

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half-term break.

We had a tremendous end to the half-term, with our plentiful 'Gather to Give' table and High Tea. Thanks to our BeDifferent Federation, we managed to donate 843.6kg of food, which is enough to provide our community with a 1000 meals. Wimbledon Foodbank have been in contact with us to thank us for such overwhelming generosity so a BIG THANK YOU is extended from me to you all.



### **Pupil Achievement Review Day**

This Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November welcomes PAR Day, where you will be informed of how well your child/ren have settled into their new class/year group and what he/she has achieved so far. Do support our Perfectly **PATTERNED** MacMillan theme and come dressed in your best 'patterned' clothing and purchase a plate of cakes in support of our fundraiser. Looking forward to seeing you and please remember that we are inviting one parent per family this time.

### **Celebrating Christmas DIFFERENTLY**

As part of our ongoing focus to support the mental health and wellbeing of our whole school community, this Christmas we would like to continue to prioritise the importance of self-care.



On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** we will have a whole school MUFTI Day for gifts which encourage an element of self-care for either an adult or child. These donations will be used to create luxury self-care hampers which can be won as part of our whole school Christmas raffle.

#### **What sort of gifts could you donate?**

Ideas for gifts to include in a self-care hamper for children	Ideas for gifts to include in a self-care hamper for adults
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• books</li> <li>• games</li> <li>• puzzles</li> <li>• soft toys</li> <li>• stationery (pens, pencils, gel pens, paints)</li> <li>• crafting or colouring books / activities</li> <li>• children's toiletries and bath toys</li> <li>• games or activities which encourage children to be outdoors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• books</li> <li>• candles</li> <li>• sleep / pillow mists</li> <li>• snuggly socks or hot water bottle</li> <li>• giftware which displays positive quotes (mugs, coasters, quote cards)</li> <li>• stationery</li> <li>• toiletries (bubble bath, bath salts or oils, sponge, loafer or exfoliating kits, hand wash or creams, body creams, eye, face, feet or body masks, soap)</li> </ul>



### **Strength lies in Differences workshops for families**

This half-term we will be welcoming families from Years 1 and 2 to take part in a workshop that will support our Being Different and Equal philosophy. This philosophy summarises the fact that each child is uniquely different, every child matters and that we celebrate differences whatever race they may be. As a group of staff we have asked ourselves some uncomfortable questions and confronted some uncomfortable truths to support our confidence in being able to discuss issues of race and racism with each other. We are creating an environment where the children we teach have the right responses and attitudes when it comes to racial/cultural difference.



We would like to share our reviewed History curriculum with you, which is more reflective of our society and the world at large. We want to ensure that the teaching of History is not solely through a Eurocentric lens. If you would like to see our reviewed History curriculum, please do check our BeDifferent curriculum website page. A workshop invite will be with you very soon.

### **A reviewed lunchtime menu**

The Head Boy/Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Girl team from across the Federation have reviewed some of the options on the lunchtime menu, based on some of the feedback had from the children so far. They were keen to replace ice cream with slightly more 'winter like' options to include sponges, jam roly poly, shepherd's pie and vegetable burritos and have included a delicious version of the BeDifferent Rocky Road. The complete three weekly menu is included on our website so please do encourage your child to have one.

### **Homework jigsaw for Years 1-6**

Children in Years 1-6 will receive this half-term's homework jigsaw to work through by the end of this week. The deadline for the submission of some of the homework pieces is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

### **Spellathon 100%ers**

Well done to all of the children in Key Stage 2 who worked so hard to learn all of the spellings selected for them. Please do check the website to see which children have earned themselves a place in the summer term's BeDifferent final. In the meantime, please continue to learn those spellings, as you will all be tested again in the spring term. You still have a chance to be included in the grand final too.

### **Acting Head of School**

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Akhtar for embracing the role of Acting Head of School these last six months. It has been a real pleasure working with her so closely and I know that she is now really looking forward to leading the provision and practices in the Early Years.

This half-term welcomes the return of Mrs Davies who will resume her leadership of Inclusion, whilst also taking the role of Acting Head of School until the start of the spring term 2022.

Exciting times for leadership at William Morris Primary School.

### **Whilst we remember...**

Our Head and Deputy Head Boy/Girl team will be selling poppies this week and next so please do provide your child with a few coins so that they can purchase a poppy to wear.

I do hope that you all have a fabulous week and we will see you very soon on one of our PAR Days.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bull

