

Minchinhampton CofE Academy

Newsletter

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NEWS: OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

As a **School Council** we discuss how to make our school better. We get ideas from our classes and then discuss them using Edward De Bono's Six Hats. Every year we implement changes to our school. Last year we created a quiet area outside beyond the portacabin. We come up with many ideas: some will not be proceeded but we know that by the end of the year, we will have a new aspect to are school. This may be a school pet, more equipment or any number of other things.

NEWS: VISIT TO THE STEAM MUSEUM

On Wednesday the 18th of January Year 5/6 went on a trip to the **Steam Museum** in Swindon. We have the exciting topic of World War II so our teachers arranged this trip for us. On the day, we all dressed as evacuees with our own homemade gas boxes. They even had our own labels saying our name, age, school, date of birth and evacuation number. In one session we pretended to be evacuees and had to line up in girls and boys and go into a carriage in single file. In the carriage we learnt about being evacuees. We also went around the museum and sketched and wrote down what we saw.

INFORMATION

Parent Forum

There is a Parent Forum next week, after school on Wednesday, for any parents who would like to come along and hear an update from the head teacher about school headlines or new initiatives and to ask any questions. We will revisit the 'relationships' policy (behaviour) as part of this. We will provide a crèche.

Working Party

The governors are starting up a working party- drawn from across all stakeholders- to discuss a draft relationships policy and in particular how it might impact on relationships generally.

COMMUNICATION

Please check the school calendar for upcoming events and put them in your diaries.

There was a **mistake on the calendar** regarding the Year 3/4 performance in March. Please note the dates you need to be aware of:

29th March - 2pm performance

30th March - 7pm performance

We will send out a letter after 1/2 term for them to book tickets.

Please note:

-newish entry- phonic meeting for Yr 1 parents on 9th Feb;

-football match dates beginning to come our way and onto calendar;

-Year 5/6 class assemblies moved to summer term.

TEXTS:

I am bursting with ideas- it's good to go for it sometimes.'

LEARNING**Headlines from the latest 'Learning News'**

Children are getting noticeably better at self-evaluating their learning.

Governors asked a random sample of staff about the new 'relationships' policy and found they felt positive about it.

Governors went on a learning walk and observed pupils from most year groups.

SCHOOL PRACTICE

Now when we want to encourage pupils to make the right choices we try to follow this routine:

Stop--or ask the other person to stop

Think-- What are you doing? What is the impact on others?

Choose-- Decide-- What are my choices? What is the best course of action for me and those around me

POETS CORNER**Tom Long's Post**

I stand on the sprouting grass,
Amongst the crocuses, my feet are rooted,

I smell the morning dew on my
outstretched arms,
I hear birds returning from migration,
I feel life beginning.

I stand on a ripe rich earth,
Among the green trees,
I hear engines roaring in the summer
hush,

I smell the burning rubber of car
tyres,
I feel the honey bees land on my
tired arms.

I stand on orange ground,
Amongst the withered grass,
I smell the last leaves of trees,
I hear a crow's lonely cry; tingles my
spine,

I feel life fading away.

I stand on a cold, barren land,
Amongst the emptiness,
I hear children in the snow,
I smell the bare bark of trees,
I feel the silence echoing,
Take no notice of me.

REQUESTS

Please remember previous::::: **fruit & veg for snacks**::::**no nuts** :::

We are on the hunt (we usually are) for **reading volunteers**. If you think you might be interested, please talk to the school office and they will put you in touch with Mrs Young

Please please encourage, cajole, support your children with their **homework**. I know some of you are lukewarm about the concept of homework but if we have it and presently we do have it, out of fairness it must be for everyone.

Please help your child to bring in the correct **PE kit**. If they are prone to forgetting it, we can keep it in school.