



Friday 14th May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is '**The Big Ask**' – the largest ever consultation held with children.

In this survey, the Children's Commissioner is asking children what they think is important for their future and what is holding them back. The Children's Commissioner will use the results to show the Government what children think and what they need to live happier lives.

There are different surveys for different age groups; there is one for younger children in years R and 1 which they can complete with a parent, and there is a survey for children in years 2-6.

The survey doesn't ask for children's names or addresses and is completely confidential. It is also quick to complete, taking about five minutes.

You can find the survey very easily, just type 'The Big Ask' into Google.

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

Next week, is Walk to School Week

Children will be asked to put their best feet forward and participate in our '**Go the Distance**' campaign, which asks the children competing in a race to try and travel actively all week. Each day, every child who travels actively (walking, scooting or cycling) will be able to place a tick on a wall chart in their class thus helping them to reach the finish line for Friday.



Who will achieve:

Bronze - 3 days active travel

Silver - 4 days active travel

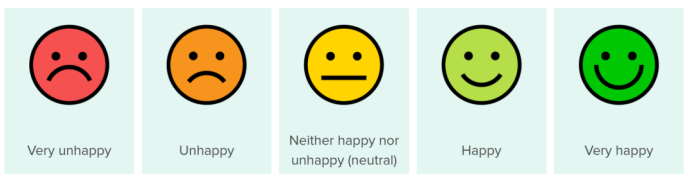
Gold - 5 days active travel



Dame Rachel de Souza

How happy are you with these things in your life now?

My friendships*



Or

I don't know

I don't want to say

Not applicable

Enjoy the weekend everyone, Mrs Newton

A message from Y6 Parent Prom Committee:

Thank you to all our families who supported the Y6 Prom cake stall, either through donating cakes or purchasing cakes. The sale was a great success and we raised £316.

Thank you!



Parent Consultation is on the horizon

Don't forget to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. The booking system will close on **Friday 21st May.**

Provisional Dates for the Diary that will be confirmed closer to the event

Pupil core subject interim reports to come home	21 st May
Virtual Parent Consultation using School Cloud	26 th and 27 th May
Half Term	31 st May to 4 th June
Possible Y6 residential to Bryntysilio	7 th June
End of year assessments in school	14 th to 25 th June
Possible new Reception meeting for parents	23 rd June
Possible new Nursery meeting for parents	24 th June
School Uniform shop on the field	Tuesday 29 th June 11-12:30 Thursday 1 st July 2pm onwards
Possible transition week (meeting new teachers!)	28 th June to 2 nd July
Possible Reception Graduation 2pm	30 th June
Health and Fitness week	5 th July to 9 th July
Sport afternoons (parents hopefully to be invited)	
Tuesday 1:30	EYFS 6 th July
Wednesday 1:30	KS1 7 th July
Thursday 1:45	Y5 and Y6 8 th July
Friday 1:45	Y3 and Y4 9 th July
Y6 Prom	9 th July
Possible Y6 production and presentations	16 th July
Last day for children	20 th July
School reopens to children	Monday 6 th September

We do hope that we will be able to invite parents to some of these events as long as government guidelines allow. We shall provide more information closer to the events.

Our fortnightly question that we shall be discussing in school is

'Do we take the benefits of nature for granted?'

We are thinking about the effect of nature on our mental health, can it really help?

Do we make the most of nature or do we take nature for granted?



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Theo J	For touch counting the spots on the ladybird.
NPM	Jacob N	For amazing perseverance over the last two weeks in writing your name with correct letter formation.
RB	Brody S	For making progress in all areas of his learning and exceptional progress in his personal development. Brody is becoming increasingly confident and independent. He has made all of his teachers very proud!
RPL	Skye P	For writing a sentence independently. Skye used a capital letter, full stop and accurate spacing. Your handwriting is also improving - keep up the great work!
1P	Harley H	For trying exceptionally hard with all of his learning. Harley had been reading at home, completing his homework and trying really hard within school to complete his learning tasks to the best of his ability. Keep up the fantastic work.
1S	Ella-Sofia W	For being a super star! Ella-Sofia always puts 100% effort into all of her learning and does so with a wonderful Woodlands smile. Keep up your super learning Ella-Sofia!
2B	Brandon C	For always making excellent use of learning time. Brandon doesn't waste a minute because he is always on task or ready to learn. He completed lots of learning over lockdown and is working just as hard now he is back in school.
2CP	Tallulah W	Tallulah has shown superb addition skills, used mental strategies to find number bonds to 100 and used a number line to add pairs of 2 digit numbers. Tallulah has also shared her knowledge to help others.
3E	Izaak W	For a fabulous approach towards his reading. Izaak is bringing in his books from home and enjoys reading these at playtime and lunchtime. Well done Izaak.
3R	Bobby H	For a fabulous diary entry. Bobby wrote in first person and included thoughts and feelings. Well done.
4NG	Charley M	For a superb setting description based on The Ice Palace. You used detailed sentences to describe the winter scene.
4H	Alfie H	For his increasing confidence within his maths. He is starting to show how quickly he can recall number facts and his timetables. Alfie is also shining in the afterschool session where again he is demonstrating his abilities confidently.
5M	Aurora C	For carefully analysing a range of historical sources to decide whether Sir Francis Drake was an explorer, pirate or privateer. You were able to explain the reasons for your decision. Well done!
5G	Kairon C	For always giving 100% in all areas of his learning. You are very hard working Kairon and try your best in everything. You are a role model for learning behaviours and attitude to your learning behaviours and attitude to your learning in Year 5. Well done Kairon!
6E	Ella S	For an improved approach towards her learning this academic year. Ella is focussed and eager to make progress. She listens carefully and now makes frequent contributions to our class discussions. I always look forward to hearing your thoughts Ella.
6M	Jolie F	For the commitment she has shown towards her learning, always putting 100% effort into each of her learning tasks and modelling expected behaviour at all times.