

### Aspire2Be

A big thank you to Beth Cairns, Careers Co-Ordinator for Tees Valley Collaborative Trust, who visited our Y5 children on Monday. Beth delivered a careers session focused around challenging stereotypes in the workplace. The children enjoyed sharing their own career aspirations and impressed Beth with their knowledge about stereotypes. Check out the feedback below!

*Thank you. Both classes were absolutely brilliant! I can honestly say that their knowledge on stereotypes and views on equality were comparable to no other school that I have delivered this session in. Your Aspire2Be and PHSEE curriculum is clearly working really well! Your students are so well prepared for the future. I am sincerely impressed with the work that you guys are doing in the area of careers and also how wonderful the kids were.*

### World Book Day

As previously communicated, we will be celebrating 'World Book Day 2024' in school on Thursday 7th March. We will celebrate the joy and value of books and reading by choosing from the following ideas:

- Come to school dressed in a costume as a character from a favourite book.
- Wear, or bring, an item which will be a clue for us to guess a book character (e.g scarf for Harry Potter, red shoes for Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz).

We will have a book swap on Friday 8th March. Entry to the book swap is a book you are happy for your child to swap. There isn't any pressure to be involved with this. Children can bring books from Monday 4th March in preparation for the Thursday.

### World Book Day Competition 2024

Our Reading Leaders would like you to turn a wooden spoon into a story book character. Your child should have brought home a spoon with this letter. Please bring your completed spoon into school by Wednesday 6th March for judging. We can't wait to see your creations.

In addition, each child will receive a £1 book token which can be used to buy one of the specially produced books, or towards any book worth £2.99 or more at any book store.

### Merit Winners

Well done to this week's merit winners. As well as having 100% attendance, they have also demonstrated our Commando Joe 'resilience' character value. Due to limited space, the photographs of the winners have been attached separately.



## Newsletter

Friday, 1st  
March

### Basketball Town Final

Well done to our fantastic players who took part in today's town final. The pupils played with skill and determination and did themselves proud – as they have done so throughout the previous heats. Well done team!



### Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding our next 'drop in for a cuppa' session on the afternoon of March 13<sup>th</sup>. Further details will follow, but why not pop in before the end of the school day pick-up?

### Consultation Evenings

We look forward to seeing you all next week at our parent/carer consultation evenings. If your circumstances change and you can no longer attend, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we are aware. Thank you.

### Pupils Who Walk Home Alone

It has come to our attention that some of our older pupils who walk home alone are misbehaving at home time. If we cannot trust pupils to be sensible at this busy time, it may lead to them needing to be collected by a parent or carer. Those pupils in Y5 and 6, who bring a phone to school, so they have them when walking home alone, have been reminded that they only have their phone on when off the school premises.

### Arts Awards Club

Our Arts Award Club pupils really enjoyed their art gallery visit on Tuesday after school.



### Lost Property

There is an ever-growing amount of lost property building up in school. We will set it out in the main hall, so when you visit for your consultation time on Monday, or Wednesday, please look to see if any of the items belong to your child/children.