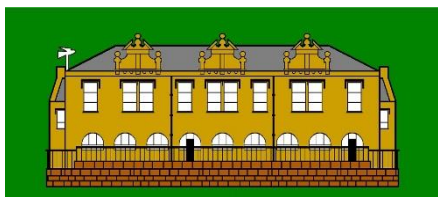


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“Be all you can be”



NEWSLETTER – w/c 08.02.21

In supporting children to become active citizens the development of their character is key. As a school community we have identified six character traits that are important to us and that we want to develop in our children in order to prepare them for adult life and support them in becoming active citizens.

Which are: Motivation; Integrity; Respect; Reflective; Open Mindedness; Resilience, that we believe will enable pupils to become active citizens.

Reflective

Why is reflectivity important to us? Reflecting helps you to develop your skills and review their effectiveness, rather than just carry on doing things as you have always done them. It is about questioning, in a positive way, what you do and why you do it and then deciding whether there is a better, or more efficient, way of doing it in the future.

How can you be reflective at home?

- Can you think about something you'd like to do better for example, riding a bike, playing an instrument or drawing a picture.
- What do you want to improve on...
- What are you good at?

M I R R O R - What do you see when you look in the MIRROR?

Wellbeing Tip: Just as you might encourage children to eat fruit and veg to keep their bodies healthy. Talk openly about, for example, staying connected with others or being physically active in order to take care of their minds.

E-safety tip: As parents/carers it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the online world is exciting and fun, as it brings so many opportunities for them. Remember that your child will use technology and the internet differently given that they are growing up in a world immersed in all things digital. Try to look at both the positive and negative aspects of being online and empower your child with safe choices they can make instead of overwhelming them with restrictions.

MIRROR Honour Awards 12.02.21

	<i>Pupil</i>	<i>For Characteristic trait</i>
Rec	Tiffany S	Open minded
Y1	Oliver B	Motivation
Y2	Hester	Motivation
Y3	Jack N Lola W	Open minded Motivation
Y4	Riley C	Motivation
Y5	Lucas S	Motivation & Integrity
Y6	Nancy B	Reflective

Half-Term: 15th – 19th February

As confirmed by the DfE schools will close as usual over the February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

Remote learning will also pause for half term, to provide a welcome break for children/parents & staff. **Class Dojo will be inactive from 5.00pm on Friday 12th February.** If you post anything after this time teachers will not respond until after half term.

The Childcare and Sufficiency team is available should any parents need advice about available registered childcare fis@calderdale.gov.uk

We wish you all a happy, safe half term break.

School will reopen to children of critical/KW workers **on Monday 22nd February.**

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SCIENCE AT HOME Visit: www.science-sparks.com/science-at-home-experiments-for-kids/

Here you will find, easy science experiments that you can complete at home. They have been designed to be simple, open-ended and use materials you already have around the house (mostly paper, scissors, recycled items and kitchen items).

Visit: www.reachoutreporter.com

Here you will find, news updates about real-life science. Visit

learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/resources/kitchen-science

Here you will find, step-by-step instructions for science activities and experiments that are safe and easy to complete at home.

Preloved Uniform – reminder

Polite reminder - that we do have a selection of good quality preloved uniform. So, if you are needing to replace some items if children have out grown their uniform please get in touch and we can check whether we have the sizes/items you need.

Helping the planet by recycling and also saving you money!

IMPORTANT information for the break – Covid 19

Below is guidance on what to do following our school closure on 12th February 3pm, should a pupil develop Covid symptoms during the break:

- ❖ Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, the **school should not be contacted**. Parents/carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- ❖ A positive test for COVID, having started to feel unwell in last few days of term or over the first weekend should be reported to school: via, c.greenwood@brighterfuturesmat.org.uk up until **Wednesday 17th February**. As the school is asked to assist identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious.

The Importance of Reading at Home –

**Fun Facts: Owning your own books matters.
A lot.**

When children have a home library, as little as **20 books** of their own, they achieve **3 more years** of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their support with home learning. Teaching staff, parents, as well as the children themselves, have given their all this half term in what has been extremely difficult circumstances. Our support staff, cleaners, dinner staff, office staff and site manager have helped to keep us all safe and sane! Fingers crossed we will all be back together on the 8th March. Have a restful half-term. Mrs. Greenwood.

Home Learning – Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have already completed and submitted the home learning questionnaire. We value your replies and opinions, which will help us identify how we might improve our offer. We would be grateful if questionnaires could be submitted by **Friday 12th February**. See link below: Thank You.

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