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**Weekly outdoor learning
with Woodland Forest
School**

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Message from Mrs Conlan

Kindness Week has led to an even warmer and friendlier than usual feel in school this week. From our odd socks day on Monday where we celebrated difference and our own uniqueness through to assembly where we read, 'Can I join your club?' looking at inclusion and exclusion and into the wide variety of activities the children have taken part in within their classrooms, we have reminded the children of the importance of kindness and equipped them with further skills and understanding to be kind to others. We have also focused on the impact of kindness to both ourselves and others reflecting on well-being and positive mental health, clearly at a level that is appropriate for our children. Kindness Week itself has finished, but the messages from the week will be followed

through every day to ensure we are always kind to other. To support us in this we were delighted to take delivery of a buddy bench today, very kindly purchased by the Friends committee, to introduce to the children on Monday and to support anyone in the playground who is struggling to find a friend to play with or feeling a little sad. Initially the school council will be supporting our use of the buddy bench but next year we hope to have kindness buddies in the playground to take on this role and develop the school councillors role more towards supporting school improvement.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend when they get there and look forward to seeing you all for another busy week next week.

Kindness in Reception

In Reception we noticed that the rabbits' grass had almost disappeared, and they were looking a little hungry, so we worked together to cut up some food for them. We then put all the food into a tray and carried it together out to the rabbit hutch. The children thoroughly enjoyed helping and working as a team.



For Friendship day we helped Goldilocks choose the best porridge to make for Baby Bear to say sorry. There were all different types of flavourings including salt, jam and honey. We decided that Baby Bear would like the jam one best.

Baby Bear was stuck on the other side of the river so we thought of different ways to help him get across. The children kindly made bridges, boats and even zip wires to get him from one side to the other. Great ideas!



Feelings in First Steps

One of our Nursery Rhymes we learnt in First Steps this week was Humpty Dumpty. We talked about how Humpty would have felt when



he fell off the wall and what we might have done to help him. This then prompted a class discussion about what might make us feel a



bit sad and what we might do to make ourselves better. One of the children said he had a sore finger and his mummy kissed it better!

Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who were awarded 'Star of the Week'.

Ladybirds - Vikram
 Butterflies - Alayna
 Rabbits - Emily
 Foxes - Hettie
 Owls - April
 Squirrels - Hugo



Celebration Board

Each week we celebrate a special piece of work in our celebrations assembly.

Congratulations to the following children...

Rabbits - Abigail & Amber
 Foxes - Alexia
 Owls - Oscar
 Squirrels -



Working Together



In Extended Day this week, the children have been so good at sharing all of our new resources. They helped each other to build fabulous marble runs and then enjoyed taking it in turns to place

a marble in and to see which way it went. They also needed each other to do the large scale puzzles and we discussed that two brains are better than one! They found all the corners and straight pieces first and then helped each other to put the middle pieces in.

They were very proud of the finished result.



Helping each other

Squirrels class celebrated 'Odd Socks Day' by proudly



wearing their odd socks which prompted circle time conversations about how we are all different but this is what us special and unique. Here is Maria Lily being a kind friend to Anna and



helping her to open her banana. "I like to help my friends" remarked Maria Lily.

Sharing in RR



Rising Reception have had a very kind week. They have been sharing toys with each other and making sure everyone has somebody to play with. When one of our friends is feeling sad,

there were lots of cuddles given.



Useful contacts



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Message from Main Site

It was lovely to see so many visitors at Open Morning today. As always, the Year 8s were the perfect guides, and very much the stars of the show.

Ian Thorpe

Events Week Commencing 18th November

Lunch Menu Week 1

NURSERY RHYME WEEK

Mon	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
Tues	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
	Am 9.00am	Mr Thorpe on the door Parent rep meeting
Wed		
Thurs		
Fri	5.30-7.00	Y1 movie night

Inspiring young minds