Patience Determination Positivity Appreciation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The value of Appreciation during March helped us to learn a lot in school. The children came closer to understanding how to express their appreciation for people and for aspects of their lives. Once again, the nominations by the children for their peers and adults have been heart warming expressions of appreciation and we are so impressed by their understanding of the values. The value of Appreciation will be useful in the difficult weeks ahead as we come to appreciate simpler things such as a walk in the park and bread in the cupboard. We feel deeply the appreciation for our critical workers, so clap loudly on Thursdays for our amazing NHS!

Our value for April is 'Curiosity'. The children will consider how curiosity drives learning and how it may look in their lives. They will be encouraged to ask questions, follow their interests and find out using books and the internet (safely!). They will learn that grown ups don't know everything and need to find out too. (Why **is** the sky blue??!!) Look out for the Easter Holiday home learning– The Curiosity Challenge!

At home, you can encourage curiosity by modelling it yourselves. Tell your child what you want to find out and let them see you doing it and enjoying it. Share your child's curiosity and encourage the asking of questions. Find out together! We love this quote from Dr Bruce Perry:

If we let them, children can reintroduce us to the world. When we truly allow a child to share his discoveries with us, we experience the joys of rediscovery — and in doing so, learn ourselves.

Here is the web address to his inspirational and informative article to copy and paste into your browser:

https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/why-young-children-are-curious/

Support your child to have a go at the challenge and we look forward to seeing where their curiosity leads them!

Warm regards,

The Stillness Staff

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