



# Pelican News



#### 3 February 2023

We welcomed a good number of prospective families into Pre-Prep this morning for our Open Day event who all seemed to enjoy their visit and left with a very good idea of the education we provide. Thanks, must be given to Year 2 who joined me in the Pemberton Room to greet the families and confidently shared some of their thoughts about what they most enjoy about school. The families were then given a tour by some of our senior Year 7 and Year 8 children who were in Pre-Prep themselves a few years ago. Upon their return from their tours, I received many complimentary comments about what they had seen as they visited classrooms; happy, confident children who were immersed in their respective tasks. They were also impressed with the maturity of their tour guides who brilliantly demonstrate what our littlest people could one day become through the King's journey. What a team!

This morning is a perfect example of how well children rise to the expectations we set for them. Earlier in the week, during our assembly in which we were thinking about gender stereotypes, I told the children that I may write to our Prime Minister to suggest we should perhaps let children teach the adults about tolerance, respect and acceptance. I shared with the children some of the gender 'myths' I grew up with such as 'pink for girls and blue for boys' which genuinely left them perplexed with one child commenting, "you must have had bad teachers"! It was so wonderful to hear them refer to our values characters 'Liberty Leopard', 'Tolerant Turtle' and 'Respectful Rhino' to state their case as to why all colours/toys/clothes/jobs/hobbies are for everyone and that they couldn't think of anything that would be just for boys or just for girls.

#### **Pre-Prep Terrace Decking**

It is lovely to see so many younger siblings enjoy the resources we have put out on the decking area (near the dragon) at drop-off / pick-up time, but please could I politely request these are tidied after use.

#### Nursery 1

Our dolls need some new outfits to wear and so if you have any spare dolls clothes at home you would be willing to donate, we would very much appreciate them.

Also, lots of children are bringing in toys from home which we love to see, however please can they be taken home by parents once we have seen them at drop-off as things are getting broken and/or lost which results in sad children.

### Year 1

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our assembly on Monday at 3pm in the Arts Centre. Thank you for all the support you have given the children to learn their lines!

### **Lunch Menu**

# A reminder there will be no TT Club provision next Friday 10 February as school finishes at 4.30pm for the half-term break.

# **Merits and Achievements**

Congratulations to the following children who have 'Reached for the Stars' and achieved:

Bronze Award: Archie, Hugo C, Hugo S and Walter

**Gold Award: Gabriel** 

Reception K: Mia and Minnie

**Reception H:** Emilia and Rufus

Year 1G: Archie, Isabella and Paul

Year 2: A Year Group Merit for a fabulous assembly!

Pre-Prep Ambassador: Albert

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

# **Pelican Gallery**

















































