





27th January 2023

I mentioned a couple of editions ago that our assemblies this half-term are shining a spotlight on diversity and inclusion in our world. This week we thought about what makes a 'family' and the children's responses, once again, confirmed the fact that they uphold the values of tolerance and respect without hesitation. Before showing the children some images of a variety of different families and reading a wonderful story by Leslea Newman called, 'Heather Has Two Mummies', I asked the children what popped into their heads when they heard the word 'family'. Their responses ranged from naming the people they live with (including pets!) to one little boy answering that he thinks about the love they have for each other. The conclusion to our assembly echoed the message in the story we read which is that all families are special, no matter how many mummies or daddies or brothers or sisters or pets are in them. The important thing is that love is at the heart of every family where every member feels safe and happy. It is really heartening to see how the children respond so positively and with such acceptance and it is our collective responsibility to ensure this continues to enable them to live in a harmonious, vibrant and tolerant society.

A special mention must also be given to Reception who kicked off our season of assemblies on Tuesday. Sadly, I was attending an IAPs meeting so had to miss it, but I have heard many complimentary remarks from parents, staff and children about their wonderful performance. Their Year Group Merit is very well-deserved!

Housekeeping Items

- As per the school uniform policy, watches are only permitted to be worn by children from Y2.
- Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle in school every day and that it is regularly washed between uses.

<u>Year 2</u>

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our assembly next Tuesday,31 January at 3pm in the Arts Centre.

<u>Lunch Menu</u>

Week 1

Merits and Achievements

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

Bronze Award: Honor, Paul, Rory and Teddy

Gold Award: Bertie and Thea

Reception: A Year Group Merit for an 'out of this world' space assembly; your teachers are so proud of you for such a wonderful performance.

Reception K: Lucy and Max

Reception H: Ariana and Cecily

Year 1G: Hugo C, Otto and Rory

Year 2K: Amelia and Cooper

Year 2H: Flora, Ophelia and Thanos

Pre-Prep Ambassador: Saffron

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery























