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Mother's Day Assembly

Thank you to everyone who came to our assembly this week to celebrate Mother's Day. I know the children enjoyed giving their mums a special present and some children even got to read out their work!

Superhero Day

Recently, the children in our Upper Foundation Stage had a special day linked to their superhero topic. The children dressed up as superheroes and went on a mission to solve a problem set by Evil Pea, a character from a book the class had been reading. During the day, the children also had a visit from some real-life superheroes from the Fire Service. The firefighters talked about how they kept people safe. They also showed the children the fire engine. Afterwards, Aleeya said, "The firefighters told us they put out fires and they save people from the water and crashes. They also put on the siren and it was very loud!" Freddy added, "Evil Pea put a letter in the ice. We had to smash it to get it out. When we read it, we had to follow the clues outside. At the end, there was a surprise."

Phonics Comics

Children from nursery to year 1 continue to work on their early reading skills. The children use their phonics knowledge and skills to decode words. The best way to practise this is to read fully decodable texts. Listening to your child read their Oxford Reading Tree book for ten minutes every day is a great way to help your child with this skill. Also, Phonics Comics is a useful website for children to practise their reading skills. On this site, children can read fully decodable sentences to support their learning in class. You can access this website through the following link: <https://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html>

Pupil Questionnaires

The children have recently completed a questionnaire. The questionnaire asks the children to give their thoughts about school. This week, I have looked at the feedback from the children in Key Stage 2. Every child in Key Stage 2 said that they learn a lot in school and nearly everyone agreed that the school provides plenty of opportunities to develop their interests. Also, more children than last year said that they remember more of the curriculum. I am delighted with this feedback. Teachers in Key Stage 2 are continuing to plan activities to help our children remember more. I will keep you updated on the progress that we make as a school with this.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Unfortunately, a lot of our children were absent through sickness last week. 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
75.33%	84.44%	89.62%	94.29%	95.65%	93.46%	95.56%	89.41%

Governors' Meeting

The public minutes from the governors' meeting on the 9th November 2021 are now available. You can get a copy of these minutes from reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher