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Our school vision is: LIFE in all its fullness - now and in the future.
John 10.10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

10th February 2023

Dear Parents,



It has been a fun and exciting week, with both Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Day. Mrs Lee started the week with an assembly about the theme of *Let's Connect* and we talked about how our relationships with others help us to have good mental health.

On Tuesday, Class 3 and 4 took part in an online internet safety assembly and Mrs Thomas led a school assembly about keeping safe online. The children have been learning in class about how to maintain good mental health whilst being online and on their devices.

We really enjoyed seeing children at school today dressing to express themselves!



Safeguarding

We had a number of children who were dropped off and left by themselves this morning before tennis club - which is a safeguarding concern. Please

remain with your child and supervise them until the club starts at 8am so that they are safe.



Healthy Lunches

As a healthy school, we encourage healthy lunch boxes and snacks for all children. Sweets and chocolate are not allowed at snack or lunchtime, except for a chocolate biscuit bar such as a club. Birthday sweets are allowed as a one-off to share with your child's class. Many thanks for your support in keeping

our school's Healthy Schools Award.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone for attending parent's evening this week. We always find speaking with you a valuable experience and hope you find it the same. Remember that you are welcome to come and speak with your child's class teacher or look at their work at any time, just send them a message on dojo to make an appointment.

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for your support of the book fair. Thanks to your purchases, we have been able to add these books to our school and class libraries!



Foodbank Visit

Some year 6 children visited the Foodbank this week. They were invited to go as they had donated their Enterprise profits from last year to it.



The Foodbank

The Foodbank was truly amazing; there were tonnes of food, boxes filled to the brim with generous donations from the kind-hearted people that live in the local area, and extremely helpful volunteers.

The most donated item in the month of January was baked beans. There are 130 volunteers in Braintree who generously give up their time for the Foodbank.

Two of the workers that were there at the time were sorting out canned goods by date and type: baked beans, tinned tomatoes and tinned fruit.

There have been 72 tonnes of items (which is the weight of one and a half of a large Tesco's delivery lorry) given to 7408 people in the district since April 2022. The Foodbank counts the amount of food they have had to donate to families from April to



April and this year has been by far the most given. This shows the impact inflation has had on families.

There were four types of food boxes that you could get, there were AF (family of four or five), BF (which was a family of 3), S (which is for a single parent) and X (which is a couple with no children). The delivery van they own goes to different local food stores -or known as shops- such as Tesco's, Sainsbury's, Lidl, Asda and M&S. Some of the foods that had been donated had originally been opened, tried, not liked and donated.

We were informed that there are many branches connecting to that Foodbank in Braintree. There is one in Great Notley, Witham, Halsted and two in Braintree.



Written by Joshua C and Joshua T

Congratulations to the children who received certificates in celebration assembly this week



Class One:

Stanley - for sharing his amazing general knowledge about animals with us all

Class Two:

Myah - for a super effort with your spelling, writing and maths! Great work!

Scarlett - for fabulous work at home and being such a superstar!

Class Three:

Joey - for improved focus and wonderful enthusiastic participation

Martha - for making huge progress in all areas of learning and working so hard

Class Four:

Willow - for her outstanding leaflet on promoting positive mental health

Oliver - for his much-improved home reading



Luca was awarded player of the match last Sunday

Diary dates for next week:

Monday 20 th February:	Football Club 3:15pm
Tuesday 21 st February:	Book Club 3:15pm Mrs Davidson in - music lessons Shrove Tuesday - pancake race
Wednesday 22 nd February:	Netball Club 3:15pm Dance Club 3:15pm Mr Timms in - music lessons Ash Wednesday service in church 2pm - parents welcome
Thursday 23 rd February:	Karate 3:15pm
Friday 24 th February:	Tennis Club 8am
Have a wonderful week,	

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