



Life in all its Fullness

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This term's value is **Courage** which
is an **Emerald Power**



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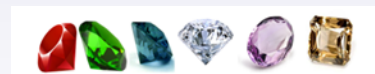
Newsletter

Autumn is well and truly upon us! Please ensure children have sensible shoes and raincoats in school so they can still enjoy outdoor areas as much as possible.

Children who have shown 'Life in all its Fullness'

Well done to the following children:

Gem Powers

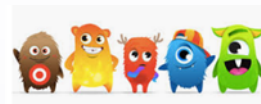


Children who showed our school values in their gem powers this week:

Barnaby Packer, Lottie Sibbald-Evans, Emmie Smyth-Tyrrell, Tabitha Franks, Dexter Morgan, Finley Wellstead, Alex Peacey, Willow Demmon, Keavie Winsor-Watkins, Flossie Normasell, Ailsa Cole, Cooper Smith

Sports Super Heroes

Henry Burns, Rudy McGarvey, Stevie Watling, Bradley Kobylarz, Nyesha Jenkins, Millie Clarke, Rafferty Whitney, Martha Pockett, Rupert Cooke & a massive well done to all of Year 6 for their effort and perseverance on residential last week.



Dojo Certificate

Reece Roberts, Lemonie Fluester, Sotiris Kyriacou, Charlotte Gould, Michael O'Hara, Clover Knowlson, Rowan Mapp, Ruby Brown

Houses

The house with the most Dojo points this week is: **Tyndale**

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Year 2** and **Year 5** who have earned extra play.

ABSENCE REPORTING

Please can parents ensure that if your child is going to be absent from school, for whatever reason, that you let school know by 8:50am, **AT THE LATEST**. Absence can be reported by telephone, emailing the school admin email or messaging Teachers on Class Dojo. However, letting the office know directly is always preferable.

If your child has not been reported absent by 8:50, Mrs Arkle will be sending texts home asking parents to contact the office as a matter of priority.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 10th October to take individual and sibling pictures. Please can parents ensure that Children come to school wearing school uniform, including jumpers and NOT wearing PE kit!

If you have younger children who are not at school and would like them to have a picture taken with their siblings, school will be open from 8:00am for parents to bring children in to have their photos taken. The photographer will be based in the school hall.

PARKING CONCERNS

Unfortunately we need to bring this topic to the attention of parents again. We are very aware that the parking at school is far from ideal with it often being very busy and Parents can struggle to find parking at drop off and finish. However, there was an incident last week where an ambulance was obstructed by the dangerous parking of some parents. This inevitably caused a delay in a patient receiving potentially life-saving care. May we ask again that parents park considerately, sensibly, and legally to ensure that we are not faced with this issue again. Please make sure that you are not parking on the zig-zag lines to the right of school or in the entrance to Elm Lodge.



Unfortunately due to the fact Hopton Road is a public highway and not a private school car park, we have limited influence regarding how the road/parking is policed. So, we rely hugely on parents making the decision to park sensibly and safely. Please keep your Child's safety in the forefront of your thoughts when choosing where to park your vehicle.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Calling you to our Harvest Service on Sunday, 9th October at 9:30am

Rev Fiona is asking for your help. Would you come to our Harvest Service and teach us 'Beautiful World'? And bring some supplies for the Food Bank too?

Hope you can help and bless the Church with your singing.



RECEPTION 2023 OPEN MORNING

We are holding an open morning for children and prospective parents of children who will be starting Reception in September 2023 on Tuesday 11th October, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Parents do not need to book to attend, simply arrive anytime between 9.30 and 11.30!

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO PGL LIDDINGTON

Last week, 29 Year 6 children travelled to Swindon to develop their resilience, confidence and independence on our residential trip to PGL. We were so proud of every child. All children showed impeccable behaviour, great courage and all children came home with a story to tell.

Inspired by this, back in school, the children were tasked with some writing.

They had five choices:

- To write a letter of thanks
- To write a narrative called 'The Lost'
- To write a recount
- To write a setting description describing what they could see/hear/smell outside their bedroom window.

Here are just a few examples.

A letter to PGL by Holly Bidwell

Dear PGL leaders,

I am writing a letter to say thank you for helping me push myself to do activities I struggled to do. Thank you for making me smile and teaching me to complete the challenges. It was an amazing experience for everyone.

All the food was amazing especially the triple chocolate muffin. My favourite activity was the big swing because it went really high and you were just floating in your harness. I also liked the sensory trail because, whilst blindfolded, I thought we were heading into a cave- how wrong was I! My favourite group leader was Ewan and my favourite leader was Charlie.

I have learnt that I can canoe and use a lot of teamwork to turn a boat, and help other people with activities that they struggle to do. I will take back to school my courage. Courage to do my best when I feel like giving up.

When I go back to school and a year 5 is worried I'd say, "You get to try new things and you're all secure in the activity with a harness." This should hopefully make them more confident.

Thank you for all your help and it is a memory I will never forget. The people were pretty unforgettable too!

From Holly.



The Locked Door by Molly Bottger

I climbed aboard the coach, heading for PGL residential. Through the anxiousness, there was a glimmer of excitement bubbling inside me.

An hour later, were at Liddington! Walking, hauling our suitcases, we stumbled tiredly into the main building. I checked my tag again. 'Molly Bottger. Room: WO9.'. Excitement took over as me and my friends rushed down the narrow corridor, right until the end of it. Finally, Room WO9, home for the next five days. I reached out to open the door...locked. What?! No, how is it locked? The teachers checked outside. Blinds closed, yet rustling. Window also locked. I put my ear to the door. Scraping, scratching, growling, hissing. I was puzzled. This could not be happening!

At residential, you went abseiling, did trapeze, put on millions of harnesses... yet the first step was unpacking, going into your room... but wait! Spare keys! I babbled at the teachers:

"Spare keys! Get the spare keys," breathing heavily, wide eyed.

"Ok, ok, calm down.." they replied, and strode down the corridor. Phew. Problem solved

The teachers returned, with spare keys! The door opened with a satisfying CLICK... nothing. Nothing, no-one in the room? Weird, I thought. Oh well! We rushed into the room, relieved.

"Thank goodness we are in here now, eh guys?" I laughed in the way that people do after they're scared. No answer.

"Guys?..." I was more concerned now. Looking around the bunk-beds, no-one was there. I heard a ghostly, unsettling wind. I turned around. Something was rushing towards me. I screamed as the darkness enveloped me, and I blacked out...



The Story of the Missing Sweets by Jack Carpenter

As we arrived at PGL, we were shown to our rooms so we could put our bags down and get used to the area. Soon after, it was time to go to our first activity (mine was abseiling). It was cold and wet but it was still extremely fun.

On the way back to the accommodation, I spotted a strange man dressed all in black running from my room! I thought he was just going through the site, so I thought nothing of it

When I got back in my room, something just wasn't right. I started looking around my room- checking everything carefully. Then I saw it. My sweets were gone! I couldn't believe it. GONE!

The next day, we ambled sleepily to breakfast and headed back to our rooms to get ready for the day. My roommates helped me look for my sweets: we knocked on doors and asked if anyone had seen anything, we looked outside and even in the bin. Suddenly, I had a realisation. I knew what had happened. It was the man, dressed all in black, I saw running from my room. I ran down the hall like a complete maniac chasing the man past the lake, through the field and up the abseiling tower. He was cornered. I had caught him. With anger in his eyes, he handed me my sweets and I let him go.

That was the story of the lost sweets.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10th Oct

Tuesday 11th Oct

Thursday 13th Oct

Monday 17th Oct

Thursday 20th Oct

Friday 21st Oct

Tempest Photography - Individual and Siblings

Reception 2023 Open Morning. 9.30am to 11.30am

Year 5 swimming

Parents' Evening 1

Year 5 last swimming

Year 1 Superhero Day

Parents' Evening 2

END OF TERM 1 FOR CHILDREN

INSET DAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St George's Church Café

After the success of their summer pop up café, St George's Church is running a café, every Thursday from 10-12!

