



St John Fisher News

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Read Write Inc Workshop

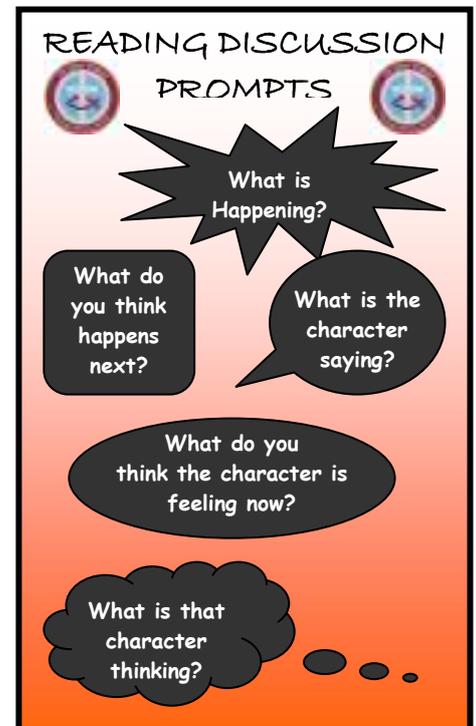
Last Wednesday we were delighted to welcome a number of parents and carers to a workshop explaining the new Read Write Inc literacy system recently introduced into school. We apologise for the fact that the room was very full but this was because we had actually only received twelve responses and were therefore not expecting so many – but we were delighted to welcome everyone and to be able share information and answer questions.

This week the children in Foundation 2, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will come home with an orange book mark in their book bags (please check). On the bookmark you will find some discussion prompts. Thinking and talking about these questions when the children read themselves and when you share stories is a great way to help develop key comprehension skills. Developing our children's confidence to answer these sorts of questions both in discussion and written work is one of our key targets.

Miss Kipling is the school leader responsible for raising standards in literacy standards and I would like to acknowledge all her hard work in this important area.

A Prayer of Peace

This morning when we came together as a staff to pray Mrs Cooper shared a prayer for peace written by Jack Jephson in Year 6. It was so fantastic that I wanted to share it.



Prayer for Peace

*We pray for the ones who are in wars –
to give them courage.
We pray for those who don't have food –
to give them hope.
We pray for those who have no friends of family –
to give them happiness.
We pray for friends and family –
to give them unity.
We pray for those who have no shelter –
to give them warmth.
We pray for those who have no water –
to keep them cool.
This is the prayer of peace –
to give everyone peace and unity.*

Jack Jephson (Year 6)

Community Easter Service

A reminder that our Community Easter Service will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 26th March at 2.45pm**. Father Paul has given permission for the service to be filmed and I am grateful to our PTFA for looking after this.

Vision and Mission

Our aim is to have new vision and mission established by Easter. Our aim is to involve everyone in our community so if, for some reason, you have not had an opportunity to comment on the suggestions we already have or contribute more ideas of your ideas please let us know as soon as possible.

Golden Children

The teachers of each class have added the names of the following children to our Golden Book this week:

• Foundation 2	Fraser Owens for always demonstrating good behaviour and eagerness to work
• Year 1	Ben Forgo for trying his best in all lessons and for making good progress
• Year 2	Melissa Clayton for always working enthusiastically in every subject and for showing a kind and caring attitude to others
• Year 3	Daphney Adebayo for working hard on her maths work and for moving 'Big Maths' teams
• Year 4	Harry Siner for moving onto a handwriting pen because he has beautiful handwriting
• Year 5	Sophie Tyree for her fantastic progress in mathematics and literacy this year. She always listens to any help and advice and uses it to achieve her targets
• Year 6	Anna Jaworska for her excellent attitude and dedication to her learning, school and her peers. She is an inspiration for all.

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 4th March were:

- In first place was Y3 with 99.1% attendance over the week
- In second place was F2 with 98.7% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y6 with 98.6% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 97.5% which is above our target of 96%.

This means that Bobby will be visiting Y3, Bertie will be visiting F2 and Elvis will be visiting Y6 next week.

Statement to Live By

Next week's statement to live by: "I can learn from my mistakes and failures."

Time to talk: Life is all about growing and learning. We never stop. Learning is about making sense of something – understanding why it is so. Sometimes, during the learning process, everything just seems to 'click' into place and we understand it (or can do it) immediately, with little effort. Most of the time however, learning something new takes time, effort and perseverance. There will be mistakes and even knocks along the way – physical and emotional – but in the end achieving the goal is the best of rewards.

You could discuss things in your own lives that have been easy to learn and things that have been more of a struggle. For example, what makes us climb back on the bicycle when we take a tumble learning to ride it? Who can we turn to for help and support? What should we do when we feel like giving up after we make a mistake? How does it feel when we don't give up and start to see improvements? What is it like when we learn from our mistakes and improve? What is it like to finally achieve something we have set our heart on achieving? How can this help us in school and in our lives?

Appeal for Dressing Up Clothes

If you have any unwanted but good quality dressing up clothes to donate to school for use in our role-play areas we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Appeal for Spare Clothes

If you have any good quality spare clothes for children to use if they have an accident in school. If your child has borrowed spare clothes I would be grateful if they could be washed returned. Thank you.

Building Improvements

Next Monday I have a meeting with AEDAS to discuss building improvements. I will keep you informed of developments.

Best wishes,
F Barratt