



Different Points of View

Our Friends Against Bullying (FAB) team held workshops in classes across the school this month focusing on resolving disagreements. The children agreed that many problems in the playground arise from misunderstandings and that we sometimes forget that other people have a different point of view about a situation.

Diversity Day this month focused on:

1. *learning to listen to different points of view*
2. *learning to voice our own point of view in a helpful way that doesn't lead to arguments*

The children practiced discussing their feelings about situations and raising concerns based on their feelings rather than based on what someone else has done wrong. We are extremely proud of the FAB team for leading these workshops and also proud of the way all the children engaged and contributed to the workshops.

My point of view is not the only point of view.

It's not about who is right and wrong, it is just about seeing the same thing differently.

Stone Age Day



When McMillan House, where the year 3 classes have previously visited for Stone Age workshops, sadly closed this year, the Year 3 team were determined that the children would have an authentic Stone Age experience and worked with Mrs. Rutherford to ensure they got it! The fantastic immersion day took place where we host Forest Schools in Southwark Park. The children were lucky enough to forage for materials, make a Stone Age shelter, light a fire and make bread. "I had never made a fire before so that was really fun. I was the best at foraging!" explained Lacey-Mae. "I very much enjoyed making fire from cotton wool" explained Henry.

Nativity



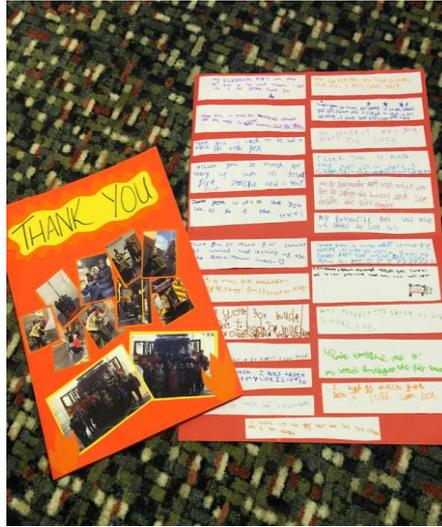
A huge well done to the children in Year 2 who performed a fabulous nativity this month. The children told the Christmas story with a modern touch. We were hugely impressed that the children learned their lines, spoke confidently on stage and delivered convincing performances. Well done too to Year 1 who contributed with their great singing.

Fire Station Visit

Year 2 spent the day visiting Dockhead Fire Station as part of their fire topic.

They were welcomed by a team of firefighters who explained all about the equipment they use and the things they do. The children found out about how to keep themselves safe from fire. They were lucky enough to sit on the truck and use the hose.

The children wrote a card to the firefighters to say thank you and how much they enjoyed the day.



ESOL Classes

ESOL classes will begin again in the New Year.

They will begin on Thursday 17th January at 2pm.

There will be a crèche available for little ones.



Attendance

We are pleased to say that 175 orange wrist bands have been given out this half term for 100% attendance. That is nearly half of the children in the school!

Robin class were first place with 15 children earning an orange wristband.

Thank you to all of the families for making appointments out of school time and returning children to school after appointments.



Carol Concert



The Carol Concert this year was a fantastic show of singing from all the year groups across the school. The children sang enthusiastically and enjoyed having the opportunity to share their performances. Thank you to all the families who joined us at City Hope Church.

The choir had their debut performance at the concert and sang two songs wonderfully. Well done!

Thankyou!

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support and cooperation this term. The foodbank at City Hope Church have also asked us to pass on their thanks for all of your invaluable contributions. Together we donated over 100kg of food, which will be an incredible help to people in our local community.

We wish you all a restful break, a happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 8th January for the new term.