

Patience Determination Positivity Appreciation

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Determination proved to be a brilliant value this month, with the children applying their understanding of it on a daily basis to help them move their learning forwards. The depth of their understanding became evident in the language they have used to nominate their peers and staff for values awards. We had a magical moment on Friday when the school came together in the playground to dance the LBOC Bop. The children showed great determination through the month learning the dance (which was quite challenging!) and experienced the satisfaction of performing it brilliantly together.

Our value for February is 'Positivity'. Having a positive outlook can change situations very much for the better. As this may be a new word or concept for some of our children to understand, it would be excellent if you could look at the assembly on the website with them and help them to explore this value throughout the month. Unless we teach our children well and take time to carefully explain to them, not only the meaning of certain values, but what they actually look like in real life, we may not be helping them to learn as well as they might or to develop those personal qualities we all wish for them.

The website below contains some interesting insights into how children can use positive thinking in their lives:

<https://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/Article?contentid=629&language=English>

Please remember, there is a 'Values Based Education' section on the website, under the 'Our Values' heading on the homepage, where you can access all of the values assemblies and newsletters should you wish to revisit any of the themes.

Wishing you all a very 'positive February!'

The Stillness Staff

Forgiveness

Kindness

Perseverance

Empathy

Individuality

Learning

Equality

Respect

Independence

Pride

Manners

Trust

Responsibility

Community

Friendship

Curiosity

Teamwork

Creativity