



## Mental health and wellbeing edition! 😊

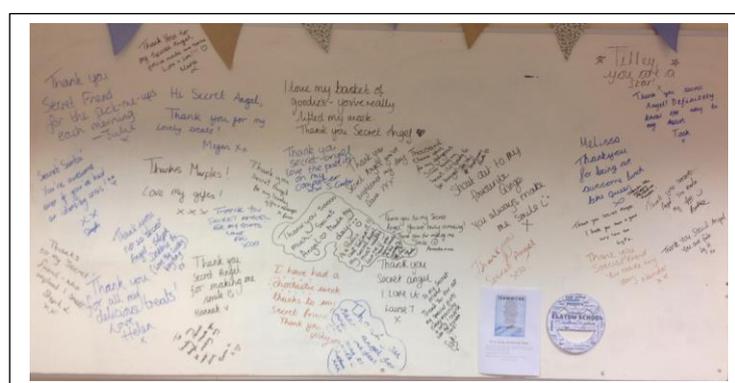
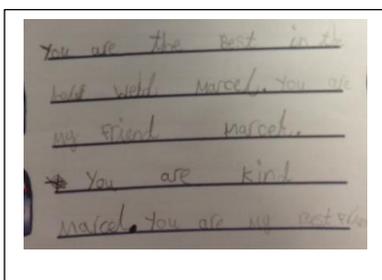
This is the fifth Principal's blog for the week starting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Another really great week – plenty of learning and plenty of celebrating. It's been wonderful looking around the school especially today (Friday) where the teachers are preparing food for children to taste and try. Year 3 Eagles were particularly open minded and were keen to share what they had tried for the first time or liked unexpectedly. Evidence of open mindedness and a desire to have a go!

Squirrels class had a wonderful Roman based assembly for parents and carers where the children showed off their knowledge. I particularly liked the song about telling the time to 5

We have raised well over £250 for CHUMS which I know they will be delighted to receive. Thank you very much.

minutes. It was such fun and so many parents came to celebrate and enjoy it with us. This week Badgers class also surprised me with a Kahoot quiz where I had to answer a number of questions about the human body. It was quite tricky!

This week so many children have come to me to show what they have done that they are proud of – Christa in Otters brought her story planning in for me – such sophisticated language and vocabulary was amazing. I do love it when teachers bring (or send) children to me to show what they can do. Well done Kessini too in Badgers, for narrating some facts about giraffe which were recorded. Fabulous. 😊



Every class has made efforts to praise and support their peers – even the staff have been involved this week – with Secret Angel. Above is a picture of the staff room board – how lovely! I have also seen some great maths in Year 3 and 4 – time telling and bar model graph making – the quality of presentation is super too.

I really enjoyed the Early Years pancake day races in the hall this morning – I watched all the children run, flip pancakes and sing a couple of songs. So many parents came to watch too – a real surprise for the team at just how many of you there were as an audience for the children. They have also been learning about the Chinese new year – just look at the concentration in the pictures below.



Years 5 and 6 are still hard at work – Year 6 with poetry linked to the Three Witches lines in Macbeth. I've seen some lovely writing from year 6, 4 and year 2; all of it scanned in for me to read. It's never a chore when the quality is so high.

The library books are now all scanned into the Junior Librarian computer system and after half term children will have their own library scan code to be able to borrow books to take home. I am also hoping to begin to get a greater range of non-fiction books for the children linked to the knowledge they're learning in class. The topics are all on the curriculum page on the school website. If you can think of a fundraising idea please come to me or Mrs Joanna Jameson and we will work something out so we can begin to buy more books! Equally, if you see some good books linked to topics in charity shops or at car boot sales, please pick them up and donate them. We are so grateful for all the help we are getting and the library is looking so much better now!

### Diary Dates

- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 8.25 Gates open for the second half of the spring term. It's now Eagles Class turn to go swimming on Friday mornings. Please remember their kit.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Chief Constable Jon Boutcher in holding a whole school assembly.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1 – 5pm Football Y5 tournament. Lincroft – (participating children notified)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb KS2 Celebration assembly
- 1 Mar Y6 Ash visit Natural History Museum.
- 2 Mar KSI Celebration assembly  
World Book Day celebration – come dressed as a character from your House author.
- 6 Mar 9am Falcons Class assembly – parents invited  
Parents meetings 3:50 – 5.50pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar Y6 Oak class to Natural History Museum

Parents meetings 3:50 – 7:20pm

9<sup>th</sup> Mar 9am KS2 Celebration Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> Mar Chick eggs arrive in reception! 😊

Have a lovely week. Spring is definitely on its way now!

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