

Friday 19th January



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Broadoak Backpack Character Value of the Fortnight:
Acceptance

Aspirations Week (04.03.24—08.03.24)

In March, we will be once again celebrating Aspirations Week. In school, the children learn why our curriculum subjects are important and how they can link to future career opportunities. Throughout Aspirations Week, we would like the children to meet a range of people with different careers and vocations so they can understand more about different careers and job roles available and how curriculum subjects and personal attributes are used and needed in various careers. We hope that by inviting a range of visitors into school to speak to the children about their careers and share information about what their day to day job entails, we will inspire children to follow their interests and consider future career options available to them. If you or you know of someone who would be willing to come into school and share their career experiences with the children, please email Miss Fairhurst directly: hannah.fairhurst@salford.gov.uk We are hoping to be able to provide the children with a wealth of visitors again this year as the children very much enjoy finding out about different job roles and were so inspired by all of the volunteers who have kindly participated over the last two years. We would love to welcome back any previous volunteers and any new volunteers too. Please do not be nervous about volunteering, as all the sessions will be supported by the class teacher. Like in previous years, sessions will be delivered to a specific year group with visitors talking with one class at a time. Further information will be emailed to any volunteers to support them in delivering their sessions with the children. We look forward to hearing from you.

PTA UKS2 Film Night

On Tue 30th Jan, we will be holding an UKS2 Film Night (Y5 & Y6) - 5pm to 7:15pm. The PTA event will include a showing of the recently released film Wonka (PG). The cost of the event will be £5 and places are bookable via Parentpay from today. The entrance cost also includes food and drink therefore no money will be required. On the night, the children are welcome to come in PJs and bring cushions, blankets etc along. As this is a PTA event, we are asking for parent volunteers to help manage the event. If you are available to help, please email the school office and they will add you to the list.

Pupil Voice

This week, we had our first Pupil Voice Meetings of the new year. Our **Values Ambassadors** have created a consistent way for them all to write the value of the fortnight in their classroom environment and thought about a further way to promote our values by including a song of the fortnight which classes can listen to and sing along to. The song for the next fortnight which links to our value of acceptance is 'This is Me' by Keala Settle. They have also distributed backpack templates for each child to bring home as we would love to hear how children are demonstrating our Broadoak Backpack Character Values at home/ in the community. If parents/ carers wish to share with school when their child has shown one of our school values, they can complete one of the small backpack templates and send into school with your child. Additionally, our **Wellbeing Warriors** met to discuss their thoughts about our new mental health curriculum - myHappyMind. All of the children said how much they are enjoying their weekly sessions and how fascinating it is learning about their brain. They also enjoy the Happy Breathing sessions and using their journals. They are going to launch daily positive affirmations in their classes from next week as well as starting a weekly 'Come and Chat' session for children during one breaktime each week, which our Wellbeing Warriors will run on a rota system. They will also be supporting activities during our Safer Internet Week in February. Our **School Council** also met and discussed feedback from their peers and have devised some projects they are going to work on, such as reinvigorating and restocking the book sheds in the KS2 playgrounds; revising rules for fixed and game equipment use when on the playground at playtime and they also held their first Smart Schools Council meeting of the year.

Dates for your Diary

20 th Jan	Final Cross Country Race - Buile Hill Y3-Y6
29 th Jan	Y6 Height and Weight National Checks
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30 th Jan	UKS2 Film Night
2nd Feb	Y5 Planetarium Workshop - in school
5 th Feb	Non Uniform Day: Children's Mental Health - Voluntary Donation for Place2Be (ParentPay)
7 th Feb	Young Voices Concert
8 th Feb	Y1 Mountain Explorer Visitor & Y5 Mountain Rescue Visitor
9 th Feb	Parent Voice Group Meeting - 9am
9 th Feb	World Book Day Costume Sale - 3:15pm to 4pm
12 th Feb	Wear Purple - Epilepsy Awareness Raising Day
14 th Feb	Y2 Visit to Manchester Airport
16 th Feb	School closes for half term
26 th Feb	School Re-opens

Resident Feedback

Last week, I asked parents to be considerate when parking on the roads surrounding the school at drop off and collection. This week, I received a further telephone call from a local resident, reporting an incident where their driveway had been fully blocked causing them to miss a medical appointment. The resident reported that the interaction with the person blocking the driveway had been abusive and included raised voices and dismissive statements. Whilst I appreciate that these incidents happen in a small minority of cases, I am sure you will be in agreement that this is not how we as a school community wish to be viewed, particularly when the incidents are most likely being witnessed by our children. It is for this reason that I am once again asking parents to ensure that when collecting children in cars, that they park considerately-ensuring that no driveways are blocked. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

World Book Day (WBD) Costume Donations

Friendly reminder: Outgrown World Book Day Costumes can be donated to school to support our WBD Costume Sale.