



Our value for the month of February is Perseverance. 'Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.' Matthew 5:9

#### Perseverance of our Olympic Heroes



In collective worship on Monday, we looked at the courage and perseverance shown by our Winter Olympic

Athletes. Many had to overcome health issues as well as emotional challenges to achieve their goals and even then, some will return disappointed. However, even those that suffered pain and disappointment will want to return. They will keep persevering until they gain their personal reward.



#### Onesie and Slipper Day



Thank you to all of you for supporting our School Council Initiative today. The sum of £224 has been raised! The children came up with the

theme of our day and wanted to do it before the weather warms up. The School Council (having fed back to their classes) will be responsible for deciding how to spend the money, which is going towards litter picking equipment and new playground equipment.



#### St Michael's Football Team

On Wednesday the football team participated in a fixtures night to play against some local schools in preparation for the District competition later this term. Oaklands and St John's Digswell managed to beat us by 1 goal and the team then held Brookman's Park to a 1-1 draw. Thank you to Jovi's dad for his coaching support and to Miss Prentice for organising the event.



#### A variety of Learning Experiences

It has been lovely to see all the different types of learning taking place this week in classes. Redwood Class (Year 3) made bread earlier in the week. Thank you to Mrs Hewitt for helping to organise this.



Willow Class (Year 1) were writing about what they would give up for Lent and why it would be difficult. There were many PlayStations on the list of things to give up.

I spent some time with Oak Class (Year 6) on Monday and they were turning negative opinions into positives and discussing what they would like to see happening in our school. As part of this we were considering how being a child is different to being an adult and we will go on to consider a philosophical question; 'Is it better to be a child or an adult?' I know what most adults would choose!

Enthusiastic Elm Class (Year 4) pupils have really enjoyed their Geography theme. Oscar shared photos from a family holiday to Mount Etna. Benjamin drew an annotated volcano diagram at home. Jake and Luca brought in useful reference books. Poppy showed us lava from Mount Kilimanjaro. Kenan created a PowerPoint about natural disasters and their causes. Olivia and Luca made realistic models of a volcano and a tsunami. The whole class have carried out tornado and volcano experiments in science lessons (a little messy!) and created detailed earthquake safety leaflets. New school atlases have also helped them to study our 'restless earth' and plate tectonics in more detail. Thank you to the children and their families for helping to bring their topic to life!



A group of Year 5 Mathematicians from Beech Class took part in a Maths Challenge on Thursday at Fairlands School. There were different heats and St Michael's were in Heat 3. The team had to answer mathematical questions to do with calculation, problem solving and memory. Our team was Amy, Gracie, Josh and Harrison. They enjoyed their afternoon and are now waiting to find out whether they will progress to the final...



### Cherry Class (Year 2) 'Scootability'

Yesterday the children brought their scooters to school and had a road safety session led by Chi Ming from the Herts Road Safety Team. They all enjoyed their morning and learnt some important lessons. We are hoping to secure a scooter pod courtesy of the Road Safety Team, where scooters can be stored during the school day.



### Phonics Workshop

Next Tuesday morning at 9am in the hall, we will be holding a phonics morning for any parents of KS1 children. It is particularly important for Year 1 parents, as these children will be sitting the Phonics Test in May. We have produced some useful packs to enable you to help the children at home, so come along and join us. Please email or let the Office know if you are coming, so that we ensure we have enough packs.

### Staff News

Yesterday we held interviews for our new Assistant Administrator to work alongside Mrs Poultney in the Office. I am pleased to say that we found a suitable candidate. Mrs Wadey has decided, after much deliberation to give up the regular commitment she has in school as a teacher in Year 3 and as SENCO. This will give her the time to pursue some different options. The good news is that she is still keen to help with the school choir and occasional supply days, so we are not saying 'Goodbye' forever. After Easter, Redwood Class (Year 3) will continue to be taught by Mrs Renouf, with Mrs Harry helping out, until half term when Mrs Renouf leaves to have her second child. Congratulations to her and her husband! For the final half term in the Summer, I will be looking to recruit a full-time teacher. I will manage Mrs Wadey's SENCO role for the summer term, with the assistance of Mrs Holden.

### Good Work Assembly

The work will be on the wall outside the hall for a week. Please do come in and have a look.

**Sycamore:** Maya & Gracie

**Willow:** Mia

**Cherry:** Lilian & Jenson

**Redwood:** Camila

**Elm:** Grace

**Beech:** Harrison

**Oak:** Connor & William

### What's On:

- 27.2.'18 - Key Stage 1 Phonics Workshop 9am
- 1.3.'18 - World Book Day (Dress up as a character from one of Roald Dahl's books)
- 6.2.'18 - Reception (Sycamore) Consultations
- 7.2.'18 - Reception Consultations
- 8.3.'18 - Author Visit
- 15.3.'18 - Cherry Class (Yr. 2) assembly 2:45pm
- 21.3.'18 - Year 5 Dance Festival (Hawthorne)  
2:30pm - Church Service led by Redwood (Yr.3)
- 26.3.'18 - Painted Egg Competition
- 27.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6, 4-7pm
- 28.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6, 3:30-6pm
- 29.3.'18 - End of term 1:30pm

### Attachments:

- Love Drama Easter Workshop
- Pre-School Job Vacancy