri 1/4/22 – 3.00/3.30pm - Year 4/5 Open Assembly

Wed 6/4/22 - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 3 (WS)

Thur 7/4/22 - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 4 (WS)

Mon 11/04/2022 to Fri 22/04/2022 Easter Holiday