



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

7th May 2021

As part of the launch of the Rights Respecting School Award, we had our first school assembly in over a year— on the field, all safely socially-distanced of course. It was such a pleasure for each class to see and hear about what their brothers, sisters and friends had been doing over the course of the day. It helped re-establish a sense of unity and common purpose that we have missed. Our Stars of the Week assembly is also shared, albeit via Teams, and it's lovely to find out who has been doing well, and what each class has been doing each week. We look forward to the return of assemblies with parents, singing, Open-the-Book and more. All good things to those that wait!

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK: 17-21 MAY

The Junior Road Safety Officers would like us to know that 17th—21st May is Walk to School Week. They want to encourage as many children as possible to walk (or cycle) to school throughout the week. If you live too far away from school to make this practicable, you can still join in by parking at the Community Centre and walking in via the playpark. All children walking in will get a sticker for their Walk to School booklet, and there will be prizes for those who gather the most stickers.



## WALK TO TOKYO

During Walk to School week, the JRSO will also be launching the Walk to Tokyo challenge. Did you know that the school walked and cycled all the way to Jerusalem during Mr Taylor's Lockdown challenge? Well, to get us active and healthy in readiness for this Summer's Olympics, the JRSO and Mr Taylor would like to challenge us to get all the way to Tokyo. Any form of exercise counts: swimming, riding, rowing, running, walking and cycling. So, let's get out there and see if we can make it all the way to Japan!

## EATON VALE TRIP

We're really pleased we've been able to replace the cancelled residential trips for Years 4, 5 and 6 with an exciting trip to Eaton Vale. The children will take part in a range of exciting activities such as air rifles, canoeing, low ropes, team games and buggy racing. If you haven't already returned your slip, please do so ASAP. We can't wait!

## SENSORY GARDEN

The children in Yangtze Class were delighted to receive additional offers of support for their Sensory Garden project this week, including a donation from TDS Vehicle Services, and a grant of £500 from Durrants. Durrants were impressed with the clear way Belle wrote about the benefits of the project, and her obvious enthusiasm. We now have a fantastic garden plan to work towards and, as soon as we are able, we will organise a work-party day in order to carry out some of the main landscaping. There will be lots to do, so please watch this space to find out how and when you can get involved.



## ELLI—THE EFFECTIVE LIFELONG LEARNING INVENTORY

Over the last seven issues of this newsletter, we have introduced you to the different learning animals (and the characteristics they represent) that help us to learn in school.

These form part of the Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory, which we know as ELLI.

This programme, developed by Bristol University, provides children with a 'language for learning,' and helps them understand not only what they are learning, but how they are learning.

If you would like to find out more, there will be a Zoom presentation by Mr Leicester on Thursday 13th May at 5pm. The Meeting ID: 812 5917 3622 and the passcode is 1YdZ4

This link should take you straight to it: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9342787634?pwd=cW1YanAwQnIIShc3cFZURXhCbVdvdz09>



## SEND MY FRIEND TO SCHOOL



As part of the Rights Respecting School launch day last Monday, Yangtze Class wrote to Dr Daniel Poulter MP to encourage him to support the Send My Friend to School campaign. Having investigated Article 28 of the United Nations Charter for the Rights of the Child: The Right to an Education, the children learnt about some of the issues that prevent all children from going to school, including the affects of climate change, disability, gender inequality and, of course, Covid-19. They sent Dr Poulter their ideas for a school of the future that all children could enjoy.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIFF AND DAFFODIL

Oh to be a school pet! On Friday the children celebrated the guinea pigs' birthday, which they decided was 23rd April (which should be nice and easy to remember as it's also St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday). They were utterly spoilt with a mountain of presents, guinea pig treats, party hats, even more cuddles than they usually get and even a special song and dance written just for them. Oh to be a school pet!



Our Value this term is : **PERSEVERANCE**