



Thomas Johnson Lower School

Dream-Discover-Flourish

6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure having so many visitors in school recently for the Headteacher interviews. I am immensely proud of the fantastic feedback that was given to Governors and Staff, and want to share this with you.

The visitors commented about the calm learning atmosphere and how proud children were to show off their learning in their books. They saw exemplary behaviour on many occasions, both in class and the playground. The school council members were knowledgeable, confident speakers whose questions were purposeful and who, in turn, answered questions which demonstrated a very positive ethos and an embedding of Values. They were described as “ambassadors” for our school!

Values-based Education

We are a school whose values are embedded in all we do. Each month we focus on a new Value and Feeling. In May these are the value of Tolerance, and the feeling of being accepted. The Feelings try to link closely to the Value, and we try to include negative feelings so that your child learns how to describe what they are feeling, understands that it is normal, and learns how to manage such tricky emotions.

Public Health Update:

Increase in acute hepatitis (liver inflammation) cases in children

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has detected higher than usual rates of liver inflammation (hepatitis) in children, which does not appear to be linked to the common viral causes. Since January 2022 there has been an increase in the number of children with acute (sudden onset) hepatitis of unknown cause. Most of these children are aged under 10 years.

Please be aware of the symptoms of jaundice – including skin with a yellow tinge which is most easily seen in the whites of the eyes – and contact a healthcare professional if you have any concerns. One of a number of potential causes under investigation is that a group of viruses called adenoviruses may be causing the illnesses. However, other possible causes are also being actively investigated, including coronavirus (COVID-19), other infections or environmental causes. **There is no link to the COVID-19 vaccine.** None of the currently confirmed cases in the UK has been vaccinated.

The most effective way to minimise the spread of adenoviruses is to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene and supervise thorough handwashing in younger children.

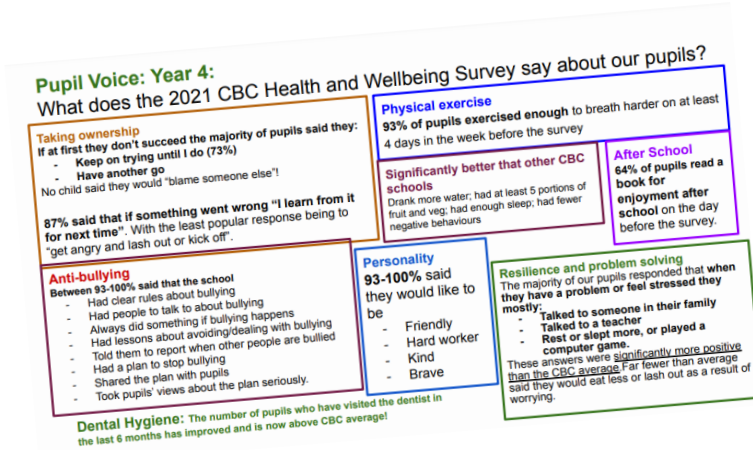
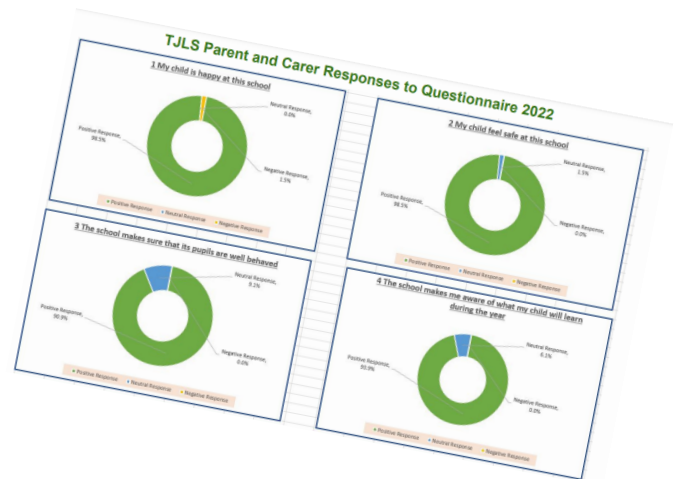
Further information for parents can be found [here](#).

Surveys

I am delighted to draw your attention to 2 recent surveys.

- The Parent and Carer Questionnaire issued in March during our Parent and Carer Evenings
- The Year 4 Pupil Voice SHEU survey - this survey is carried out in Years 4, 5 and 6 across all CBC schools and looks at a range of areas including healthy lifestyles and positive wellbeing. The feedback enables schools to adapt their curriculum to better meet the children's needs.

Both of these surveys are available to view on our website under Key Information; Surveys (www.thomasjohnsonschool.co.uk)



Class DoJo

This is now the main communication platform used by Class Teachers to give helpful reminders about events in school, and also to share videos and photos so that you can see your child enjoying their learning in school.

You do not need to purchase any subscription in order to join!

Kind regards
Marian Haimes

Other dates and reminders

9th May: Incredible Eggs arrive for Eagles Class

10th May: 9.15am Faith Tour for Owls and Eagles classes. Children must bring a packed lunch and water bottle with them and wear school uniform. A coach has been booked for this trip.

10th May 1.15pm Tempest Photographers in school for Class photographs.

16th May: Year 2 statutory testing starts (SATs)

18th May: Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils will be enjoying a full day at the Forest of Marston Vale Centre. Wear suitable clothing for a scavenger hunt and pond dipping! Packed lunches will be provided. Pre-school is not open on that day.

25th May: Owls and Eagles day trip to the Forest of Marston Vale Centre.

26th May: Queen's Jubilee Celebrations all day - more information to follow!