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The newsletter from Mundford C of E Primary Academy - Your school, your news!

http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/			
W	orship Theme: Kindne	ss Big Question: Is failing a bad thing?	
Stars of the Week:			
Oak: Isabelle	Hazel: Maple: Nell	Cedar: Charlie G Rowan: Zsolt Elm: Darcey	
Oak: Samson	Hazel: Maple: Trinity	Now of the Week: Cedar: Sophie A Rowan: Tilda Elm: Eva APLE Winning House Team: SAXONS	

As part of our Mind to Be Kind focus, this week we have learnt about how to live without harming others. We have learnt about different types of harm, particularly how our words & body language can harm others. The older children also thought about how this can apply to what we share and say online too. We compared words to a tube of toothpaste – once they are squeezed out, you can't put them back. Also this week, some of our Year 5 pupils visited Iceni Academy for a Mandarin lesson from a Chinese teacher there. We are grateful to the staff at Iceni for this opportunity and for transporting the children so that they can experience something we are not able to provide at our own school. We have other events planned throughout the year for our older children to visit both IES and Iceni high schools for further language lessons, as well as using the science labs and PE facilities.

Word of the Week

Check out the latest word here: <u>https://www.collinsdictionary.com/word-of-the-day</u>

A Mind to be Kind – This Week's Try This Task



If you have been tempted to say something harmful, how did you avoid it?

Pure kindness – feels good, doesn't it?



Warning about website 'Omegle.com'

Dear parents, please be aware that the above website has bypassed filters in some schools (not ours) across Norfolk and has allowed children to access both video calls and text. This site links children to adults whose explicit sexual questions and chats are very disturbing and puts the child at risk. Children in some schools have also accessed this at home and parents have highlighted their concern. The site had been reported to the Norfolk police but please be hyper vigilant with what your children are accessing online. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns.

Parent-Teacher Consultations

If you have not yet booked an appointment to see your child's teacher, sign-up sheets are in the school office every morning at drop off, or alternatively please phone the school office.

World Book Day

World Book Day is next Thursday (5th March). Children are invited to attend school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please visit their website for lots of other ideas for inspiring your children to read: <u>https://www.worldbookday.com</u>. The children will all receive a voucher on the day that can be used to either get a special book for free or to take a £1 off the price of another book. After sorting out our own books at school, we also have lots of books that are no longer needed in school and so are arranging for every child to choose a book to take home (some classes have already done this).

After-School Clubs

Mr Clark is running the following after-school clubs:

- Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm For Years 1 & 2 Ball Games (after half-term)

- Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Gymnastics for KS2 (years 3-6)

- Friday 3:15 – 4:15pm Basketball for KS2 (years 3-6)

We are offering two clubs for KS2 in order to try and provide everything the children have asked for. Initially, we ask that children just sign up for their first choice of club.

Taekwondo will continue on Wednesdays: (KS1 3:15 – 4:15pm KS2 4:30-5:30pm)

- Tuesday - Science Club

Search and Rescue Club alternate Fridays

The dates for the Spring term are as follows:

- Friday 13th March
- Friday 27th March

Search and Rescue club is every other Friday, from 3.15-4.15 in <u>Maple Class</u>. It is open to children from Year 1 to 6. At Search and Rescue club we sing songs, craft and listen to a story or reading from the Bible. If you have any questions, pop and see Mrs Keeler.

What are we reading?

As a school, we want to promote a love of reading in every child. As well as daily reading sessions, each class also listens to a class reader. These books are carefully chosen to inspire children, broaden their reading experience and expose them to language they may not read independently. Currently we are reading:

Oak: The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo Hazel: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis Maple: A Treasury of Stories from Around the World chosen by Linda Jennings Cedar: Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton Rowan: The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman Elm: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Are they enjoying the story? What do they think will happen next?

Diary Dates Sharing Assembly every Friday 2:45 pm

Monday 2nd March: Cedar Mundford Junction 9am Wednesday 4th March: Parent-Teacher Consultations 3:30 – 7pm Thursday 5th March: World Book Day Thursday 5th March: Parent-Teacher Consultations 3:30 – 5:30pm Tuesday 10th March: Oak Mundford Junction 9am 18th – 20th March: Y3&4 Residential Trip to Holt Hall Thursday 19th March: Maple Mundford Junction 2pm Monday 23rd March: Hazel Mundford Junction 2pm Page 3 of 4 Wednesday 25th March: Elm Mundford Junction 9am Monday 30th March: Rowan Mundford Junction 2pm Tuesday 31st March: Easter Service in St Leonards Church 9:15am Wednesday 1st April: Class Photographs Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for understanding!

Online Resources

We have a number of online resources that you can use at home to help your children.

<u>Letterjoin</u>

www.letterjoin.co.uk

Desktop Login username: Mund password: ford Tablet Login username: Mund passcode: a capital 'L' shape starting at top left This site allows children to practise their handwriting and spelling.

Purple Mash

https://www.purplemash.com/sch/mundford

We use Purple Mash for teaching computing, but is also contains games sections for practising English & Maths at home. All children have their own individual log-in. Please ask your child's class teacher if they cannot remember it.

PIXL Times Table App: https://timestable.pixl.org.uk/

All KS2 pupils have an individual log-in for the times table app – please speak to class teachers if they cannot remember this.

Apple App Store: <u>https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/pixl-times-tables/id1300608796</u> Google Play Store: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.matthewwoodfine.timestables&hl=en_GB</u>

School Uniform:

<u>https://corporatetiger.co.uk/school-uniform/</u> www.facebook.com/myclothingltd

IES Breckland have asked us to share with you the link to their newsletter. Any parents interested in finding out more about this High School can go to:

https://www.breckland.iesschools.co.uk/2019/10/principals-bulletin/