The Road to Respect

On Monday we started our anti-bullying focus in school with a performance for the whole school by the touring theatre group, Altru. The play covered a range of themes including hate crimes, bullying and kindness. Following the performance, Year 5 accessed workshops exploring controlling behaviour and showing their emotions through drama and role play activities.

We also invited the whole school to wear blue on Friday to show our support for choosing respect and standing up against bullying. Our anti-bullying ambassadors also planned some lessons around ‘banter’. The children explored what this is and the impact it can have on children when it goes too far and becomes bullying. The ambassadors will also encourage the children to participate in Friendship Friday and seek to show kindness and respect to all members of the community.
Well Being Award

As parents will be aware, we have been focusing on Well Being in school over the last year. This is a focus in our school development plan again this year. We were able to apply for a prestigious award ‘The Well Being in Schools Award’ through Optimus Education in October. For the award we had to submit online evidence and participate in a verification visit for a day too. This involved a tour of the school, visiting lessons, looking at our well being portfolios, meeting pupils, staff, parents and governors. This whole-school award focuses on ensuring effective practice and provision is in place that promotes the emotional wellbeing and mental health of both staff and pupils.

The award has a focus on changing the long-term culture of a school and embedding an ethos where mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all.

With this award, we were expected to show our commitment to promoting mental health as part of school life by focusing on the following areas:

- Improve the emotional wellbeing of their staff and pupils
- Ensure mental health problems are identified early and appropriate support provided
- Offer provision and interventions that matches the needs of its pupils and staff
- Engage the whole-school community in the importance of mental health awareness and capture the views of parents, pupils and teachers on mental health issues

The verifier recommended that we fully met the criteria for the Well Being Award for Schools. She commented that

Kew Woods is a lovely school, where pupils, staff and families feel safe, supported and where the emotional health and well being of the school community is given the highest priority.

Thank you to the school community for working together towards the award and in particular to the pupils who spoke to the verifier and the parents who came and spoke so positively about our school.
From observations, interviews and the evidence portfolio, emotional health and well being permeates the school, demonstrated by happy children, well-behaved and purposeful in their play and learning. They were secure and confident that any worries revealed to a teacher, an anti-bullying ambassador or the ‘Worry Monster’ would be quickly resolved by the school.

Parents confirmed that this was the best school for their children because they were happy and energised by the day’s events, eager to share their experiences and talked a lot about their teacher, friends and what they are looking forward to happen in the future. Additional support to individual families is much appreciated. Provision for SEND children is excellent as it leads to successful integration in the classroom and real progress for individuals. There is clear direction, energy and commitment from an experienced headteacher and Change Team. A strength of the school is the obvious team spirit that exists within the school.
Year 2 Multi Sports  Class 2K visited Christ the King Secondary school this week for a multi-sports events. They had lots of fun and developed new skills.

Girls’ Football  Well done to our Year 4 and 5 Girls’ Football Team who won the Christ the King tournament on Monday. They played really well as a team against some very tough opposition and maintained a fantastic fair play attitude throughout.

This Week’s Class Dojo Winners

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Remembrance Assembly

On Thursday, some of our Year 6 pupils delivered a whole school assembly for Remembrance Day. They explained why we have Remembrance Sunday each year and the significance of the poppy. They acknowledged the 100 years since the end of WW1. The children showed respect listening to Year 6 and in observing the two minutes silence, followed by the sounding of the last post. Some of our Year 6 pupils have also been fundraising on behalf of the Royal British Legion this term selling poppies, wristbands etc. Thank you to them for giving up their lunchtimes. School Council also organised a display in school to mark the occasion.
St Francis Church Christmas Fair

Members of our school community are warmly invited by Vicar Alex Galbraith from St Francis Church to their Christmas Fair. It will take place on Saturday 24th November, from 11.30 until 2pm. There will be stalls with crafts, books, cakes, a raffle, tombola’s, games for the children, refreshments and Father Christmas.

Parents Evening

This week we offered Parents’ Evening appointments for our families. We hope you found the appointments useful if finding out how your child has settled into their new class and their progress to date. We would like to thank you for taking time to attend so we can work in partnership to support your child.

Lost Property

Weather permitting, Mr Fish our Site Manager puts lost property out each Friday. He places it under the shelter on the main playground. We have a growing number of items without names on them, meaning that it cannot easily be returned to pupils. Please could we ask parents to ensure all items are named and to check regularly the lost property box on Fridays. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Children in Need

Don’t forget next Friday is Children in Need Day on 16th November. Children are invited to dress up in stars, spots etc and support this cause. Donations to the charity are welcomed. Thank you for your support.

Well done, Jack

Well done to Jack (4W) who has been attending Unite Martial Arts. His confidence has really grown over the last few weeks so much so that he participated in his first grading event at the weekend. Congratulations, Jack. We are so proud of you. No wonder he has a beaming smile on his face.
Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all of the children who were celebrated in a special assembly this morning. In the assembly we recognised the social skills, their desire to follow our Code of Conduct and the academic or sporting achievements so far this term. Well done to:

RK  Sofia Dyngosz, Thomas Murphy & Sonnie Thomas
RW  Mia Cox & Jacob Grime
1K  Ryley Brothers & Harry Glennon
1W  Paige Fox-Johnson & Oliver Murphy
2K  Daisy Chapman & Fred Holland-Carson
2W  Nancy Kelly & Max Sproston
3K  Sophie Baxter & Logan Tanner
3W  Piper Parkinson & Sienna Rose
4K  Adam Aldwinckle & Angela Ngorima
4W  Leah Horn & Ethan Murphy
5K  Josh Copeland & Mia Fox-Johnson
5W  Luca Hannett & Christian Reed
6K  Ethan Freeman & Grace Instone
6W  Keira Arnold & Lily Boydell

French  Arjun Nayak, Thomas Olive, Owen Marlowe & Alfie O’Brien
Good Citizen  Ethan Melling