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Children's Mental Health Week

This week, our children have taken part in special assemblies to celebrate Mental Health Week. These assemblies have added to the work that the children do on mental health during their relationships and health lessons. You can watch a video of an assembly with your child by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/watch-our-children-s-mental-health-week-2022-assemblies-with-bafta-kids/>

This webpage also has ideas on how to support your child's mental wellbeing at home.

We speak to our children regularly about understanding different feelings. We remind them that they must talk to a trusted adult in school immediately if they ever have "big" feelings. "Big" feelings are those that don't go away and stop you from doing normal day-to-day activities.

Top Team

Last term, we invited the children in years 5 and 6 to apply for jobs that would support the adults and other children around school. These jobs ranged from supporting staff in reception to helping children in our Foundation Stage to read. The Top Team have enjoyed their new responsibilities and they have also learnt new skills. Well done to the children who received Top Team certificates in our achievement assemblies recently. I hope to be handing out more certificates this term to reward the children who have excelled at their jobs!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

It is great to see that lots of our children have attended an extra-curricular club since the start of the academic year. We recognise the importance of these clubs as it allows our children to develop their interests and talents in different areas of the curriculum. Mr Jackson, the deputy head, is looking to offer more clubs soon. We hope even more children will go to at least one extra-curricular session by the end of the academic year. We will send parents more details about these clubs shortly.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to years 1 and 5 for having an attendance of more than 96%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95.17%	96.27%	92.59%	92.59%	89.57%	96.15%	85.19%	92.57%

Twitter

Please remember to continue to check our Twitter account for the latest information about the academy. Last week, we shared some pictures from the recent netball match at King's Meadow Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

