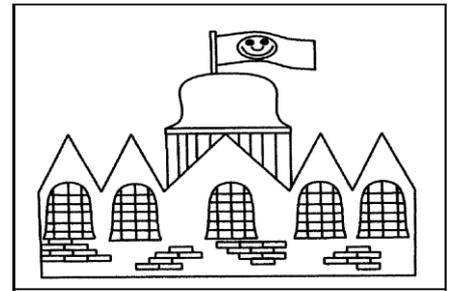


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20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been anti-bullying week. All classes have joined in with this and, in years 1 to 6, it has taken over the whole week! The main focus has been kindness, which is one of our school values. On Monday, the children wore odd socks to remind us all to celebrate what makes us all unique. The children have also learned about different types of bullying and how they can keep themselves safe, including on the internet. This is really important and there will be continual reminders throughout the year. Classes have produced some fabulous work and I'd like to thank all the staff for ensuring the week has been so successful. In particular, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mr Gascoyne for working so hard to organise it all.

In EYFS, the children have also joined in with anti-bullying week by considering kind hands. They have also taken part in World Nursery Rhyme week; research shows that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are four, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are eight. After this week, our children will be well on the way with their language development! Thank you to Mrs Gee and her team for yet again providing our children with such valuable experiences.



The week ended with a virtual singalong with the other Diverse early years' units led by Cat Thornton, who some of you met at the parents' meeting last week.

We are still anticipating joining Diverse Academies on December 1st. Jo is currently organising a supplier for our new uniform and we will give you the details of this as soon as we have them. The new signage will be installed on the day of conversion. The image below is just to give you an idea of what the new logo will look like.



Flu Jab

On Wednesday next week the children will be having their flu vaccinations. If you haven't already done so, please can you complete the consent form by following the link below:

www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

And use the code: NG122563

Please complete the form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.

Absence

Just a reminder about absences; if your child is absent from school, please can you let the office know by phone call, email or text. Please don't use Class Dojo as this won't be picked up by the office staff.

Finally, can I thank you all once again for your continuing support in these very difficult times. Your compliance with all our requests along with your kind words and understanding really help us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Margaret Newcombe