

14th October 2022

Dear Parents

Assemblies – On Monday Mrs Roper spoke to the children from Years 2-6 about DLD (Developmental Language Disorder). To find out more about how it affects someone watch this video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwOfkj0dj_0

More information about DLD can be found on the following websites: [DLD and Me](#)

[ICAN](#) and [RADLD](#) Mrs Roper reminded the children that we are all unique and should celebrate our differences, skills and talents with one another and help each other when needed.

On Tuesday Miss Dalton read 'A Friend Like You' by Andrea Schomburg and Barbara Rottgen to the infant children. She says, "After reading the book, we talked about how our friends are there to help and encourage us in many different ways. We spoke about how we can learn from our friends; that we are all different, unique and have our own skills and talents to share. Friends can encourage us to try new and positive things, things that we might not have known or tried before. If we are positive enough to try something new, it might lead to something exciting. We thought of ways in which we could try to be a good friend and what we could teach each other."

On Friday one of our parents, Dr Lorreta Besong came into school for Black History Month; not only a GP but also a published writer! She led two assemblies, one with the infants and one with the juniors. She told the children a bit about her life and how from a young girl she had always dreamt of becoming a doctor. Regardless of the obstacles and problems that she encountered along the way she never lost sight of her dream and through hard work and determination she achieved that dream. She is also a published author and shared one of her books with the children. She encouraged the children to follow their dreams as well. Who knows what they will achieve?! A huge thank you to her for giving her time so freely for these lovely assemblies.

Netball – The Year 6 team played against Merryhills and Eversley Primary schools on Monday. The won both matches; 17:3 ad 24:2. Many congratulations to our team who played so skilfully and a big thank you to Mrs Moruzzi and Mrs Hoey for leading them to victory!

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 19th October 9.15am Music assembly for children in Year 4** who play a musical instrument. If they want to play at this, they need to audition with Ms Phillips on Monday or Tuesday – details are on GoogleClassroom

- **Thursday 20th 7pm & repeated Friday 21st Oct 9.15am – Literacy meeting for Reception parents.** A link will be sent next week so you can book a place.

- **Friday 21st – Show racism the red card** – Children are invited to wear something red on this day as an outward sign to show everyone we will not tolerate racism.

- **Friday 21st October 3.15pm** – break up for half term

- **Monday 31st October – school is closed for a teacher training day**

- **Tuesday 1st November – school open as usual**

I look forward to seeing lots of you later at the quiz tonight.
Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher