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School focuses for this term:

British values: Mutual Respect

Learning Power – Taking Responsibility

Weekly attendance: Seahorses: 100% Turtles: 77% Dolphins: 95%

Pelicans: 97%

Autumn Term Overall attendance: 94%

Please have a look on our website for a splendid new video of our children. It is an amazing creation and we are hugely grateful to Mrs Lawrenson for taking all the pics and putting the video together! It is a shame that we were unable to include all our children but we were limited by technology and file sizes!

Digital support for remote learning

If you would be in need of a computer, or have problems with your internet connection, please advise your child's teacher so that we can offer support where we can in advance of a possible Bubble lockdown.

Dear parents,

A fab week in school with our regular skipping workshops able to take place (under strict COVID guidance) on Thursday; and a brilliant day for Pelicans on Wednesday when the children took on the role of teacher: Mrs Foley dressed in school uniform and each child (who wanted to) led a session of their choice. This was an outcome of their reward system which is outlined below:

Pelican's Class reward system Rationale

Our reward system is based on developing the children's understanding of a market economy; encouraging leadership and working collaboratively.

Children are awarded whizzes for positive learning behaviours and adherence to school rules. If they reach the top of the whizz chart (5 whizzes over the course of a day) they receive a star coin.

Star coins can be spent on rewards in the reward shop. The rewards have been invented by the children and regularly change. If a reward becomes popular, it increases in price just like in a market economy reflecting supply and demand. Others may fall in price to encourage children to have a go at new things.

The rewards reflect a range of interests and learning preferences by the children.

Examples include:

30 minutes free time for the class

Lead the class in an activity of your choice

Kids take over day (anyone who wants to, can teach a lesson through the day)

Pyjama day

Art day

French day

By regularly reviewing the rewards on offer, including the children in decision making and altering the prices, children remain engaged and motivated by it. The rewards also allow the children to choose to reward just themselves or the entire class and more often than not they chose the latter.

These are some photographs from Pelican's 'Kids Take Over Day' on Wednesday:



Led by 2 pupils, this lesson was on learning how make paper aeroplanes.

Teaching a class how to draw a monkey.



Drama. The playscript was written by some of our pupils and the children brought in their own props & costumes.

As well as doing dodgeball, hockey and cricket, they also shared their skills in football & gymnastics



Everyone had a great day. One of the children's feedback answers to 'What did you enjoy the most?' was 'When everyone was teaching and they took good control of the class'. The overall feedback conclusion for the day seemed to be that the hardest thing about being a teacher is 'getting people to listen'.

Christmas Lunch

We plan to hold Christmas lunch in the church in Bubble sittings - provisionally booked for December 16th. If anyone could lend us a hand with decorating the church, that would be wonderful.

We are not sure at this point whether we will be able to ask for help serving - this is dependent on restrictions in place at that time.

If you would like to help in any way, please drop me a line and I will keep a list of possible people to call on if we can. Thank you.

Pantomimes

We have booked a virtual Christmas pantomime for the whole school, and also a Dance pantomime workshop for Turtles and Seahorses – more information about these events, and more Christmas dates will follow soon.

'Granny Game' – to be avoided.

We have been told of a free app called 'Granny game' which is available through Google. The images on this app are really scary and unpleasant.

Have a super weekend.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Sally Berry