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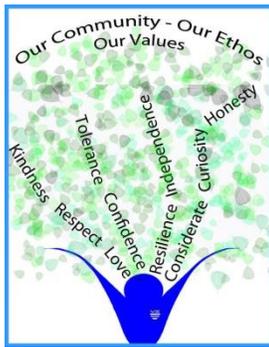
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have continued to discuss and promote our whole school trade mark words **OPPORTUNITY**, **INSPIRATION** and **CELEBRATION** this week. These are embedded into our learning experiences throughout our curriculum and are well supported by our whole school values.



These values build life-long learning skills so we are ready and equipped to face the ever-changing world around us. Alongside these, our curriculum focuses on acquiring **knowledge**, practising key **skills** and developing greater **understanding** to enable us all to make progress. Our trade mark words, core values and curriculum enable us all to grow both academically and socially.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

We look forward to welcoming you all into school on **Wednesday 17th October** to the Parent Consultation meetings. Teachers will discuss your child's/children's learning journey during the first few weeks of term. Parent and Teacher Consultation meetings run from 1:30pm – 7:00pm.

This is a vital opportunity for you to share your child's learning and progress and meet with the class teacher to discuss how your child has settled in and talk about their next steps in learning. We also want to hear about

how your child continues their learning at home and in their hobbies and interests.

If you have not already done so, please ensure you have made an appointment. The deadline for making appointments is 12.30pm on Monday 15th October. To book an appointment time, please follow the link: (<https://wimbledonchase.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>) or go to our school website.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and celebrating your child's/children's progress.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

As a school, we have celebrated a number of highlights in learning and progress this week and some of these were showcased in this morning's assembly.

Our Year 1 children, conducted and supported by Mrs Godden and the Year 1 team, sang us a Little Red Hen rap. They have been focusing on the pitch of their voices for the different characters. It was clear to see from all the smiling faces and the huge round of applause that the audience loved it. Well done to all of the Year 1s for their beautiful singing voices and for learning all of those words!

PUBLISHED AUTHORS

In addition, we celebrated some amazing writing from future authors.



Some of our children had the **opportunity** to attend the Wimbledon Book Festival with Mrs Darlington last



academic year and were **inspired** by the famous authors and poets at the literature event. The children challenged themselves to write short stories to show off their creativity and writing skills and were presented with a certificate for their passion for writing.

Please join us in celebrating some of our budding authors who were commended for their efforts : **Kithushan (Year 3), Sonia (Year 3) and William (Year 4)**

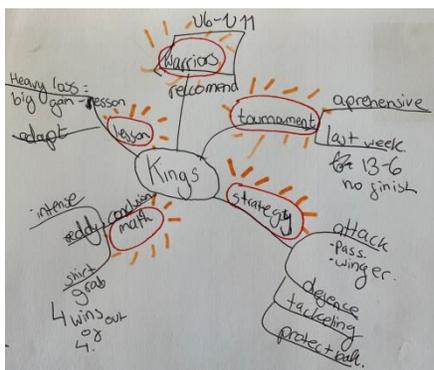
Some of the children's short stories were chosen to be published in the Wimbledon Book Festival Young Writer's Competition 2018 book, called 'Monster'. These published and highly commended authors are **Conor (Year 3), Ada (Year 4), Josiah (Year 6) and Beatrice (Year 6)**. They each received a complimentary copy of the book which they will be able to keep for ever!



LEARNING DOES NOT JUST TAKE PLACE AT SCHOOL

We love to share in the children's successes outside of school. Although we do not have the capacity to share everyone's 'WOW' moments from home, here are just a few examples this week:

This morning **Hugo (Year 6)** gave a confident and comprehensive match report of a recent tournament that he and other Wimbledon Chase pupils took part in, competing for Wimbledon Warriors.



Hugo made an amazing mind-map as his presentation notes to help himself remember his speech and ensure he highlighted all of the major points. Hugo demonstrated a wise head on young shoulders when he discussed the life skills of being resilient and adaptable and stated 'A heavy loss can often lead to a big gain'. 'Resilience', as one of our Building Learning power foci, teaches our children that we have the ability to recover from setbacks and to keep going when things do not initially go to plan. We have the opportunity to emerge stronger, wiser and more able. Hugo and his team mates certainly demonstrated this.



We also celebrate with **Ava (Year 6)** who has been admitted to St Marys the Virgin church choir as a junior chorister. She bravely had to affirm her new position to the vicar, in front of the Archdeacon of Southwark and the parishioners. Alongside her family, we are all exceptionally proud of her hard work and achievements.



And finally this week, we celebrate **Lei Ya (Year 2)**'s achievements on the tennis court. She was recently the runner up in a tennis tournament for girls under 8 years of age. She will now compete in the Regional finals in November. We wish her every success.

We would of course love to be able to celebrate every child's learning experiences outside of school, however this is just not possible in our school newsletter. If you have any exciting learning and successes you would like to share, please do so initially with the classteacher and your child's class. This enables your child to personally share their learning and pride in their achievements.

We look forward to hearing and celebrating more 'WOW' moments soon.

ANXIETY WORKSHOP for Parents with Gill Hines

Anxiety is a growing issue amongst young people and it is not unusual for all children to develop anxiety in one way or another at some point in their lives. Gill Hines is an Education and Parenting Consultant who has worked with us for many years providing well attended workshops on many aspects of parenting. Gill will be running a workshop at school for us about **Anxiety** and ways of supporting your child on **27th November at 7pm**. The cost of the workshop will be £17.50. To book a place, please go to <http://www.gillhines.co.uk>.

Some subsidised places are available. Please contact Mrs Dotchin for information about these at parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

There are a total of 30 places available for this workshop. Please see attached flyer for more details.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

As you will be aware, the school is celebrating International Week next week. There will be lots of exciting activities throughout the week with children travelling 'Around the World', visiting different countries within their phase group, learning about the different countries, their cultures and language. Children are invited to come into school on **Friday 19th October** dressed in the colours of their country's flag or their country's traditional dress. We hope to see a 'sea of colour' across the school.



To help us celebrate the rich multi-cultural diversity in our school, we would really appreciate parents and carers who can help us with these exciting learning experiences. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to support this amazing learning experience for our children.

BREAKFAST CLUB

To support our working parents and carers, there is a breakfast club on site to provide a healthy breakfast and early morning childcare.

Although the Breakfast Club has close links with the school, it is an organisation in its own right and is managed by a voluntary management committee. The club will provide a healthy breakfast and activities to stimulate learning, such as reading, drawing and board games.

Parents and carers must register their child with the Breakfast Club, at a cost of £5 to cover administration costs and, following health and safety procedures, complete a medical form for their child. The Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am to 8.45am each morning, at a cost of £5 per session. For more information, please ask for the Breakfast Club policy and application form from the school office.

AUTUMN TERM COMMUNITY DAY

As a reminder, if you are able to support our indoor and outdoor learning environments, it would be fantastic to see you at the **Autumn Community Day on Saturday 17th November**.

Are you a keen gardener, handy with a paint-brush, a DIY expert, or just happy to get your hands dirty?

Then we need you! It's an **opportunity** to make our learning environments even more **inspiring**.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Foley'.

Mr B. Foley
Headteacher