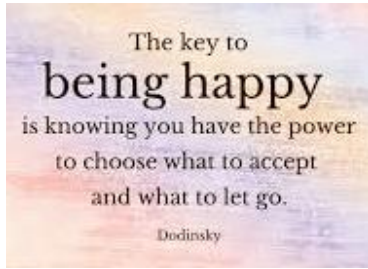




The Value of the week is Happiness.



We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and as a school we will be discussing Happiness and what this can both look like and feel like to each of us.



We will be discussing with the children how *"Happiness is not a thing that happens to us, but rather a thing that we create for ourselves through our mindset, how we relate with our problems and how we generally see the world."*

We had some lovely, thoughtful nominations from home last week too. Remember we love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home! Listen out for examples where your child has been feeling happy and what they were doing.



Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination which will be read out and celebrated at daily Meeting.

Finally, Can-do Colin was out and about over the weekend and we can't wait to hear about all of his adventures – please do remember to send in some photos of his exploits with your child on Class Dojo. Thank you - we really do value your input from home 😊

During "Work Wednesday" Whole School Meeting last week, it was the turn of **Darwin House** to celebrate examples of their learning:

Learning Highlights



Archie was proud to share his spelling learning from last week – he had been studying the -al/ -el/ -le endings. This is not easy as they all sound the same, but use different vowels! Wonderful focus Archie! 😊

Andrew and Finley proudly shared a **video report** on their learning in Science about how sound reaches our ears. It was delivered very professionally and everyone was most impressed! Fabulous Andrew and Finley 😊

It's a busy week this week.....



The classes are celebrating Diwali on Monday afternoon – each class are focussing on a different aspect of the Hindu festival. Look out for lots of photos on Class Dojo!

During PSHE and English this week, the children will be studying why we have National anti-bullying week. It is treated with great respect and importance in schools – everyone has the right to be safe and have every opportunity to learn and make good progress, without having to negotiate a bullying relationship.

It is a major aspect within 2 of our British Values: **Mutual Respect and Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**; for all of us to be accepting and to celebrate the diversity within our communities.

Examples of their learning will be celebrated in school and on class dojo.



The school have worked together on a whole school project for Remembrance Sunday. There have been some very thoughtful discussions surrounding this, with some children commenting on: "...during the war the children must've been very scared..." "the poppy represents Flanders fields, we must never forget".



This is just a small sample of the art work the children have also been involved with for Remembrance Day this year – poppies from Hazel and Maple Class; and the whole school mosaic, to be displayed in school.



Friday 17th November



For **Children in Need** we will be fundraising for the Charity. To help this very worthy charity, we are asking for a minimum donation of £1 please, if your child would like to come in to school on Friday in Non-Uniform or in Pudsey related clothing. (the usual rules around no hoodies or football shirts still apply).

Key reminders:

Class Dojo



Our main form of communication with home is via Class Dojo. This is a free app where you can link to the school.

We share learning, newsletters, positive experiences and communicate key messages through this system.

Please ensure you are signed up. New sign in details can be sent home to parents who are not on the APP.

Behaviour and Safety



Our three school rules are:

- Be respectful
- Be Safe
- Complete your learning / tasks to a good standard

Please can you encourage and praise your child at home for working hard. Our school is focused on building positive relationships with the children to provide safety, consistency and trust. We have a firm, fair, friendly and focused approach. All staff have the same expectations, so children know boundaries.

It has been another very settled week in school, with many of our children working so hard to get along and support one another; to focus on their learning; and to take time-in in the right way to help them manage any wobbly situations.

We would like to share a “quote of the week” from one of our 6 year olds:

“I’ve made a mistake, but it’s Ok I will try it again!”

How fantastic! It was a fabulous whole school meeting nomination and everyone was very proud of him! 😊

Thank you for your continued support. The children continue to build positive relationships in class teams; and are busy making new pupils feel welcome! Thank you for mirroring our ethos and values at home.

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

Miss Meacham and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School

