



John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today I am reflecting and swinging between both thinking this half term has gone quickly and then how it seems a long time since the summer! As I led a parent tour for potential new intakes then I was so proud to see the children well settled in their new classes. Years One and Two have demonstrated real resilience when moving into classes with both new adults and children. Our EYFS and new nursery children have adapted brilliantly to school routines and it feels like they have always been here!

Thank you for all your harvest donations – Braintree Foodbank have collected today and were thrilled with the amount they could take away. Well done to the EYFS classes who sang so bravely to their grown ups yesterday – I snuck into the back of all the performances and they were all fabulous.

The children have really enjoyed 'Break the Rules Day'. Our Golden Book assembly had a wide variety of coloured hair, glitter tattoos and outfits! All money raised will go into the PTA funds and be used throughout the year in school.

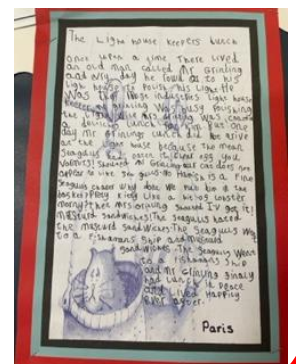
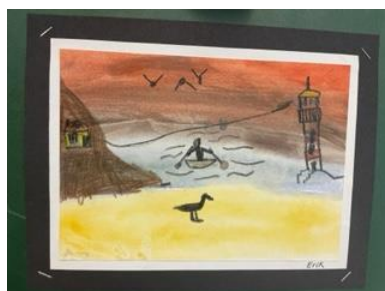


Within school we have a brand new focus on our learning environments and in particular our displays. We are using a muted colour pallett with more natural resources in the classroom to encourage a calmer settled environment. Topic displays for this half term are absolutely stunning and I have been blown away the quality of the work on show. The children have been

so proud to have their work chosen. The handwriting and art work in each year group is fantastic.



I have to share this piece of artwork by Erik in Kestrels class and writing by Paris in Robins class. What stars!



I have spoken to all the children in assembly about continuing to consider our school rules during the break and that I hope to hear lots of examples of how they try to 'be safe, be kind and be responsible'.

Have a relaxing and restful break, hopefully the weather will improve!

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Mrs Christian
Headteacher

