



Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

Message from Mrs Tovell, Head of School

As a Church of England school we strive to build in opportunities to learn about and reflect on our Christian Values. Our values are:

Compassion

Trust

Hope

Respect

These four Christian Values are at the heart of our curriculum. Not only are they prominent values explored as part of our Collective Worship; they are also a golden thread woven into each subject. Subject leaders have identified where their subject links to these four values.

For example, in History children explore **compassion** and empathy by considering the actions of people from the past.

In Art, children develop **trust** so that they can openly share and reflect upon their creations with one another.

In Science, children learn about the impact Science has on the world and will **hope** that these discoveries lead to a better future.

In Geography, children develop **respect** for different people and places while learning how to also care for their local area.

This ensures that children at our school learn to be compassionate, hopeful, respectful and trusting people in many different ways as they learn and grow.

New Parent Governor for Acle and Little Plumstead Primary Academies

Following our recent communication for the Parent Governor role, I am pleased to welcome Jackie Ritchie, parent of a pupil in Year 3, and Amy Reeve, parent of pupils in Year 3 and Year R to the Governing Body as parent governors.

As there were two vacancies and two nominations, it was not necessary to hold an election.

We look forward to working with Jackie and Ekaette to help deliver our School Vision.

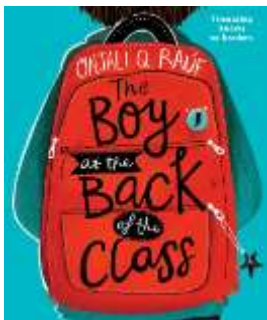
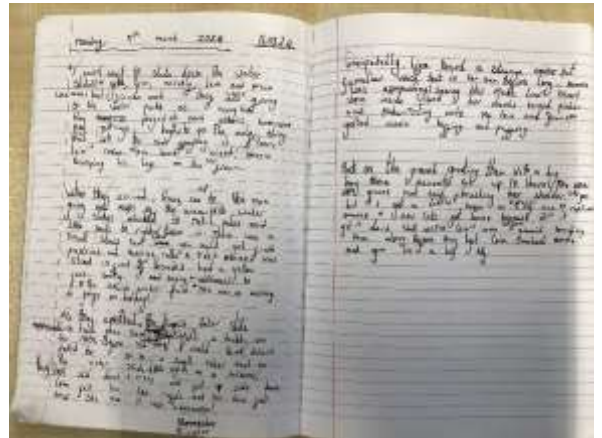
Regards

Alastair Smyth

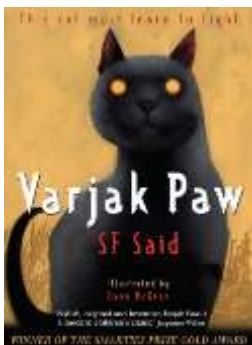
Year 4 - Pocock Class

Hello from Year 4!

In English this week we have been writing some fabulously exciting adventure stories! The children have utilised strategies to 'hook' the reader and used dialogue as a way to reveal more information about the characters.



We have recently finished reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class* which we found both moving and uplifting. It is about a group of children who befriend a refugee boy from Syria and help to reconnect him with his mum and dad. The class let out a cheer at the book's happy ending!



We have now started reading *Varjak Paw* which we are already gripped by. The children were immediately sold on it when they found out that it was about a cat who learns martial arts!

The children are full of anticipation for our upcoming residential visit to Eaton Vale. They have now learnt a little more about the activities that they will take part in, and we will discuss it lots more to ensure that we are ready for it before we depart for the trip on 1st May.



Religion and Worldviews/PSHE and RSE

At Little Plumstead C of E Primary Academy we aim to ensure that through our comprehensive RE and PSHE curriculums the children will leave Little Plumstead Primary school able to make healthy informed decisions about their own lives and begin to understand where they fit in an ever-changing world. We also ensure that the children are able to have informed conversations about what they believe and that they understand they need to treat the views and opinions of others with respect.

Religion and Worldviews Religion and Worldviews (Religious Education) is an important part of the curriculum at Little Plumstead C of E Primary Academy and is taught using the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus. It brings together learning from a host of subjects and allows children time to apply these skills in a philosophical environment. Religion and Worldviews (RE) plays a significant role in the promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development within the school. Children develop their knowledge and understanding of how religions and worldviews have grown and become established in our world and are able to have informed conversations about their own developing view and the views of others. Each unit of work is looked at through one of three different lenses – theology, human and social sciences and philosophy and is taught using the enquiry process – Engage, Enquire and Explore, Evaluate and Express.

Relationships Education, Sex Education and Health Education (RSHE)

By putting our vision at the heart of our RSHE curriculum, the children are able to build the strong relationships needed to be successful in life. The Jigsaw programme, used throughout the school, holds children at its' heart. The cohesive vision of Jigsaw helps children understand, and value, how they fit into and contribute to the world. Jigsaw has a strong emphasis on emotional literacy, building resilience and nurturing mental and physical health and these. Our school vision inspires us to nurture all children and our RSHE curriculum gives them the skills they need to confidently make their own way in the world. The school's responsibility to safeguard pupils through a curriculum that prepares them to live safely in the modern world remains central to curriculum content, teaching methodologies and supporting resources.

The Jigsaw curriculum revisits the 'Puzzles' taught each year which allows them to build on their previous learning. At Little Plumstead C of E Primary Academy, we actively celebrate the diversity of our pupils, their families and the wider school community. RSHE is always taught in a non-judgmental, non-biased and fully inclusive manner through clear, impartial, scientific information as well as covering the law. We continually recognise and respect pupils' different abilities, levels of maturity and personal circumstances including gender identity, faith or culture and that of their family, friends and the wider whole school community.

We will shortly be sending home our RSE Policy and a letter outlining our RSE curriculum. Plus we will be holding an RSE workshop for parents at the start of the summer term.

Nelson's Journey

Mrs Hall has recently attended some training with Nelson's Journey in regards to bereavement support and has attached some really useful information. Please contact her if you feel you or family would benefit from any further support

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 Age 5 - 10 years
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 snacks for all
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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES		
DATE	TIME (where applicable)	EVENT/ACTIVITY
19 th March	2pm-3pm	Reading Café (Reception class)
26 th March		Easter Church Service (Pupils only)
28 th March – 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
15 th April		School starts
15 th April	8:30am – 10am	Coffee morning and Drop in : Anxiety
18 th April		YR&Y1 Sports Hall Multi-Skills
19 th April		A Night At The Races (Friends)
1 st – 3 rd May		Y4 Residential
6 th May		Bank Holiday (School Closed)
13 th – 16 th May		KS2 SATS
20 th May	9am	Class Photographs
22 nd May		Church Service (Pupils only)
27 th - 31 st May	SUMMER HALF TERM	
3 rd June		School starts
10 th – 14 th June		Y6 Residential
26 th June		Musical Theatre Show (pupils only)
29 th June		PlumFest (Friends)
1 st July	KS1 4:30pm – 5:30pm KS2 5:45pm – 7:00pm	School Discos
3 rd July	TBC	Sports Day
10 th July		Y4 School trip to Norwich Castle
17 th July	9:30am	Leavers Service in Church
19 th July	TBC	Leavers Assembly