

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter
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Rainbow Award Certificates

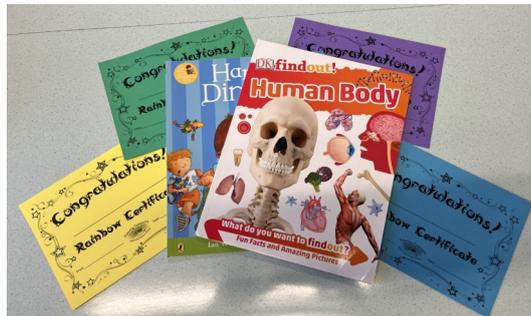
It has been fabulous to have had a steady stream of children to my office this week for their Rainbow Award Certificates. From Reception, each class has an eight-step chart to celebrate children meeting behaviour expectations. At the end of the eight steps, children are awarded a certificate, one for each colour of the rainbow. Once the child reaches their blue certificate, they are also awarded a book along with their certificate which we aim to present during a school assembly. Certificates are alternately awarded by class teacher and head teacher.

Our school motto 'Learning, caring, sharing' is the basis of our school behaviour expectations, which are;

Be respectful

Be kind and helpful

Be the best you



Further information about our Rainbow Award system and our Expectations can be found in our Behaviour Policy, which is available on request from the school office and on our school website on the 'Policies' page of the 'Our School' section or on the Behaviour Page in the 'Safety and Wellbeing' section. It can also be found in Parent-Mail in an email sent on 12th October 2021.

Handouts:

- 🐾 Class photograph information letter
- 🐾 Sun Safety in School
- 🐾 A Royal Tea Party lunch—packed lunch children only
- 🐾 FISH project pantomime ticket draw—Free school meal children only

Email:

- 🐾 Year Two Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey—Year Two only
- 🐾 Access Covid Vaccinations in the Community
- 🐾 School Trends 10% uniform order discount



Congratulations!

Hedgehog Class with 100% attendance
for the first week of the Summer term



Reminders.....

-  Monday 2nd May—May Day
School Closed
-  Thursday 5th May—Butterfly class
visit to library
-  Thursday 12th May—Sponsored
Bounce
-  Friday 20th May—Sports Day
-  Friday 27th May—Reserve Sports
Day in case of bad weather on 20th
-  Friday 27th May—May birthday
assembly 9.10am
-  Friday 27th May—School closes
for half term

Nut Aware!



Please remember that we are a 'Nut Aware School'! We have members of our school community with an allergy to nuts, including airborne and through touch. We ask that no nuts or any products containing nuts are brought into school, including for packed lunches and empty packaging used for junk modelling too. We are incredibly grateful for your support and compassion in this respect.

Sun Cream!

The weather so far this year could best be described as variable! We hope that the spring sunshine that we saw in the holidays will make a re-appearance soon. Please make sure that, as we move into the warmer months, children have sun cream applied **BEFORE** they come to school, that they have a water bottle containing plain water (not juice or flavoured



water), that they bring a sun hat to wear outside and that, where possible, children bring sun cream to school to be reapplied at playtime. There will be an additional letter about sun cream, with a reply slip, for completion and return for those that have not previously returned one or for those who have notified us of a new allergy. Thank you to the member of our school community who shared that a recent addition to Nivea Sun Cream products is almond oil. While we appreciate that sun cream is not an edible product, as we have described above, some of those members of our school community who have allergies suffer when the product can be found in the air or through touch contact with a nut product. We therefore ask that these are not used for or in school.

Please can we also ask that, despite warm, sunny mornings children always bring a light, waterproof jacket to school throughout this term. The North Yorkshire weather can change quickly!

Exciting News!

Mr Gillam and I are delighted to share that we are expecting our second child in October this year. Further details about covering my maternity leave will be shared later in the school year.

OPAL

Many of you may have noticed the addition of a fantastic music wall in both the East Wing Playground attached to the large wooden shelter and in the Nursery outdoor learning space. These have been made by our OPAL Play Leader Mrs Kelly with support from Mr Kelly and donations from our school community of items to be reused. The

children have had fabulous fun with these and our Reception, Year One and Year Two children have been introduced to some drums made from repurposed barrels donated by one of our families.

Our OPAL Lead Teacher, Mrs Carter, has also introduced our children to the 'Golden Welly Award' this week in our play assembly. This will be awarded to a group of children who show amazing things in their play including resilience, imagination, including others and creativity amongst so many other things. The children will be presented with the 'Golden Welly Award' during our Friday celebration assembly and will keep this in class or classes for the following week.

Friends of School (FoS)

Thank you to all of those members of our school community who attended our FoS Pub Quiz at The Sun Inn during the Easter Holidays. It was a popular event with £270 raised and a great deal of fun had! We are looking forward next to the Sponsored Bounce on 12th May. We appreciate any and all sponsorship that families can raise but all children, regardless of whether you are able to raise sponsorship on this occasion or not, will still bounce with their class.

Easter Home Learning Bingo

We hope that families enjoyed a slightly different set of home learning activities over the Easter break. We had a lot of sheets returned for our bingo prize draw. The winners, selected at random from submitted sheets, were; Katie, Scarlett and Emily. They received prizes today in class. Well done to them and everyone who completed the home learning bingo challenges!

Caught you...

This week we have launched our 'Caught you...' raffle. The focus for this will be on children who are using and applying their learning of spellings in their wider writing. Lots of our children are doing well in phonics with learning spellings and in learning their spelling key word sets. Ensuring that they use this in their writing is a key step. Children who are caught doing this, may be given a raffle ticket to add to the raffle box. Tickets are drawn out of the box on a Friday and the children can choose a prize to bring home. Please celebrate with your child if they tell you that they have received a raffle ticket. Any help and encouragement with learning the spelling of key words (see Busy Books) will support your child.

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone.

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the office, together with term time dates, holiday forms, uniform order forms

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