



# AUTUMN TERM (2)



6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

WEEK 2

## The Values of the week are Tolerance and Kindness.

One of the most important things we can do to raise a tolerant child is talk about what tolerance is, and model it ourselves. *'Tolerance is most needed when we don't agree with someone, or when they are different from us. It's about learning to discuss things and argue with people without getting angry or upset.'* Explains Rhian Seller, co-founder of the Learn2Think Foundation, which organises the UN International Day for Tolerance in primary schools.



We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and as a school we will be discussing what we think we should tolerate and whether there are things we **never** have to tolerate.

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 is showing tolerance; or have been able to discuss and challenge a situation at home where perhaps someone hasn't been very tolerant!



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 😊

TOLERANCE	
DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Tolerance is the acceptance and understanding of differences, whether they be in beliefs, opinions, practices, or identities. It's an open-mindedness that refrains from prejudice and judgment, valuing the diverse tapestry of humanity. Tolerance does not necessarily mean agreement with varied perspectives but respects the right of others to hold them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Diverse Workplaces:</b> Encouraging a variety of cultural, ethnic, and gender perspectives in the workplace, fostering inclusivity and innovation.</li> <li><b>Respecting Lifestyle Choices:</b> Understanding and accepting people's decisions about personal matters like diet, clothing, or relationships, even if they differ from one's own.</li> </ul>

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

### Learning Highlights



**Jayden** was proud to share his history learning on hieroglyphics – he discussed how he had drawn and painted his name – fabulous Jayden! 😊

**Evie** proudly shared an interactive poster she had created for Oak Class, for their learning on Space. The poster explained the phases of the moon - Amazing Evie! 😊

**Ellie** was so proud to share some of her English learning where she had created a detailed opening for a fantasy story. Wonderful Ellie! 😊

**Nico** was eager to share some of his maths learning this week; he had also focused well on the challenge, where he had to correct Miss Hunter's mistake, amazing Nico! 😊

**Upcoming events**

We will be sending further information nearer the time for each of these events in school during **November**.

For Children in Need we will be fundraising for the Charity.

Each Class will be celebrating an aspect of Diwali; and Remembrance Day will be taught in each class through English and PSHE sessions. The school will also be creating a creative piece of art altogether.

Anti-bullying week will have an important presence in school. This is taken very seriously and is a natural aspect of British Values. The children will be focusing on this during their PSHE lessons.

### 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.

**Overall it was a settled return to school last week and it was fabulous to see children taking time-in respectfully; thinking before they spoke (last week's value); and working hard to complete their learning to a good standard.**

## Attendance matters!

Percentage	Lessons Missed Each Year	Days Missed
95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 180 lessons

## Attendance and Booking Holidays during Term Time

Attendance data is carefully monitored at Stepping Stones, and all children need to be in school unless they are unwell.

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and every child should be in school every day the school is open unless they have an unavoidable reason to be absent. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

*"Government research shows a direct link between attendance and attainment and good attenders also make better progress socially, learn to work with others, and are better prepared for the transition to secondary school and, eventually, higher education, training and employment".*

If you are booking holidays during term time, please be mindful that these will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. **Any child on a dual placement e.g. still on roll at mainstream school should have the holiday request authorised by their mainstream school.**

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



*To cut off and keep.....*

## Christmas Carol Concert Afternoon and Christmas Raffle 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

All parents are invited to join the children this year in our Christmas Carol concert at Stepping Stones.

Further details nearer the time.

Thank you.

