

# NEWSLETTER

'Capturing the imagination of young minds.'

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## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



We are so pleased to be able to hold the Macmillan Coffee afternoon next Friday.

Macmillan's Coffee event is Macmillan's biggest fundraiser to support people living with cancer. The first Macmillan Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, they did it again the next year – only this time, they did it nationally.

Since then, their Coffee event has raised over £290 million for Macmillan.

As a school, we support this event, by inviting families to donate cakes, buns and biscuits and if possible, attend school in the afternoon to have a coffee/tea and a chat. As an added bonus, pupils sing to our visitors, providing light entertainment. What's not to love about this?

So please, please, please, donate/make/buy biscuits, buns or cakes and come along next Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. We will be open after 'pick up' when children are also welcome to attend. Donations can be left at the school office from Thursday morning in containers. Thank you.

## What a week for Personal Development!

On Monday, we witnessed an important and moving day in history when the world said 'goodbye' to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We know that many of our children watched the ceremony, as they have talked lots about it in school. Children have created pages for their 'A year in the life of' book, where they record their experiences and special events that add to their Personal Development.

Personal Development is something that we do incredibly well—we don't just offer a challenging curriculum, we also provide a progressive focus on developing pupils' strength of character, resilience, and involvement in healthy lifestyles and the world around them.

## The Sleep Charity

Yesterday, pupils in KS2 were visited by Dr Ranj, a celebrity Dr who appears regularly on CBeebies and was also on Strictly. He is currently working in partnership with The Sleep Charity, raising awareness of the importance of sleep and a bedtime routine for children. The children responded well to his questions, with many being able to explain their routines at home, as well as the importance of 'winding down', before going up 'the wooden hill.' Not only did pupils benefit from Dr Ranj's assembly, parents did too. As the days begin to get shorter, now is the perfect time to get on top of the bedtime routine, which is why The Sleep Charity are promoting 'Sleeptember.' Of course we think it's a brilliant idea, because even though we are at the start of the year, we have far too many children yawning in lessons. We will continue to remind children in school so we can support families with routines at home.



## Young Leader applications are out!

Developing pupil confidence and responsibility is something that we all want for our children. In school, our youngest children have tidying responsibilities and other monitoring roles like 'Register Monitor'. These jobs are often rotated and eventually, pupils in KS2 can apply for a Young Leader position. There are a wide range of positions available, but they all focus on helping others and 'making a difference.'

In assembly this morning, I launched our new round of applications which need completing and returning by next Friday (30th). Children can be considered for the role of Eco Leader, Charity Leader, Playground Ranger, Build it Leader, Corridor Crew or a Digital Leader—explanations of these roles are on the application form. I cannot wait to see how many children return their forms!

## Things to look out for and dates for your diary

*Parent Evenings*—these will be face to face events and will be held the week beginning 17th October.

*Phonics Parent Meetings*—The school uses Read Write Inc as the scheme to introduce children to reading using phonics. We have a number of information events planned over the year to help families support children at home. We will also share videos to explain how it is taught and the different stages of the programme.

Both events will be booked using **School Cloud**—so keep a look out for further information.