



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 09

PHILOSOPHY 4 CHILDREN (P4C)

The teaching team started term back with a fantastic two days of Philosophy for Children training or P4C. "P4C aims to help children become more thoughtful, more reflective, considerate and reasonable individuals." Professor Matthew Lipman, Founder of P4C. This is done through enquiry questions which the children generate and then discuss developing their reasoning, speaking and listening skills. As we begin to develop this in school we will share more information with parents and add information to our website. It is a very exciting project and we are keen to share this with the children.

CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

I was so proud of all of the children this week who really embraced our Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need and walked brilliantly. We had lovely sunny weather and the children doing the longer walk even got to see deer. I had the privilege of accompanying all the children on their walks and the children were great company, supported each other brilliantly and fully understood the reasons why they were doing the walk.

In worship we watched part of the Countryfile Children in Need special and met Archie who had had his leg amputated below the knee due to an aggressive form of cancer. Money from Children in Need had helped him and his family during his illness to come to terms with what he was going through. Archie was doing the walk to give something back and despite the challenges of needing to walk with a prosthetic leg he walked up one of the mountains in the Lake District. His story really helped the children to understand what they were doing the walk for and inspired them to do their best walking. It was lovely to hear them using Archie's story to spur them on when they got tired. Many of the children also felt that by doing the walk that they had done something for the donations being made by parents.

Thank you to the parents who have already donated and if you haven't and you are able then the School Gateway will remain open for donations for the rest of this week. The children are all very keen to learn how much money they have raised from the walk. Thank you to the parents who supported us on the walk.

TTRS

From Monday to Friday next week the children in Years 2 to 6 will be taking part in a National Times Table Rock Stars Competition England Rocks!

Mr Cole has launched this with all the children in worship this week and parents can find out more on tapestry. We hope as many children from Year 2 and Year 6 will get involved as possible, not only to support the school and embrace our learning behaviour of cooperation, but also to develop their maths skills and be aspirational in their learning.

The children can do any of the activities on TTRS and will score a point for each right answer they give. To limit the amount of time children spend looking at a screen they can only take part for an hour a day and between the hours of 7:30 am and 7:30 pm. We will be doing a slot everyday in school but to do our best we will need children to log on at home as well. Last year we were in the top 50 schools and we are aspiring to beat this this year. Give it your best shot!

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Class Newsletters and Optional Homework grids were sent home on Friday via e-mail and are also available from the letters section of the website and the class topic page. Please take a look to get an overview of your child's topic this term; what they will be learning and some creative activities you can do at home to deepen this learning.

PTA UPDATE

PTA CHOCOLATE DONATION DAY

On Monday we are holding the second of our PTA Donation Days in preparation for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes in return for a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola; one of the children's favourite stalls at the event.

CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING

If you would like to get involved in planning for the Christmas Fair then please pop along to the PTA planning meeting on Tuesday at 2:00 pm in the school. All are welcome and as much help as possible with planning this event is really appreciated. Details of both events have been e-mailed out separately as well.

