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Welcome to the beginning of another new term. It has been a positive start with lots of joy filled learning across the school.

Our week started with an assembly to learn about 'Earth Day' which happened during the Easter break. Following an opportunity to listen and discuss, children across the school agreed that we all have a responsibility to look after our planet. Each class has made a pledge as part of our MPA 'safe, **respectful**, learning' community.



The following day we came together in person for the first time in two years to hold our music and singing assembly as a whole school. Miss Troughton and Ms Campbell King led a fantastic session in the hall with children listening and discussing a piece of music before warming up their vocal chords to learn a new song. Although we have continued holding our assemblies over TEAMS, this assembly was really special and enjoyed by everyone. We will continue to learn and practise different songs and rhymes in preparation for our summer showcase performance.

If you would like to know more about what your child is learning at school, look at the knowledge organisers we send home with each unit of learning. Together with your child you can read and discuss the new vocabulary, knowledge and skills being taught.

Jenny Harvey Principal



We welcome to our MPA Team Caryl Rundle, who will be a Teaching Assistant across the school. Next month Natalie Hodgson, our Family Support Worker will also join our Team.

THIS TERM IN PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH EDUCATION (PSHE) THE FOCUS IS 'RELATIONSHIPS'



Healthy relationships are crucial to living a happy life, and that includes positive peer relationships, safe online interactions, relationships with different adults in school and at home and those with our local community. This sequence of learning will help students understand the value of friendship and family. It will also teach them conflict resolution and communication skills to help when navigating through the adult world.

Learning is progressive and age appropriate from reception to Year 6. This unit teaches children the essential building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships. We believe that children should learn about relationships as well as the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, human sexuality and sexual health in an age-appropriate way.



In our phase assemblies, children have been learning more about Ramadan and why it is an important time of year for our Muslim families. Mrs Alam, Miss Ali and some of our children have helped us learn and understand about their family traditions during the month of Ramadan. There is a special festival to mark the end of Ramadan. This is called Eid al-Fitr - the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast. This will take place next week and begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky.

EID MUBARAK TO ALL OUR MUSLIM FAMILIES CELEBRATING!

SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION IN TERM 6

As part of the School's Relationship, Health and Sex Education (RHSE) programme in term 6 your child will receive lessons on Sex and Relationships Education (SRE).

Our aim is that all children grow into confident and healthy adults able to make positive choices, based on love and respect.

The 'Changing Me' unit will provide the SRE teaching for all year groups. Key stage two will cover self-image, puberty and body changes, reproduction, and transition to secondary school (Yr 6).

We are offering you an opportunity to meet in school at **2.45pm on Wednesday 18th May** to discuss and preview the curriculum and answer any questions you may have.



CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WITH US!

Our School Council met this week to discuss how we can celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Wednesday 25th May. They are very keen that the whole MPA community join in! They have taken their ideas back to their classes to share and discuss so look out for more information shortly!

CHILDREN'S LEARNING IN CLASS (C.L.I.C.)

Parents/Carers are invited to come into school and see their child's learning in class in Term 5 on:

Years 1 & 2: Tuesday 17th May 8.45-9.15am

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Thursday 19th May 8.45-9.15am

You are welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards and meet Natalie Hodgson, our new Family Support Officer

STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

Families with children 0-3 years are invited to our 'Stay & Play' session run by Friends of Minerva every Tuesday from 8.45am-10.00am during term time.

Entrance through studio door in main playground.



YEAR 1- WE ARE ATHLETES

How fast are your reactions? This week Year 1 have been testing if they can catch a ball dropped by their friend after just one bounce. Lots of brilliant resilience, teamwork and perseverance skills on show!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 17th May 8.45am – 9.15am:

Years 1 & 2 parents invited into class

Wednesday 18th May 2.45-3.15pm:

Parents invited to Sex & Relationship education meeting.

Thursday 19th May 8.45am – 9.15am:

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents invited into class.

Wednesday 25th May 2.45-3.45pm:

MPA community Jubilee celebration

Friday 27th May:

Last day of Term 5 for pupils

Monday 6th June:

First day of term 6 for pupils

Wednesday 29th June:

Sports day for Preschool & Reception classes (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 30th June:

Sports day for Years 1-6 (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 20th July:

Summer Showcase performance.

Friday 8th July:

INSET day -school closed for pupils

Thursday 21st July:

Last day of term 6 for pupils