



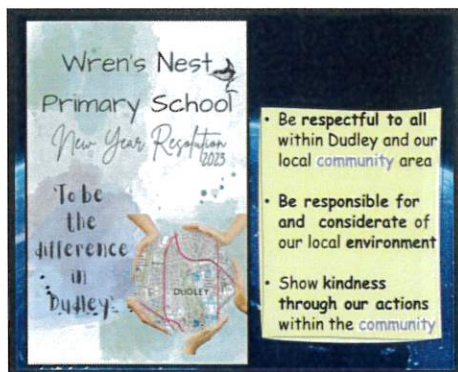
News from the Nest

4th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

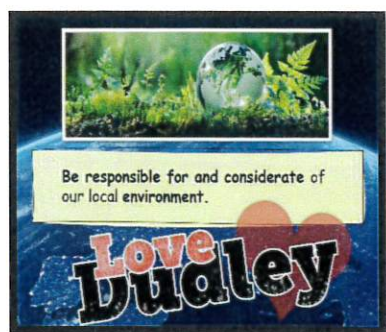
I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and have had a good start to 2023 and I hope too that you all had many joyful moments and made some special memories that can be cherished with families and friends.

As you are aware, each year, all the staff and children at school make a "Wren's Nest New Year's resolution." We build on this resolution during the course of the year through assemblies and in lessons. This year our resolution will help our children to deepen their knowledge within their education about the world in which they live and the difference people can make in their community through small acts of kindness, respect and care for their environment. This starts within the local community and can have a big impact on the wider world. This year, we would like Wren's Nest Primary School and it's community to be noticed for doing good things that help others and better our world - by standing out in the crowd and promoting kindness to others that makes our world a better place - starting right here in Dudley - our local area community. Our New Year's resolution for 2023 is to: **"Be the difference in Dudley."**

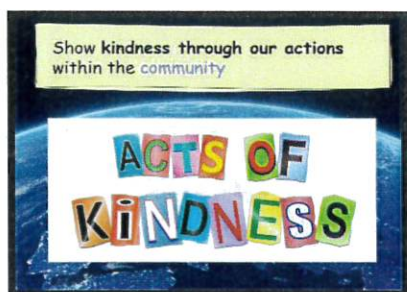


Yesterday in our assembly, I talked to the children about 'Being the difference in Dudley' - what it meant, and the importance of it for us here at Wren's Nest. We discussed what a **community** is, what **making a difference** means and what it looks like in action. We also discussed the significant impact of people who have championed change in our history and our modern day world and the effect this has had upon the world in which we live. We looked at examples of this, such as the work of Marcus Rashford and raising awareness of food poverty on a national scale, but also the wonderful work of the Black Country Food Bank being carried out within our local

community, including Dudley. This then promoted conversation about people wanting to make a difference in the world by doing good things - starting locally.



We then looked at what we could do as a school, as well as in the home, to make a difference in Dudley, however small our action. We discussed ideas such as remembering the importance of treating others the way you wish to be treated, despite the differences we may have, as well as maintaining respect for others, animals and our environment, the importance of looking after our local environment by always recycling food packaging and waste, reducing litter in our community as well as looking at ways we can reduce the amount of electricity and heat we use in school, including the importance of not being wasteful.



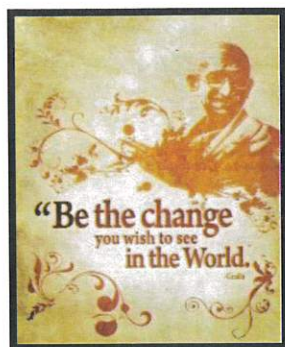
We also looked at the importance of kindness in our communities and wider world - what it meant and what we can do to show this to others. Examples of this included opening the door for someone, saying 'Thank you', letting someone go in front of you in a queue or giving old clothes to a charity shop.

ALL of our discussion highlighted the simple things we can do to be the change and make a difference in Dudley first. I went on to share with the children something called the 'ripple' effect and talked about the various communities we belong to starting with our school community. I explained to the children that we belong to our school community, the Wren's Nest community, the Dudley community, English community, a British community and ultimately, the International community.



By doing something for good within the local community - school, Wren's Nest and Dudley, just like when a stone is dropped into water - the ripples do not go unnoticed. Sometimes we may feel like there isn't any point in doing anything different for good in the world because it won't be noticed or make a difference - but it does and it will. That is why it is called the 'ripple effect' - every one doing their little bit to make a big impact in the world - for us, this year, starting with Dudley - our home town.

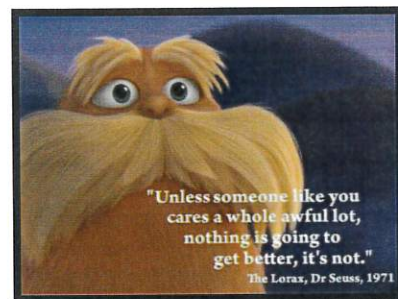
To find out more, you can revisit and talk about this assembly with your child by visiting the school website and looking for this icon.



Already, from conversations following the assembly, I have been very impressed with the children's knowledge of this subject and their enthusiasm and willingness to make small changes within their local community, Dudley, in order to help our wider world.

Over the coming year we will help the children, through lessons, assemblies and our pledge to make a difference in Dudley, to develop a deeper understanding of what we can do,

however small, to be the change we want to see in the world for our future generations.



Our Pupil Parliament will continue to debate and discuss ideas shared by children across the school, and they will then share these ideas and thoughts with you as the families of the wider school community.

We would love you to help us achieve our New Year's resolution. Look out for regular updates on how you can help your child/ren in the home, as well as in school to 'Be the difference in Dudley.'

Here's to making a difference in 2023!

As always, take care,

Mrs Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

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Holiday Dates



Half Term:

Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February.
Children return to school after Half Term on Monday 27th February 2023.

Easter Holidays:

Break up from school on Friday 31st March 2023.

Teacher Training Day: School will be closed to children on Monday 23rd January 2023.

Parents' Evening:

Advance notice:

Parents' Evening will continue to be held over two evenings with an appointment system being operated on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th March - Y1, 2, 3, Rainbow Room and Sunflowers.

Wednesday 8th March - Y4, 5, 6, Pumas, Shooting Stars and The Pod.

Your class teacher will provide you with an appointment slip.

Early Years - staff will talk to you about your appointment times.

Had a new phone for Christmas?

If you do have a new mobile phone number, please remember to let the school office have your new contact number. Thank you.



New adult training courses starting this term!



Look out for a letter that Mrs Cadman will be sending informing parents of a range of courses that are starting at Wren's Nest. We are extremely proud of the high quality training and opportunities that we offer to our parents and members of the local community. Come and join us!

Advance Notice!

Additional Bank Holiday for the Coronation of the King
Monday 8th May 2023

Key Stage 2 SATs week:

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

Year 4 Multiplication tests:

Week beginning 5th June 2023
(3 week period)

Key Stage 1 assessments:

Two week period beginning 9th May 2023

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week:

Week beginning 5th June 2023

Christmas Grand Draw!

Thank you for all of your support with this. We, as a school community, raised £1100! How amazing! This money will be spent on books to support the promotion of reading and a love of books here at Wren's Nest.

Snow!



Hopefully, we have had our share of cold, icy weather this Winter! However, January and February are the two months when statistically we are most likely to get snow. At Wren's Nest, we always do our best to ensure school can stay open, providing we can do it safely for our children, families and staff.

If we ever have to close due to heavy snow (and we do try to stay open if it is safe to do so) we will post a notice on the front page of our school website:

www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

and



We will also post on our Twitter Page:
<https://twitter.com/wrens-nest-school>

Any closure would also be announced as part of the local radio snow-line school closure news.



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Y6 SAT National tests

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May 2023

All Y6 **MUST** be in school during this week - please do not book holidays during this time.

Thank you.