



AUTUMN TERM

17TH OCTOBER 2022



Values at Stepping Stones

This week the focused value is World Values and we will be looking at our core values across the school day. The teachers have planned a range of activities to promote and teach the values of kindness, respect, caring, co-operation, perseverance, determination etc.

“World Values Day is an annual campaign to increase the awareness and practice of values around the world.

Values are what matter most to us. They motivate and guide us. They are the passion in our hearts, the reason we do the things we do.

In a world that can feel increasingly divided, values help unite us. They are the glue holding together our communities and wider society.” (World Values Website, <https://www.worldvaluesday.com>)

Thank you to the parents that let us know how your child is showing the values at home. They were celebrated in our daily meeting.

House Teams

Last week we introduced our house teams. The children responded positively to their teams and many of our older children took on a very supporting role with younger children.

Therefore, the names of the teams have been devised from inspirational people who have shown those values.

Seacole House	Seacole House has been named after Mary Seacole, who was a great role model. She upheld strong values to be kind, supportive, and trustworthy. She was brave and determined. She put others first and nursed wounded soldiers in war battles.
Einstein House	Named after Albert Einstein. Many of us know Albert Einstein as a highly intelligent person. However, learning did not come easy for him. He also had to show inspirational values of perseverance, determination and resiliency. He never gave up and always learnt from his mistakes. This is something we are constantly encouraging our children to do at Stepping Stones.
Jordan House	Michael Jordan is a world famous basketball player. We know of him for his fame and skills. However, at high school he was not picked for the basketball team. His sporting skills had to be worked at. He showed determination and a “Can do Attitude!” He never gave up, practicing more and more to get to his goal.
Darwin House	Named after Charles Darwin. Again many of us know of Charles Darwin for his theory on evolution and his intelligence. However, he also found learning extremely challenging. He showed resiliency, positivity and determination. When he was unsuccessful with his application to go on to medical school, he never gave up and remained focused to follow his dreams.

We will be teaching the children about the inspirational people that their house teams represent and encouraging them to show the values, determination and resiliency in all areas of school life.

Key Reminders

Letters to return to school

Please can any outstanding letters and permission slips be sent to the office.

Remember – Any money coming into school e.g. dinners, trips should be in a named envelope.

COATS – We are keen to get the children outdoors, however they do need to have a suitable outdoor coat for the colder months.



Borwick Hall Day Visits (Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October)

You will receive a letter on Monday outlining if your child is going on the trip and what day.

We have left the final letters to the last minute in the hope that some children would be able to make more positive choices and show that they can stop, listen to adults and be safe. We really do want to try to get the children out on trips, however it has to be risk assessed and we have to know we can safely manage the children in an unfamiliar, large environment. Therefore, if your child receives the letter to say we are unable to go at this time, we will be providing outdoor activities in the school grounds so they can still show co-operation and team building skills. The decisions have been made based on safety. There will be further days at Borwick in the Spring Term.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Can parents / carers continue to keep up to date with keeping your child safe online. We continue to have a high number of children who are actively engaged in gaming at home. However, we are aware that they are accessing games that are not age appropriate.

<https://www.steppingstones.lancs.sch.uk/keeping-your-child-safe-online/>



Reading at Home

We will be drawing the reading raffle on Friday. There are lots of children who have been actively reading at home or on the taxis and there is lots of sharing texts across school.

We will have a new reading theme for November ☺

Prize 1 = Family Just Eat Voucher. Prize 2 = £10 Book Voucher Prize 3 – Choice of Book / Magazine



ClassDojo

Communication with teachers via the app

We use class dojo to send a quick message at the end of the school day instead of having a home school diary. However, we have a number of parents / carers that are not checking the app.

Teachers only have the app on their school lpad and therefore they will only respond during working hours. We are aware that class dojo will be putting in place an out of office reply in place in November.

School Closes for Half Term on Friday 21st October 2022

We re-open and return to school on Monday 31st October 2022

Please remember that we are here to support and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)

Thank you,

Mrs. Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones School