

The 4 Bees Newsletter

'Life in all its Fullness': Believing ~ Being Our Best ~ Being Creative ~ Belonging



Happy New Year!!



Collaborative Artwork based on 'Belonging' by the children in our Year 6 Class.



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**Bee Kind
Winners**



Reception— Elliott
Year 1— Stanley
Year 2— George
Year 3— Callum
Year 4— Ava
Year 5— Teddy
Year 6— Jack

Headteacher's Awards

Reception Cole
Year 1 Noah
Year 2 Albie
Jessica
Year 3 Joey
Year 4 Olivia
Year 5 Charley
Year 6 Alex

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school, refreshed and full of enthusiasm, especially as they delighted in enjoying the snow earlier in the week. We began the year with a Wellbeing Day focused on play and belonging, where the children spent time working and playing together, taking part in activities such as collaborative art and discussing how to take turns and cooperate with one another.

They also learned about what it means to be an inclusive school, focusing on our value of belonging and exploring how we can help everyone feel included. Through thoughtful discussions, the children considered how unkind name-calling or leaving others out at playtime can make people feel, and how we can instead ensure everyone experiences 'life in all its fullness'. To conclude the day, the children worked together to create a whole-school Play Charter as part of our OPAL programme, agreeing on how they will treat one another during playtimes and lunchtimes. It was a wonderful way to start the year, setting a positive tone for learning, friendships and happy playtimes across our school community!

We would like to warmly invite you to our first **Celebration Worship of the new year tomorrow at 9.05am**. Please join us for a hot drink beforehand at 8.45am. If we don't see you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Vessey



Fun in the Snow

The children have had great fun in the snow this week, using all our OPAL equipment to sledge, go snow walking and make ice buckets!





Santa Dash

Thank you to everyone who took part in and raised money during the Santa Dash in December. **We have raised an amazing £1181 to help fund a new school sports fixture kit!** We are incredibly grateful to everyone that sponsored their children and will keep you updated on the kit. Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs Burton

Reading

We are keen to continue promoting our love of reading across the school. Following feedback gathered by the Learning Council, who sought pupil voice before Christmas, **we have invested in a range of new and exciting books for our library to further inspire our readers.** We are also very much looking forward to Book Week at the beginning of March, when we will be running a number of activities to celebrate reading and encourage a lifelong enjoyment of books. Reading regularly at home is strongly linked with progress at school — **research shows that children who read books daily tend to score higher on school reading tests, with regular reading associated with around three extra months of academic progress compared with peers who read less frequently.** This is why we place such importance on reading at home and celebrate this through our reading awards in school. To maintain high expectations, and in line with our home-school agreement, we would like to encourage parents to read with their children, with a **school expectation of reading five times a week.** If this expectation is not met in Key Stage 2, children will be asked to attend Homework Club on a Wednesday lunchtime. Please remember to sign reading diaries regularly. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop their reading.

Diary Dates—Spring Term

Class Assemblies—dates to be confirmed.

Children's Mental Health Week—wc 9th February

Safer Internet Day— 10th February

Half-Term—16th-20th February—children return to school on Tuesday 24th (23rd is an Inset Day)

Young Voices (Yr 5 and 6) at the O2—23rd February

Book Week—wc 2nd March (Fancy Dress Book Character Day Friday 6th March)

Mothers' Day Lunch—Friday 13th March



Weekly

Scores on the Doors

Air	236	Congratulations to Air who have kicked off the year as our weekly house point winners!
Earth	208	
Fire	193	
Water	172	



Please come and help yourself to free **Pret-A-Manger sandwiches and treats**, provided by Touchpoint, at 5.30pm tomorrow. Also remember our **free weekly yoga** with Che which is at 7.00pm in the hall every Wednesday.