

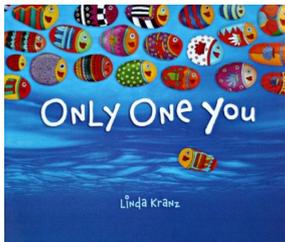


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FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you



Dear Families,
At Fishbourne Primary School our vision is based on a beautiful children's picture book, a copy of which is in each of your homes. It's there for you to enjoy as a regular reminder of our vision for the children who we are privileged to serve at Fishbourne Primary:

'There is only one you in this great big world... make it a better place'

We share a collective belief that: **'Education should be about broadening minds, enriching communities and advancing civilisations. Ultimately it is about leaving the world a better place than we found it.'** We live and breathe our vision and beliefs in all that we do at Fishbourne and we proudly aim to live it out in all our actions. In all we do, we aim to make the world a better place and our children do wonderful things to make this happen. This academic year, already, we have:



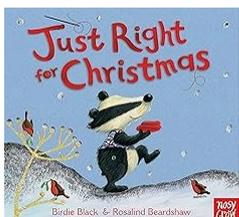
Raised £1100 for Hospice UK—we had a strong start to the year with our wonderful staff team coming together as CREW to climb to the height of Mount Everest on the South Downs. A herculean effort from the team saw us raising over £1000 for Hospice UK in memory of Anna and Jen.

Invited our local community into school to enjoy a Christmas tea party—a much loved tradition introduced eight years ago to our youngest children at Fishbourne who host members of our local community for an afternoon of singing, smiling and a lot of cake! This is a powerful opportunity for our youngest children to see their impact and spend time with our neighbours, volunteers and other Fishbourne residents. We are looking forward to this next week!

Donated half the proceeds of the brilliant Scarecrow Trail to St Wilfrid's Hospice— Friends of Fishbourne School organised the Scarecrow Trail again this year and make the world a better place by donating half of the proceeds to a local charity: this year, St Wilf's who do such important work in our local community.



Sponsored Run—following their geography learning experience, Shark class organised a sponsored run for a Toilet Twinning charity, raising an extraordinary sum of £558. The enthusiasm for this event was wonderful to see and we felt so supported by families who enabled the children to see the impact their efforts could have by generously supporting the raising of funds!



Christmas Presents were designed and made by the whole school with the target audience of a very special recipient who they identified at the start of their learning experience. Their hard work set out to make the world a better place using their knowledge of their very special person to design a gift that would be 'just right for Christmas!'.

Carol Singing— Next Tuesday our Cheetah class will be using their talents to make the world a better place for the residents of local care homes by singing their hearts out and sprinkling some Christmas cheer to residents.

Lions Club Christmas Shoe Box appeal— lots of families supported this great charity appeal in the lead up to Christmas and our Fishbourne boxes joined thousands of shoe boxes from around Chichester to make a journey out to Eastern Europe where they will be enjoyed by families this Christmas time.



A cake sale organised by one of our Croc class following the Philippines cyclones—We were really thrilled that one of our Crocodiles made a stand during CREW and called upon her classmates to help her to make the world a better place for cyclone victims in the Philippines. Following her stand, Olivia called on her classmates to help by baking and contributing to the cake sale. She raised nearly £200.

World Mental Health Day was marked by one of our staff CREW who organised this special, surprise treat for all the adults in school. The thought and care that went into this had a positive impact on the wellbeing of all our staff and the children were intrigued to share in the way in which staff are supporting one another in our school community. Our children love that all the staff take part in their own CREW meeting every Wednesday afternoon during singing assembly!



The Great South Run—a large group of children and their families took part in this event to raise funds for Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association. It's lovely to see families getting together outside of school to make the world a better place to be and see the ripple...

Final Straw—Another fundraiser, this time from Crocs Class who bounced round the Daily Mile Running Track saw them raising £327.95 for local charity, The Final Straw. This was in response to learning about their local coastline and hearing about the challenges faced to the wildlife as a result of the plastic pollution. The charity will be visiting school in the spring term to receive a cheque and share more with our children about the important work they do.



Lucy and Leo took part in a triathlon to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease Association, a charity that is really important to their family. We were so proud to see them taking part with all their cousins and setting out to make the world a better place. They raised over £5000 for the MND—what an incredible achievement.



We are passionate about making children's learning irresistible by hooking them into their learning with a range of carefully planned experiences beyond the classroom and by welcoming visitors to share their knowledge and expertise. At Fishbourne, we call this a HOOK. Since September, with the support of our families, we have already enabled the following:

Sea Horses, Pufferfish and Sharks:

Been to the theatre to see the Three Little Pigs. Welcomed guests to their community tea party.

Chameleons:

Spent the day at Butser Ancient Farm to hook them into their learning about the Stone Age. Been to the theatre to see A Boy Called Christmas. Welcomed visits from an archeologist, an artist and a fossil hunter!

Cheetahs:

Visited the Roman Palace for their history learning experience. Spent time at the harbour sketching as part of their study of landscapes and seascapes. Been to the theatre to see A Boy Called Christmas.

Crocodiles:

Spent two days on residential at CYE. Travelled to Chertsey Museum to be hooked into their learning about Ancient Greece. Worked alongside Chichester Harbour Conservancy to learn about climate change in Chichester Harbour. Visited New Park Cinema to watch a film in French to support their language development with Mdm Gifford.

Hippos:

Spent a week on residential at Fairthorne YMCA. Visited Chichester Harbour conservancy to support a learning experience about Habitats. Attended New Park Cinema for a special viewing experience to hook them into learning.



Isn't it amazing to hear about all the incredible opportunities the children have had, not only to enrich their own learning but also to make the world a better place for those around them. While it is challenging to 'measure' the impact of these experiences through a statistic, we know that the impact that they have is on our children's hearts and minds... and that this takes

them well beyond the national curriculum into something much more exciting, authentic and memorable. This is how we live our vision and values.



Barney continues his incredible work as part of our Fishy family! He makes our world a better place to be every single day with his calm nature and ability to tune into our needs. He is spending more time in the Lighthouse now which brings lots of joy. The Lighthouse has made a huge difference to many of our children in school and we look forward to sharing with you more about this provision in our next newsletter.



CREW

We are delighted with the early feedback we have had about the introduction of CREW at Fishbourne Primary. Years 6, 2, 3 and 5 are now all aboard and will be coming back in January to a full CREW curriculum. Our Y6 and Y2 CREWs will be starting a block called 'The Power of Words' and Y3 and Y5 will start a block called 'Who is in our CREW?' Year 1 and 4 will be joining in too as of January when they will be deliberately practising some of the key components of CREW. This precious time set aside each day is providing the children with opportunities to connect and reflect together a group. Early feedback has included:

**One of our Year 6 children said that Crew is like a 'mental breakfast'. Other children have said 'Crew helps me see the world through someone else's lens' and 'It's a space where I feel I can be myself.'*

**Parents value CREW, with a parent of a child facing emotional barriers to attending school saying: 'CREW is providing a great start to the day and allowing children to share thoughts and ideas in a safe space... it reflects how caring the school is.'*

**Staff report that CREW is resulting in the strengthening of relationships, ongoing assessments of children's wellbeing and needs, provides essential opportunities to connect.*

**External reviewers observed CREW and said that the sessions gave staff a powerful insight into what is on children's minds and that those who did struggle to articulate their feelings were exceptionally well supported by their peers.*

In CREW, we use high quality picture books to provide valuable windows and mirrors into the lives of others and to help us reflect on our own. Here's a small taste of some of the books we have looked at already:



It was lovely to welcome some of you to Cuppa and Chat recently to share this exciting new part of our school day with you. We will look for more opportunities to share this with families in the new year and have some plans up our sleeve to introduce Cuppa and Crew for families! Watch this space for news about this in the new year.

Crew is a spirit, a way of being. It's a safe place where we become one, yet grow as individuals. To be "Crew" means to help each other, to be accountable for your own actions and take responsibility for everyone's wellbeing around you. Crew means everybody pulling together, thinking together and supporting each other to do things bigger and better than we thought possible.

Crew is a place where character development, collaboration and positive relationships are intentional, assuring success for all our school family. It's a structure that fosters a sense of belonging and a place where we can be our best selves while lifting others to achieve more than we think possible. Crew enables us to nurture effective learners, ethical people and contribute to making the world a better place to be.

Our culture of Crew begins with adults who live out the school's vision and values, creating structures that intentionally sustain these attributes.

It is such a privilege to see our vision being lived out in our actions. The staff team who work at Fishbourne are incredibly special because they live and breathe our vision in all they do. They believe in the power of connection and they support our little fish to be the best they can possibly be by championing them. As we come to the end of a very busy, jam-packed term, it's time to say THANK YOU to each and every one of our them who pull together and support one another to do things bigger and better than we thought possible.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January!
Fishbourne CE Primary School.

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