



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 10

WORSHIP THEME - KINDNESS

Anti-Bullying Week—Reach Out

This week in worship we have been linking our focus on kindness to anti-bullying week with the theme of Reach Out. Many children suffer in silence and don't reach out when they are sad, being treated badly by others, or are feeling lonely. We have encouraged all of our children to reach out to someone when they feel this way.

This was further reinforced with the work the children have done this week linked to the NSPCC Stay Safe Speak Out campaign, which again encourages children to speak out when something in their life isn't right.

The children have also been thinking about what it feels like to walk in someone else's shoes so that they are able to empathise and see something from the viewpoint of someone else. Some of the children have also been thinking about what it feels like to be left out because you are different to someone else and to understand what this feels like and the importance of accepting that we are all unique and different. This is something to celebrate, not to use against people.

RICH READS ANTI-BULLYING SPECIAL

Please find attached to the newsletter a Rich Reads Newsletter with lots of book ideas linked to our focus on anti-bullying. There are books suggested for all year groups to help children explore how we can sometimes upset people by the way we treat them and to help the children to be able to empathise. The books will also encourage children to talk about times that they may have felt like this. Happy reading everyone.

PLAYGROUND MAKEOVER PHASE 1

I was so excited today to finally be able to share the news with the children that they are going to have a playground makeover! A while ago I talked to the children about what would make the playground better, there were lots of wild and hugely expensive ideas, but a repeated theme was a slide. Well the children are going to get a slide as part of the makeover of the tired playground equipment. Made2Play have come up with this lovely design which is being part funded by the Trust and part funded by the Sports Grant.

Installation starts on Monday and this will mean a week of disrupted playtimes as some of the playground will be out of bounds, but weather permitting it will all be finished by the end of the week and the children will have some lovely new play equipment. Having it installed in term time reduces both the cost and the wait time for installation.



Made2Play have also come up with a lovely plan for improving the area where the pergola used to be and is now looking very sad. If all goes well next week then we will ask them to undertake Phase 2 of the playground makeover which again will be part funded by the Trust and part funded by additional funding secured by the school.

We hope that you agree that the design looks very exciting and can't wait until the children can start playing on it. Watch this space!

COUNTRYFILE RAMBLE UPDATE

The weather was kind to us today and we were able to take Year 3 and Year 4 out for their Countryfile Ramble in support of Children in Need. The children had a lovely time walking in the woods, talking with their friends and enjoying the countryside. Next Friday we plan to take Year 5, Year 6 and Reception out on their Countryfile Ramble. Any help greatly appreciated.

YEAR 5 READING AREA

I thought I would share a few photos this week of the lovely Y5 reading area which has a Moroccan desert theme:



WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS:

- Monday: PTA Bottle Donation Day (flyer attached)
- Monday: Y5 Planetarium Visit
- Friday: Y5, Y6 and Reception Countryfile Ramble
- Friday: Cake Donations for Winter Fair needed
- Saturday: Sedlescombe Winter Fair @ 12:00 pm

