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Leading by Example



Dear William Morris Families,

We are excited to share with you the first **Leading by Example** newsletter, brought to you by your Head Boy and Girl team.

Allow us to formally introduce ourselves:

Freddie
Head Boy



Athisaya
Head Girl



Zaniyah
Deputy Head Boy



Abigail
Deputy Head Girl



We have had an incredible start to our leadership journey here at William Morris and wanted to share with you all what we have achieved so far.

In November 2024, we proudly represented William Morris Primary School at the **Remembrance Day** event which took place in Mitcham. We were invited to lay a poppy wreath as a sign of remembrance of all those who have lost their lives to conflict since the First World War. We joined local politicians, church leaders, veterans and other local schools to mark this occasion.



We launched our brand-new **Helping Box** this term. The purpose of the Helping Box is for children to be able to have their say in what happens in our school. Children can provide suggestions and feedback on anything from themed lunches to class projects to trips that they would like to go on. We also decided that we wanted our Helping Box to be used as a way to celebrate the effort that children and staff put into our school. We included a 'compliments' section where children can leave compliments to other children or staff around the school, which we then deliver each week. We have received some wonderful messages and have really enjoyed sharing these with children and staff.



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We re-launched Yummies again this term with the aim of providing children with healthy snack options three times a week. We opted for fruit-based snacks this term as an alternative to popcorn and crackers and this has been really successful.

One of our favourite times each week is when we get to hear the Year 1 children read. It has been amazing to see the progress that they are making in their reading and to see their phonics 'in action.' We have loved being part of this activity and look forward to seeing how much the children can accomplish. We are so proud of you all!



"Reading is dreaming with open eyes."
- Unknown



Pizza Party Attendance Initiative

We met with Mrs Bull early in the autumn term to look at the running of our Pizza Party attendance initiative. This initiative which was introduced by the previous Head Boy and Girl team and has been hugely successful and we have seen our attendance on a Friday, and overall, improve dramatically. Well done to the following classes who have enjoyed a Pizza Party this term to celebrate their excellent attendance.

Week ending	William Morris
Friday 13 th September	Presley
Friday 20 th September	Attenborough
Friday 27 th September 2024	Potter
Friday 4 th October 2024	Potter
Friday 11 th October 2024	Mozart
Friday 18 th October 2024	Beckham
Friday 24 th October 2024	Monet
Thursday 7 th November	Mozart
Friday 15 th November 2024	Attenborough
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Gates
Friday 29 th November 2024	Monet
Friday 6 th December 2024	Attenborough

When Mrs Bull first announced that we would be narrating the Key Stage 1 performance of the 'Cosmopolitan Christmas' we were a little nervous about learning all of those lines and standing up to share them in front of an audience. We worked hard with Mrs Bull and Mrs Zacharias (and practised hard at home too) to learn our lines and deliver them confidently. We had a fantastic time performing with the younger children in their performance on Thursday 12th December and are so very proud of all that they achieved – they sang and danced so beautifully! A very big thank you to the cabin crew (teachers) for their help in ensuring that our journey through Europe this Christmas was so successful.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, children and families at William Morris for making our first term as aspiring leaders so incredible. From our William Morris family to yours, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Freddie, Athisaya, Zaniyah and Abigail



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