



# Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Tuesday, November 22nd 2021

### Gold Book Term

Last week we presented our Gold Book to

**Meadow: Flora**

**Woodland: Seth**

**Ocean: Iris**

**Mountains: Willa**

**Well done!**

### Anti-Bullying Week 2021

Last week was our annual 'Anti-Bullying Week' and we spent the week thinking hard about how to make sure that we all feel safe and included at Great Rollright School.

On Monday, we joined in the national initiative to wear odd socks to school to celebrate how we are all different and special.

The children in The Meadow began their week with a 'One kind word' conga in their odd socks around the classroom and the outdoor area. The short animation, 'For the birds' and the Topsy and Tim story about bullying led to lots of class discussions about what bullying looks and feels like as well as what children can do if they ever feel they are being bullied. The children made friendship cards for each other and one of the activities was to put themselves together as one big jigsaw puzzle to celebrate their own uniqueness but, at the same time realise, they are all connected.

The Woodland Class watched the NSPCC assembly and had a "circle time" chat about what bullying means, how it isn't acceptable behaviour and what everyone thought good behaviour was. The children heard the story "The Odd Dog Out" which celebrates differences and being kind and then they designed their own "odd socks". They also used scenario cards to discuss the choices people make and saw how our choices have a lot of power that can affect other people. They made some kindness challenge cards, which are displayed around the room. Each day they plan to give themselves a different kindness challenge to use their powers to help others and themselves to feel better.

The Ocean Class discussed how quickly unkind words can spread, explored bullying scenarios and how best to respond and then wrote advice to victims of bullying.

The Mountains Class talked about bullying, completed some activities and discussed the '5 key kindness' questions: Am I kind to myself? Am I kind to others? Are people kind to me? Do I understand when people are kind to me? Do I help people who are being bullied?

The week finished with 'Children in Need day' which the School Council decided should be a non-uniform day. Everyone donated £1.00 to come to school wearing non-uniform clothes which is always greatly enjoyed!

### Picture News

This week's discussion is all around designing safe parks and playgrounds.

### Buy a Christmas tree from Warwickshire Tree Farm and they will donate 10% of the value of your tree to Great Rollright School!

Buy a fresh locally grown tree while fundraising for the school – find out more at <https://www.warwickshirechristmastrees.co.uk/>

Offer available to parents, family members and teachers from local schools. Please be sure to mention Great Rollright when you buy.

### **The Great Rollright 'Bake-Off'**

The School Council came up with the wonderful idea of holding a school Bake-Off as a way to raise money for charity and give the children the chance to enjoy competing in a school cookery competition. On Friday 19th November, we held a cookie sale and lots of children brought in cookies, which they had baked at home, to sell and help us to raise the money to buy four very special Unicef advent calendars for our classrooms.

Some of the children wanted to enter their cookies in Round One of the Bake-Off competition and these cookies were judged by the staff separately before being added to the sale.

There were an amazing amount of entries and it was almost impossible to judge!

In the end, four children were selected from The Ocean Class and four children were selected from The Mountains Class. These children will now compete in 'Bake-Off - The Final' - which is being held after school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Well done to everyone who entered the competition - your cookies were amazing.

Also a huge thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to bake and donate cookies for the sale. With your help, we raised the £100 we needed to support Unicef in sending vital resources across the world this Christmas. The children will now have the joy of finding out exactly how their contribution has been spent by opening their special class advent calendars every day throughout December.

### **Nut Free School**

A reminder that Great Rollright is a nut free school and **no nut products of any kind** should be sent in with your child. We have several children with us that have severe and potentially life threatening allergies to nuts and we maintain very careful checks on all food items.

Please be aware of this when you prepare packed lunches and birthday treats as many, many items may contain nuts. Many thanks.

### **Friends - Creating Fun and Social times whilst fundraising**

#### **Rollright Christmas Market**

**Saturday 4th December, 4-7.30pm**

WE NEED YOU !

We are looking for **8 volunteers** to help at the Christmas market. Would you be able to offer 1 hour between 4 and 7pm to help on the bar. Please get in touch via Whatsapp or email [greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com](mailto:greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com)

#### **Christmas Wreath Workshop - SOLD OUT!!**

**Friday 10th December**

What a great response to our event. We can take names for the waiting list of if anyone would like to attend with short notice.

Those attending will be sent more details shortly.

#### **BINGO**

**Friday 19th November**

**Friday 17th December**

The next event is on Friday 19th November followed by a Christmas special on Friday 17th December. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down for 7.30pm. (usually finished by 9.15pm) All families and ages are welcome. Cash prizes to be won and money raised for our school!

**Friends Committee meeting:** Tuesday 18th January 2022.

## School Office

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the RSC trip with their consent and payment – the deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup> which unbelievably, is next week. If you have any questions about the trip or need some additional time to pay please contact the school office.

A general plea to **regularly visit your Parent Mail account** if your child is using bus club, clubs, school dinners etc and to then make payment in the same month. There are many overdue accounts which need your attention please. Thank you.

## Diary

Meadow and Woodland Nativity performances – Dec 7<sup>th</sup> p.m. /Dec 8<sup>th</sup> a.m./ Dec 9<sup>th</sup> a.m.

Thursday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Bake Off

Weds Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas lunch

Thurs Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Whole school to RSC Stratford-Upon-Avon

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Term ends at 1.15p.m.

## Value for this week

Our Christian Value for this week is TRUTHFULNESS