



Thank you to everyone who nominated a child for a 'Care in the Community' award, and an even bigger thank you to all the children for doing so many great things. We will have our celebration assembly next week and I will provide you with more details of some of the amazing things our children do to help others.

I am sure all Year 1 and 2 children and parents will be excited to hear that the new climbing frame will be finished next week. I'll be honest - I'm pretty excited about it! It looks amazing and I'm sure the children will love it.

On Monday we celebrated World Mental Health Day. We all came dressed in yellow and other bright colours to raise awareness of good mental health and wellbeing and to reiterate that nobody is alone in their mental health. We took part in various activities throughout the week to support our mental health including mindfulness and random acts of kindness. We considered the different ways we can support our own and others mental health using the 5 ways to wellbeing: connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give. We considered the power of positive self-talk and made positive affirmation cards that we enjoyed sharing with our friends.



## Science

This week in science, Year 3 have been learning about how soil is formed. They went out into the KS1 playground to examine the soil in the flower beds and to look for particles of rock, decayed leaves and insects and worms. Year 5 have been learning about reversible and irreversible reactions. They mixed bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to create an irreversible reaction.



## Reception

In Reception this week we have had lots of fun exploring music and dance. We created our own dances linked to feelings using The Zones of Regulation. We chose green to create a happy dance, yellow to create a dance full of excitement and red to create an angry dance!





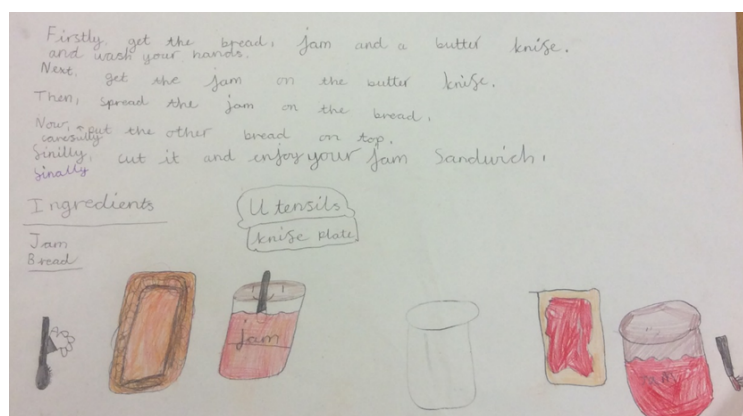
## Repeating Patterns

In Maths this week, we have been exploring repeating patterns. The children have been copying, continuing and creating their own patterns, using a variety of materials. They particularly enjoyed using a variety of natural objects to design their own patterns! We were really impressed with their ability to identify mistakes in repeating patterns and correct these too!



## Year 3

As part of their English work on instructions, Year 3 worked collaboratively with their partner to give precise instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. First, we decided which ingredients and utensils we needed. We then gave precise instructions including time conjunctions, adverbs and imperative verbs. The sandwiches were delicious too - fantastic work Year 3!



## Year 5

As part of their history work on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, Year 5 took a trip to Weaver Hall Museum and Workhouse in Northwich. They demonstrated excellent collaboration and curiosity as they used their investigative skills in an enquiry based Archaeology session. The children 'excavated' the burial of a warrior and worked out what the artefacts tell us about the warrior's life and death. They met Olaf, a Viking trader and learned about his travels, precious goods sold and home life. Hearing his tales of Viking adventure, raids and their struggles with Anglo-Saxon people kept the children hooked and they especially enjoyed taking on the roles of Vikings themselves. Using weapons and wearing heavy armour they made an impressive shield wall, "I was surprised by how organised their shield walls were" said one child. What an unforgettable experience!



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 took part in an interactive safety workshop. The Greater Manchester Fire Service visited our school to discuss some important guidance and support around keeping safe at this particular time of year. After a discussion around their profession and skills that are required to be effective, the children had an opportunity to talk about how to stay safe and respectful at Halloween and bonfire/firework events. The children asked some very thoughtful questions and were able to reflect on how their actions can impact others. Some children even got to dress up as a firefighter themselves! Well done, Year 6.





## Star of the Week



Our 'stars' this week enjoyed drinks and biscuits whilst talking about their achievements this week. They were incredibly proud of themselves and talked confidently about the learning behaviours they had shown this week and how they had helped them to do their best learning. It was also lovely to hear examples of how they had shown our school values of Care, Aspire and Achieve with lots of examples linking to our 'Care in the Community' awards.

Well done to all of our stars!

## Important Dates

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- Donations for our 'New and Nearly new' event **Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October**
- 'New and Nearly New' event on **Friday 21st October from 8:45 onwards in the junior hall**
- Black History Month - **Friday 21st October**
- School breaks up for half term on **Friday 21st October**
- School reopens on Tuesday 1st November
- Parents evenings Wednesday 9th November 3.15pm to 6.00pm
- Parents evening Thursday 10th November 3.15pm to 7.30pm
- Stockport Academy Christmas Market - Saturday 26th November 11am - 2pm