



The Hayfield Herald

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



This week we have been really pleased to support the 5 Day Walking Challenge in encouraging people to walk to school (or scoot or bike!). Despite the dubious weather we've been having it has been amazing to see so many of you taking a healthy route to school. There definitely seems to have been less traffic as well this week which is great for the environment. Well done to everyone who has taken part and hopefully it has encouraged you to walk more often. If you aren't able to walk to school, we would still encourage you to 'park and stride' or make sure you go for walks in your local area in the evenings and after school. It's not only good for the environment but it's great for your health too.

In the post lockdown world of schools, we are working very hard on 'catch-up' learning. Our mornings are very intensive with Spellings, English and Maths and we are really pleased with the progress the children are making. It is wonderful to walk through the school and see the amazing work they are doing. Recently we have been enriching the curriculum in the afternoons and through collective worship with a range of events and awareness activities.

Two weeks ago on Friday we had 'Number Day'. This was a day focused on maths and problem solving across the whole school. There was a range of different activities and great to see the children enjoying maths in many different ways.

Last week nationally was Mental Health Awareness Week. This has impacted on many people's lives, especially after the last year, and it is important that we understand and are able to support others who may be struggling. In school in PSHE the children looked at different aspects of well-being appropriate to their age and understanding.

It was also Coeliac Awareness Week last week as well. Lower Key Stage 2 looked at what this means and how it affects different people. It is surprising how common this actually is and how many people it affects, including children and adults in our school community. If you would like to know more about what being a coeliac means then please have a look at: <https://www.coeliac.org.uk/get-involved/shine-a-light/>

Mrs Bellamy has asked us to pass on the thanks from the Foodbank, your weekly donations are amazing and making a real difference to those who need them. Thank you!

On our yearly plan the last week in Term 5 should be a charity week but we are very conscious that many families have suffered financially with the impact of the pandemic. Because of this we have decided that our week will be a Charity Awareness Week instead. The children will be learning about different charities (KS1 – Local, LKS2 – National, UKS2 – International) and raising their awareness of the things that these charities do. We are not raising money this time but hope that it will inspire the children to learn more about charities and the important role these organisations play in supporting many people and hopefully get involved in the future.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

*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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