

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 22 – FEBRUARY 2023

Attendance Champions – Week 22

1st Place – Year 6: 96.67%

2nd Place – Year 4: 95.36%

3rd Place – Year 5: 95%

4th Place – Year R: 94.67%

5th Place – Year 2: 91.67%

6th Place – Year 3: 91.33%

7th Place – Year 1: 89%

Reflection

This week in collective worship we started on our new topic of Forgiveness. We thought about the power of the word 'sorry' and how to show we mean it when we say this word.

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'

Ephesians 4:32

Growth Mindset

Staff have had some refresher training this week on the power of having a growth mindset rather than being fixed in your thinking and learning style. Children (and adults) who have a growth mindset are more likely to find inspiration in others' success, understand that effort is required to build new skills, persevere in the face of failures, accept criticism and develop a real desire to learn, even if this means being out of their comfort zone. In contrast, those with fixed mindsets often avoid challenges, ignore feedback and are threatened by others' success which can mean they give up easily. We will be using strategies in class to encourage a growth mindset and help the children to understand its value for their learning.

Notes from the Head Teacher



Dear Parents,

Well done to all our swimmers who took part in the gala today. Mr Johnson said that they all tried really hard and were beautifully behaved.

Mr Garratty will be joining us next Monday. He will be spending some time in classes with your children in the afternoon, reading stories and answering their questions. He is really excited about this opportunity to meet them.

The Friends will be hosting another Coffee and Croissants meeting on Tuesday. We have decided to vary the day for this in the hope that we can reach as many parents as possible. I look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Gym

Parent Gym is a parenting programme made up of six two hour sessions with 'missions' to complete between sessions. It covers six parenting priorities: communication, love, managing behaviour, health, learning and handling conflict. All sessions are designed to be highly interactive and participative. Ms Foster led the first course in the autumn term and had very positive feedback from parents who attended. She will be running a taster session for any parents who are interested in being part of the new group this Friday at 9am. Please meet at the office if you are interested in hearing more about this programme.

Curriculum Corner

I went into Year 3 this week and saw some wonderful volcano poems. Year 3 children have been exploring expanded noun phrases in these. They have also been working on using the inverse in Maths and seeing the link between mathematical operations.