



St Nicholas' CE Primary School

"Let all you do be done with Love." 1 COR 16:14

Term 3 Christian Value is: Perseverance Big Idea is: Resilience

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Issue 11

Dress to Express Day

What a special day we have had today. It has been amazing to see our children feel free to express themselves in different ways from being a footballer or cheerleader, to explorers, astronauts and dragons. This week's theme for mental health week has been 'my voice matters.' **My Voice Matters** is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, this can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children and young people who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".



Student Leadership Team

We are so proud of our student leadership team. They have been working incredibly hard this year to set an example to younger pupils and to inspire them about being the voice of the voiceless as well as embodying ready, respectful and safe. Some of our Leadership roles are shared below.



Eco Warriors: Ran a worship on Endangered animals and ran today's Teddy bear swap in order to raise funds to adopt a Panda. Thank you to all those that came along it was hugely popular and raised £69.00. We will use this money to adopt a Red Panda from Marwell zoo and our name may go up in their enclosure. The remaining teddies are being taken to charity.

Prefects: Support KS1 with their wellies at lunch times and help to look after the younger pupils. They also spoke to the parents at our open day today about what they think makes St Nicholas special.

Librarians: Have been running a book club for children in Key Stage 2 as well as supporting younger children who are reluctant readers.

Admin Officer: Continues to sort the dinner bands and lunches every day ensuring all pupils have their lunch choices and that lunches are served smoothly.

Play Leaders: Have been busy teaching games to the younger pupils to ensure that all children stay active and healthy and have opportunities to make new friends at break and lunch times

Sports Ambassadors attended a training day at Wyvern St Edmunds. They then came back to school to teach the play leaders what they have learned and to support them in their role. They are looking forward to running Sports Day.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March**. As always we have some exciting book-related activities planned. We are also continuing our tradition of dressing up. Our theme this year is adjectives! On the 7th of March come dressed as your favourite adjective (describing word). Bright blue, spotty, furry - you decide! The possibilities are endless.

Don't forget the PTA readathon over half term to warm up for World book day next term and ensure that our children are developing a love of reading over the holidays. Thanks to the PTA, Miss Pistell and Miss Glover for setting this up.

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Online Safety

This week we also celebrated **Internet Safety day**. Children have been discussing the importance of staying safe online at school and at home and what they need to do if they see something that worries or scares them.

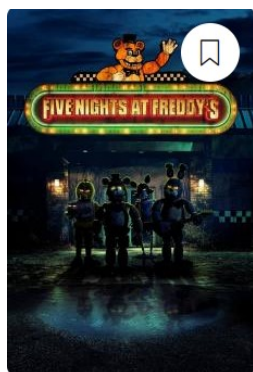
Youtube warning: The majority of our older children told us that they watch video clips of people playing games on line. These games may not be ones that as parents you have authorised them playing at home and it is easy for them to access inappropriate content on Youtube. Some children also told us that they watch things online that their parents do not know about. **If you would like any further support on how to keep your child safe online please take a look at the KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE in the quick links on our website and the newly updated SAFER INTERNET PAGE under Curriculum.**

This week during conversations around online safety many of our children in KS2 told us about the app and film Five Nights at Freddy's, they also spoke about Fortnite and a few children have previously mentioned Call of Duty. I felt that it was important to share information about these games because of their content and age restrictions which are beyond primary age.

Websites like **common sense media** are a great place to be able to find out about films and games so that you can see if they are appropriate for you child. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/five-nights-at-freddys>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/call-of-duty-black-ops-iii>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/fortnite>



Upcoming Diary Dates:

February

19th Return to School Term 4

March

7th World Book Day

13t26th Creative Day

27th Last day of term

28th TD day school closed

April

15th Return to School Term 5

Important Reminders: