



Leeds and Broomfield CEP School

Many Hands Build a House, Many Hearts Make a School

Term 3 week 5

Good afternoon,

It's been another incredibly busy week here at Leeds and Broomfield. We started off the week with years 2, 3 and 4 visiting Leeds Castle as they were lucky enough to be invited to be one of the first to try their new workshop, Monarchy and More. The workshop enabled the children to see the involvement of the different kings and queens throughout history at Leeds Castle. The children responded brilliantly to the workshop and enjoyed a tour of the castle in their costumes!

On Wednesday we were visited by the new Kent Maths Advisor, Sarah Carpenter, as part of a project I have been taking part in with Plaxtol Primary School. We conducted a maths learning walk around the school and looked at books. Our visitors were impressed by the enthusiasm of the children within their learning and that they were rising to the challenges that were being set for them. Both visitors commented on the impact that the environment was having on enhancing the mathematics opportunities within Hedgehogs; which is fantastic as this has been our focus with the Early Years Advisor recently. Following our learning walk and book look we discussed ways in which to further develop mathematical thinking and to get children to explain and extend their reasoning.

Our whole school worship focus for this week has been on empathy and its importance - which we have linked to our focal parable of the wise and foolish builders - and how we can show empathy within school. We have been encouraging the children to point out when they notice someone being empathetic towards others. Our behaviour for learning focus this week has been absorption, which I have definitely noticed within all classes this week and Mrs Cannell, who is covering for Miss Nel in her absence, has expressed that Badger Class have been particularly absorbed in their report on 'How theatres were structured in Elizabethan times.'

Next week we will be focusing on fostering curiosity as a whole school and our in class behaviour for learning focus is independence.

Have a great weekend.

Hannah Ward

Weekly awards

Head teacher award: Oliver R
Pupil of the week: Hedgehogs — Ryan B
Squirrels— Jack G
Badgers— Chelsea M
Attendance Ted— No class can receive attendance Ted this week because the highest attendance was 94.7%
Not Late Lee— Squirrels with 1 late

Staff news

Unfortunately after 19 years with us, Mrs Slade is leaving at the end of this term as she is relocating. She will be missed by both children and staff and we wish her all the best.

Mr Waters, Head of School at Kingswood, is also leaving the federation at Easter. We wish him the best luck at his new school.



Maintaining our focus on Matthew 7 24-27 The parable of the two builders we have been making links between this and empathy. Discussing the empathy that the wise builder would have needed to show to the foolish builder following the flood. We have then been making links to our school strap line, 'As many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school' and how we can ensure we are empathic to others in school.

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Payments

Please can you ensure that all money paid to the school is in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and what it is for written on the front. Unfortunately loose change can get lost in your child's bag and it may not be allocated to your child if we do not know where it has come from. Children can hand the envelopes to their teacher at registration or to the staff member on the door in the morning.

Attendance

Unfortunately attendance is dropping again, please can you ensure that if your child is off school that you telephone the office by 9.30am to advise the reason why they are off.

Letters are coming out to parents for children whose attendance we are concerned about.

Thank you to the children who are in everyday, this does not go unnoticed and is appreciated.

Dates for your diary

- 15th February—last day of term
- 25th February—Inset day—no children in school
- 26th February—1st day of term 4
- 28th February—Year 5 & 6 Residential meeting at Kingswood Primary 5.30pm