

Mrs Mason's Messages



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Headteacher's Weekly Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome parents back into school this week for our parent consultation evenings. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see your children's work and talk to their teachers. I would also like to thank the teaching assistants and office staff who supported parent consultations, we are lucky to have such a dedicated staff at Idle CE (A) Primary.

We have had a busy training day here at school today focusing on safety and cyberbullying, asthma and epipen training and then time focused on developing a brand new curriculum ready for implementation in Autumn 2022. Our lunchtime supervisors also attended their own training, details of which are overleaf. We hope you are enjoying the long weekend and find time to rest and recuperate from the week with your families, it looks like the sun is here to stay for a few days!

We look forward to seeing you on Monday morning, bright and early! Enjoy the weekend.
Mrs Mason

SMSC

Our SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) focus this term is equality and diversity. This week we have been focusing on Families in our PSHE lessons. Although someone else's family may look different to our own, families are characterised by love and care and we have reflected on our own family relationships this week.

Worship

This week we have continued thinking about the Christian Value of Service, returning to the inspirational people we found out about at the start of Spring term and the service they have provided for the wider community. We have reflected on who inspires us and why - you can see the work produced by pupils starting to go up in the link area linked to this important area.



Prayer

Dear God,
Help us to remember the inspirational people we have in our lives. We remember the examples they set for us and the ways in which they have supported others. We thank you for the opportunities we have to do your work in our own communities and families, giving service to others in your name.
Amen



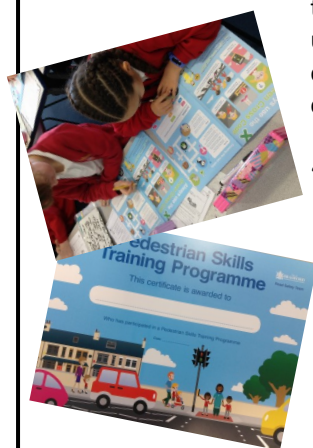
School News

Year 3 have taken part in Pedestrian Training this week with the Road Safety Team. This was a combination of practical training crossing roads as well as completion of the "Stepping Out Safely" booklets.

Here are some quotes from the children on what they learnt: "We learnt about how to look right first, then left, and then use an owl view to check the road was clear".

"We learn to stop, look, listen, think, walk and then you arrive".

"On a T-junction you need to look three ways. Each way at the top of the T and then at the bottom".
Year 3KW



Lenten Reflections – Environment

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| Friday | 18 th | | Reflect | Today, find out more about the environment and the threat it is under. You might like to do some research on climate change, plastic pollution, disappearing habitats or some other environmental issue. Can you think of one thing you can commit to doing this week to help the situation, no matter how small? |
| Saturday | 19 th | | Share | Today, take time to share the outdoors with someone today. Go on a walk together or take part in a sport. Talk about what it is you enjoy about being outside. |
| Sunday | 20 th | | Create | Today, create something, for example a poster, to show people a change they can make at home, work or school that will have a positive environmental effect. |



In the Spotlight..... Lunchtime



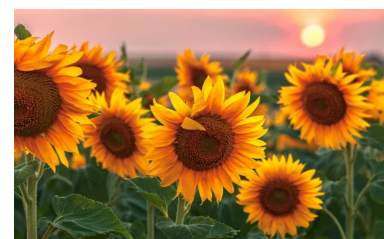
As part of our training day today, our lunchtime staff took part in teambuilding activities. They were learning new skills for group play and ways in which to engage the children on the playground in active games. We have been inventing new games as well as reminding ourselves of games we have played before. Generating ideas for new games to play and researching what pieces of equipment would most enrich lunchtime play has also been a focus.

Mr Clapham has also been busy assembling our new picnic benches and installing them on the playground. They look very inviting in the sunshine and we are looking forward to seeing them being used next week!



Plant a seed of hope

At Idle CE (A) Primary, we have all been affected by the sad death of our colleague Mr Mawson whose funeral took place yesterday at Holy Trinity. The lovely prayers, cards and comments in the condolence book are being collated and passed to the family and we would like to thank so many parents for adding their own memories and messages. We have spent the first part of this half term supporting the children in coming to terms with loss.



For the second part of this half term we are going to focus on the theme of hope in the lead up to Easter. As a church school, the time of Lent is a time for reflection and preparation before celebrating hope, renewal and new life at Easter. During the week beginning 28th March we will be focusing on the book *Wisp: a Story of Hope*, set in a refugee camp, in an age-appropriate manner that enables the children to reflect on what hopes and dreams they have for the future. Eventually we will create a whole-school display on the windows in the link. This will also give the children an opportunity to reflect on current events if they wish and Miss James, our PSHE coordinator, has accessed training to support the discussion of sensitive news with pupils which she is able to share with any parents who would welcome this.

We would like to invite families to take part in a family activity to 'plant a seed of hope' after school on Thursday 31st March and share a prayer for communities affected by war around the world. More details to follow.

We would like to take this opportunity to direct parents to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) www.dec.org.uk if they would like to make a donation directly to support humanitarian work in Ukraine.



Community News

Bradford Cathedral are hosting some family sessions during the Easter holidays which families may like to join in with:

Free family activities are on offer at Bradford Cathedral on **Tuesday April 19th 1-3pm** during the school holidays. For younger children, there will be lots of colouring and craft activities related to Easter, St. George's Day and the Cathedral itself, and for older children there will be quizzes and information as well as colouring and crafts.

Family guided tours take place at 11am and 2pm. There is so much to see and do at Bradford Cathedral and everyone is welcome!

Booking is advised in order to ensure a place. Children must be accompanied at all times by an adult.



Diary Dates

Friday 25th March—Wear Purple Day (Epilepsy Action)

Wednesday 30th March-Friday 1st April—Balanceability training—EYFS

Thursday 31st March - Family drop-in—Garden of Hope 2.45-4pm

Monday 4th-Wednesday 6th April—Year 4 Residential—Nell Bank

Thursday 7th April am—Easter service at Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 7th April—Parent Forum 2pm—behaviour

Friday 8th April—last day of Spring term