



## Newsletter: Friday 16th March 2018

### Message from the Headteacher

Last Friday I received an award on behalf of the school for our 'rapid and sustainable progress,' from Inclusion Expert, a consultancy we have been working with this year! See below for photo and further details.

The year 5 children have enjoyed their residential week at PGL, experiencing a variety of activities from raft building to abseiling! Take a look at the website for all the photos and thank you to all the staff who looked after the children during the trip. The children who stayed in school enjoyed forest schools sessions with Mrs Simpson in our woodland walk and the outdoor environment.

Also this week, children from year 3 and 4 took part in the Swindon junior music festival, performing at the Wyvern Theatre to a packed audience. Thank you to Ms Parsons for taking the children and learning all the songs with them!

Cherry class took delivery of their chicks this week to support their learning about Spring! All the teachers from our local partnership schools also met to moderate and compare our writing teacher assessment judgements. We have concluded the week with an opportunity for parents of our SEND children to enjoy a coffee morning and meet our new SENCo, Mrs Smith, who will be joining the school after Easter.

Please see details below of our sport relief week next week. We have received a very special message from Greg Whyte to wish all the Swindon schools good luck with their relay challenge on Thursday! Mrs Smedley and I will be starting the week with a 10k run alongside other staff from Swindon schools please donate what you can!

**Our Core Value in Term 4 is "Honesty"**

**The assembly value is "Generosity"**

### Inclusion Expert

'Inclusion Expert' have supported over 1000 schools across the country and we were one of four schools to receive the award for outstanding progress in our work with vulnerable pupils. The Swindon project has been funded by the Swindon Virtual School for Looked after children and we have benefitted from a range of support, training and resources to support our school improvement. One of the Inclusion Expert partners, Daniel Sobel, has just launched his book 'Narrowing the Attainment Gap' and Sonja Joseph (Headteacher of the Virtual School) are also pictured in the photo.



### Sports Relief

During week beginning 19th March Swindon headteachers have organised a variety of events to raise money for Sport Relief:

Monday 19th March: Mrs Sammon and Mrs Smedley will be running 10k alongside other Swindon schools' staff leaving from Westlea Primary school.

9.30am Thursday 22nd March: Some of our children will be joining other local schools on a relay during the morning. A group of six children will be jogging to Orchid Vale to pass on the baton after we have welcomed runners from Abbey Meads with a class skipping session.

Another group will be visiting the County Ground to run a mile with other children from around the town during the afternoon.

Bridlewood/Catherine Wayte/Abbey Meads/Orchid Vale staff will be playing in netball matches after school at Catherine Wayte.

Friday 23rd March: Children are invited to wear their sports' kit to school.

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile charity, you can do so through our link <https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/Bridlewood>.



Please see a supportive message from the two Gregs.

This link will also be available on the website shortly.



### Bridlewood Running Festival

We will be holding our Running Festival on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. All children will take part and complete as many laps of our running circuit as possible for their team. The winning house will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday.

To take part in the running festival children must ensure they have correct footwear in school, this event will take place on the running track and through the woodland walk. Children may wear their team's coloured t-shirt for the day with their school uniform. When it is their turn to take part, they will change into PE kit; either tracksuits or shorts may be worn. Please ensure your child brings a drinks bottle.



### House points this week

Crocodiles: 146



Dragons: 170



Lizards: 183



Turtles: 171



Well done :Lizards

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Diary Dates

- 19th Mar**      **Head teacher Sports Relief Run**
- 20th Mar**      **Spelling Bee at Bradon Forest**
- 21st Mar**      **House running event**
- 22nd Mar**      **Yr3/4 Tag Rugby event**
- 22nd Mar**      **Swindon schools sport relief mile**
- 22nd Mar**      **Sports relief cluster relay**
- 23rd Mar**      **Wear sports kit to school**
- 29th Mar**      **PTA cake sale—Birch class**
- 29th Mar**      **School finishes at 1.30pm**
- 16th Apr**      **Term 5 starts**
- 23rd Apr**      **PTA St George's Day themed cake sale-Whole school**



Forest School Activities

The children who didn't go to PGL had fun with Mrs Simpson. Many thanks to Swindon Borough Council for providing logs for seating in our woodland area.

