

We have had a very busy week this week that started with the school planting a tree with a gardener from Stowe. Isla, our head girl, wrote a piece that will be featured in the Syresham Times this month all about it:

'On Monday afternoon, members of Syresham School gathered with people from the village at the corner of Bradbery Close. We were joined by two members from the Stowe Gardens National Trust to plant a Braeburn apple tree as part of The Blossom project, which is a national project. The apple tree was planted by our 'Head Boy', 'Head Girl' and their Reception class buddies. The school are looking forward to seeing the tree grow and change throughout the seasons and years. They are also looking forward to the Autumn harvest, when they hope they will get the opportunity to taste the apples that they have been watching grow!'

The children were also told about the Festival of Blossom taking place at Stowe Gardens this year and have a leaflet in their school bags with more information.

On Wednesday I took the Year 3 and 4 tag rugby team to the County Schools Final at Kettering Rugby Club. This team had previously won both the cluster and district events to secure themselves a place in the final. Out of 244 primary schools in Northamptonshire, Syresham played with the last 13 who had made it through to this final, with many of the primaries being larger town schools. The children played 7 games across the day and found themselves 4th in the pool stages and finishing a respectable 7th place overall. I am so proud of how the children worked to prepare for the competition and for how they performed on the day. They continued to try their best, work as a team, and have fun; although they were very tired at the end of the day! A big thank you to Mrs Drake, Mr Trofimov and Mrs Gregory for helping with transport and staying to help look after the children at all 3 competitions.

The children have enjoyed 'National Football Week' with the help of Mr Clarke, Mr Richards and Mrs Keytes. They have taken part in football fun at breaktimes and had a Q&A with the football mentors about professions in and around the sport of football. Thank you to Mrs Keytes, our sports coordinator for organising!

This week has also been Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was 'your voice matters' with the children learning about Article 12 and the right for all children to have an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously. In Worship we discussed the importance of teamwork and that for their voices to be heard, often working together will help their end goal. Sharing stories about children such as Ryan Hickman who at the age of 7, started Ryan's Recycling. What started out as collecting cans and bottles from his neighbours as recycling has risen to over 50 customers and over 200,000 bottles and cans. His reason - "It's because bottles get to the ocean and then animals get sick and die." Or Jaylen, after being diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome, Asperger's and OCD, he found that the anxiety he suffered as result of the bullying worsened the symptoms of his disabilities. This led him to start the Jaylen Challenge Foundation, which has educated more than 100,000 children on recognizing bullying behaviour and understanding each other's differences. Though our curriculum, school council and school activities we encourage all of our children to share their views and opinions, however weeks like this help to remind us just how important our children's voices are!

Please remember it is parents evening next week. Staff will be sending dates and times back to by the end of the day.

We had our termly Governors meeting last night and have found ourselves in the position of having a vacancy for a parent Governor. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please come and see me.

Finally, I have been asked to share the information about West Northants council inviting opinion on the proposed walking and cycle routes in the area, which include linking Syresham to both Brackley and

Silverstone. There is an online survey, which if completed will help support Syresham to get better access to surrounding areas. Please follow the link below. <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-proposed-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plans>

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Clough

FOSS Newsletter

DISCO - Thursday 15th February

"School DISCO" on **Thursday 15th February** at 5.30pm – 7pm in school. Please return slips by Monday 12th February.

Open to Reception to Year 6 children. £4 per ticket.

There will be Tuck N' Tat, Hot dogs, Bar and face paints.

Save the Date – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 29th March @ Syresham Pocket Park.... Further details to follow soon.

6 Nations Predictions Competition

We are excited to say that we had 72 entries for the competition this year, which is fantastic and means that £310 has been raised to go towards sports equipment/activities/coaching in the school.

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

Nursery: Primrose

Reception: Isobel

Year 1&2: Imogen, Oscar

Year 3&4: Keely, Zac

Year 5&6: Lily-Ann

Values: Generosity –

Presentation -

