

School Newsletter—Wednesday 17th March 2021

It has been fantastic to welcome our school community back into the building during March. We've been greeted by smiling children, in their smart uniforms, ready to learn.

Lockdown learning was a huge success and we are so proud of the high levels of engagement seen from our pupils. We awarded so many certificates, postcards and head teacher awards to celebrate achievements.

Now that our pupils are back in school, their mental health and wellbeing are our number one priority. We know it may take some time to return to 'normal' but we will support each other every step of the way!

Here are just a few of the things we've been getting up to since our return last week.

Mrs Middleton, Head of School

Lockdown 'Head's Challenges'

Throughout lockdown we came together as a school for a virtual assembly each Friday. This was attended by over 100 pupils every week! Each week, an art challenge was set. In some of these, pupils had to recreate a well-known masterpiece, in others, they created original pieces. We were amazed by the creativity shown!

Every entry received a raffle ticket and in our final assembly, winners were announced.

Well done to all of our pupils who took part.



Fahad



Kate



Jessica



Amaya



Ethan



A sabre-toothed tiger by Harvie George



The Snail by Beau Trevitt




Jessica Davis



A zebra by Athea George



A dragon by Kayon Edwards



Visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0_Iu_kEQHM to watch our school promotional video.



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Senior Leader Staffing Updates:

Mrs Shotter has been working at Sutton Park for almost two years now, leading on inclusion and, also serving as our Deputy Head since September. She actually fulfils a Trust-wide Inclusion role for PACT and will be returning to this role fully in the coming weeks.

Mrs Dunning, a PACT Deputy Head who has been working with us since the autumn term, will be staying at Sutton Park to fulfil the Deputy role on a permanent basis. She is an experienced Deputy Head and excited to be joining us on our journey of improvement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Shotter for all of her hard work, efforts and sharing of expertise during her time here. Her impact has been huge and we are so grateful to her. She will continue to be based at Sutton Park until the end of this academic year and will continue to offer support to our school for inclusion as part of her PACT role.

Mrs Runacus will take the lead on school-based inclusion and is already known to parents as she has been in position since September.



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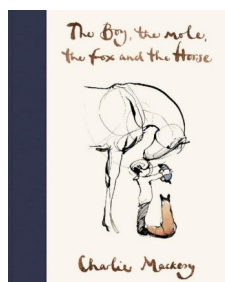
Physical Activity:

The physical and mental wellbeing of our pupils is extremely important. We are encouraging lots of active time in school by ensuring all pupils have outdoor breaks throughout the day and of course, during lunchtime. We also have access to a range of resources from our PACT Leader for Sport, Mr Lough. This includes classroom-based PE and activity breaks to help our pupils to improve their learning stamina.



Pupil wellbeing:

Every day in school begins with some quiet reflection time. At the moment, we are using the book 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' by Charlie Mackesy to inspire our thoughts, engage our brains and begin every day positively. Our pupils are really enjoying this.



Thursday 11th March

- Spend some time reflecting on the word 'comparing'.
- Can you think of some examples of comparing yourself to others?
- We are all unique and special.
- What special qualities or skills do you have?
- Draw, write or reflect on your thoughts and feelings whilst listening to the music playing.



Our latest project:

We are really pleased to announce an educational collaboration with 'Roots to Fruits'. This initiative is being funded by a Birmingham scheme called 'Health For Life' and has enabled school to purchase and install a polytunnel on the Rowling field.



This - along with our newly refurbished, allotment plots—will allow our pupils time to learn outdoors and grow a variety of fruits and vegetables.

Every Wednesday two classes will head out for practical sessions with Mrs Holder and their teacher. This will link to their Science curriculum and provide additional, outdoor, active time too.

Building work:

The gates between Lewis and Rowling will continue to be closed for several weeks whilst building work takes place. The exterior building work has begun and already it is quite the transformation!

We are really looking forward to seeing the finished product of all of the planned building works. We appreciate your patience as this work continues across the summer term—as the pictures show, it will definitely be worth it!



Dates for your diary:

Parents' evening: Thursday 25th March (please select your preferred appointment time here: <https://is.gd/SPParentsEvening>)

Thursday 1st April: School closes for Easter holidays (normal finish time)

Monday 19th April: Teacher training day (school closed to ALL pupils)

Tuesday 20th April: School reopens to ALL pupils, summer term begins.