

**Theme of the week:**

This week, we celebrated our theme of "Difference and diversity" with Otto (Year 5) and his mum Meg leading an assembly about dyspraxia, a neurological difference that they have both been diagnosed with within the last twelve months. We found out that there are many famous people with dyspraxia, including Albert Einstein and Daniel Radcliffe, and that it makes people quite good at some things (mainly because they have had to work at these things a lot) but that there are some things that are more tricky for someone that has dyspraxia. This is the first of a few assemblies about neuro-diversity, and we will be following it up by looking at some more conditions over the next few weeks and months. If you have ADHD as an adult, or know of someone who has, I would love to hear from you, especially if you are willing to work with selected children and able to share some information with us in an upcoming assembly.

Some of the year 3s and year 4s might be able to tell you what self-regulation means after some discussions this week. We described self-regulation as making the right choices even if no-one tells you to (or if no-one's watching) and it's a key part of living as a well-adjusted adult. As well as our expectations of Ready, Respectful, Kind and Safe, next week particularly we will be looking out for those children who are able to self-regulate.

**Value of the week: who has shown that they are Ready, Respectful, Kind and Safe?**

Minibeasts: Harrison S  
Minibeasts: Leon K  
Tigers: Lily W  
Zebras: Indi W  
Turtles: Muhammad J  
Penguins: Maddison R and Maisy Y  
Panthers: Adam K  
Lions: Jack W  
Squirrels: Erin C  
Eagles: Marion O  
Meerkats: Bethany H  
Bumblebees: Hector P

**Achiever of the week: who has done something that has shone out this week?**

Minibeasts: Jack L  
Minibeasts: Tallulah C  
Tigers: David P  
Zebras: Bea B  
Turtles: Henri C  
Penguins: Abby F and Jenna D  
Panthers: Ella B  
Lions: Rhys R  
Squirrels: Logan W-F  
Eagles: Finley S  
Meerkats: Joe F  
Bumblebees: Maja C

**Notes, reminders and requests:**

Please find attached a flyer about a Santa Fun Run in Banbury in aid of the Katherine House Hospice, if you are interested.

**Parents' Evenings:**

Thank you to all those of you who came to parents' evenings this week. Thank you too to those people who completed questionnaires and left them with us. If you took one home to complete,

please do bring it back to us, as your feedback is really important so that we know what we are doing well and also what you would like us to improve.

Next time we have Primary Parents' Evenings, we intend to use the hall for Nursery to Year 3 as we did on Wednesday.

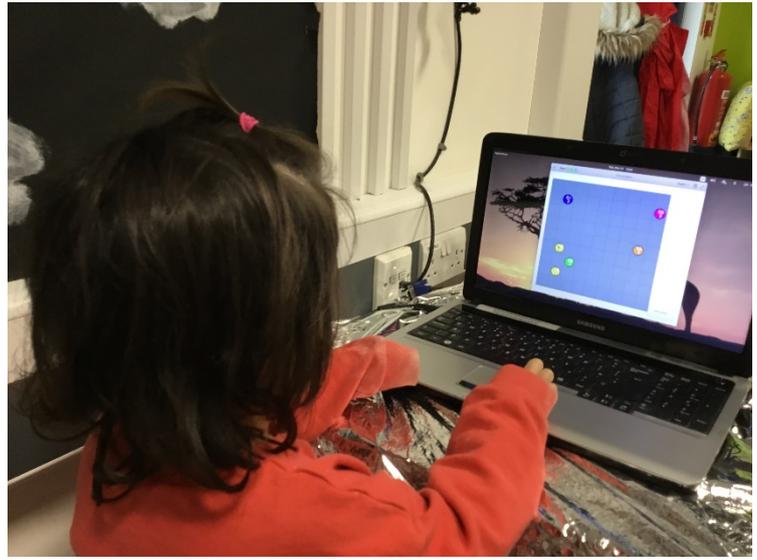
### **Residential – for our current Year 5s when they are in Year 6:**

This week, letters of interest have been sent out to the Year 5 children for the Year 6 residential in September 2019, to Devon with CRS Adventures. Please complete these and pass on to your child's class teacher. We will have a meeting to discuss this on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm, where questions can be answered and any concerns can be raised. The Manager from CRS Adventures is coming to our school to present to all parents/carers what the residential entails and answer any questions: this will be on the 22nd January at 6pm; we will remind you of this meeting closer to the time.

### **Nursery News: from Miss Bignell:**

This week we have been taking a journey with Baby Bear into outer space. We have got into our space rockets and blasted up the chimney as well as making up our own space stories using the dusty space small world. We also practised our pencil control around planets and stars. We have looked at shapes whilst building space rockets and used space food to identify numicons as well as trying to match different colour marbles on our rockets computer system. It has been quite an adventure!





Next week we will be going back in time to the time of the dinosaurs to see what it was like to be amongst giants!

Show and tell will be on Tuesday.

Please could we have some more family pictures from those who have not gone up on our All About Me board yet? Thank you.



## VOICE IN A MILLION WORKSHOP

**SUPERB, AMAZING, FABULOUS!**

### **A message from Mrs Beckett:**

90 primary and secondary students joined together on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to participate in a singing workshop and audition to appear on the stage at Wembley Arena in March 2019.

Jo Garaflo who is the Creative Director and Co-Founder of Voice in a Million ran the workshop and gave our students a taste of showbiz coaching that she provides for The X Factor and The Voice TV shows.

To see 90 primary and secondary students performing together was amazing and they were a credit to HPFS. One of Jo's criteria for stage performing was good behaviour and our students' conduct was superb from start to finish with non-stop focus and hard work for two hours. Everybody was eager to volunteer and step up to the microphone and primary and secondary were all given the chance. I am so VERY proud of them all.

The three Choirs of HPFS; Little Harmonies, Harmonies and Dynamix were then recorded singing two songs. Jo will look at the recordings in December, along with all the other schools who are auditioning, to decide if we get to perform on the stage again. Dynamix also auditioned for a solo spot.

Watch this space...

Mrs Beckett

### Wraparound contact information:

Please find attached a poster with contact information for Wraparound – if you use our excellent service, maybe one to print out and put on the fridge?

### Christmas Trees:

Friends of Heyford Park are working with a local company to offer Christmas trees, either for collection or delivery, where a part of the money will go to support the school. If you are interested, please see the attached flyer. Any questions, please see one of the Friends committee.

### Reception parents and carers:

You should all have received log-ins for 2Simple, our evidence collecting software that allows parents and school to collaborate. If your child in Reception takes part in any out-of-school sporting activities, such as dance, karate, football, swimming classes etc., please do take photos and share them with us. Please remember to always add a commentary of what is happening and some detail to enable us to make sense of the learning or the skills being shared with us.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Selected children to Oxfordshire Cross Country Event (we have 5 children selected after the Bicester area event last week!)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Girls' Focus Festival (afternoon – selected children in Year 3) – they should be able to get their Christmas dinner in first!!
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 – advent workshop at the chapel
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Decoration Day across Primary – volunteers welcome! Year 5 and 6 will spend some time on another day decorating too, as they will be out for much of the morning.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	School Vision Screening (NHS) – Reception only.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play 2pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play 6pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Play (SC) 2pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Secondary Rewards Trip
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert (whole school)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y10 Parents' Evening from 2pm (Primary children have normal finish times that day)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day for staff (no children in school)

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
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*Have a good weekend. Mrs. Hughes*