



The Hayfield Herald

Being Green



We hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend. With the cold weather it's hard to believe that this time last year we were having a heatwave in the first lockdown. We are now hopeful that by being careful we can keep returning more things to normal over the summer. Following on from our amazing Earth Day we have continued with our thoughts on the environment and how we can keep improving the world around us.

Year 6 have been very excited this week to receive replies from local MP Philip Hollobone. As part of their study of the fabulous book 'Here We Are – Notes for Living on Planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers the children wrote to Mr Hollobone with their concerns about the local environment and what they feel we should do to protect it. Mr Hollobone sent each child a personalised reply and responded to what each one had included in their letters. I was also really pleased this week to receive an email from Yuvi in Y6 about his concerns for our environment and ideas for what we can do as a school to improve it. Great work Yuvi!

We are currently developing a new 'Prayer Garden' next to the Chapel which will be a lovely peaceful place for reflection. The Spiritual Ambassadors are busy today 'planting' prayers around the garden and we will be adding some lovely information on prayer, a cross and new seating in the Chapel to make this a tranquil area for children who want to spend time in reflection.

As part of our school's efforts to reduce our impact on the environment, Hayfield Cross will be taking part in a 'Walk to School Week' challenge. During the week commencing 17th May we are encouraging as many of you as possible to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school. We really hope as a school that we can contribute to the Government's target of reducing carbon emissions by 40% before 2030 and this is a great start! Children will be awarded daily stickers for their contributions which will earn them a badge at the end of the week. Class teachers will also be taking daily totals so we can record our school's impact throughout the challenge.

Last week we had a lovely virtual assembly sent to us by Helen Tilney at St. Bots. As part of our work on sharing our vision narrative (Joshua 1:9) Helen told the story of Joshua which was shared cross the school. Our 'Be Brave' narrative is reflected across our whole school in both our curriculum and in encouraging the children to be brave, try hard and persevere when things get tough. It's important to us that our vision is shared and 'lived' by everyone in our school, not just something that we have on the website. We will regularly revisit the story of Joshua so that the children know and understand the meaning of it and are inspired to always be strong, brave and have faith!

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*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go³ (Joshua 1:9)*

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