

Dear Parent,

This newsletter aims to keep you all up to date with the school's sport, physical activity, healthy lifestyle choices and wellbeing activities. If you would like to access a colour copy of this newsletter, it can be accessed on our Healthy School and Sports page on our website; <a href="http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/healthy-schools-and-wellbeing-news/">http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/healthy-schools-and-wellbeing-news/</a>.

#### **Year 5 Residential Week**

Well done to all of our Year 5's who participated in their residential week. The week started with a problem solving day. The day tested the children's tenacity, curiosity and creativity, as they were faced with different challenges to complete in their groups.

The rest of the week at the Andrew Simpson Watersport Centre where the children were taught how to sail as well as getting the opportunity to try other water activities such as paddleboarding and kayaking. The children got some well deserved rest and stayed away for 3 nights at Fort Purbrook. The children demonstrated a great attitude and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to all of the Year 5's, we are very proud of you.



#### **School Sport Events**

Cricket Country Cup Group Stages - 26/04/2022

The team were in a tough group with Crescent and St Bedes. The team finished second and have now qualified for the quarter finals, where they will play Springhill on Monday 13th June.

South Eastleigh and Winchester Netball Finals - 10/05/2022

After winning the cluster netball event, the team qualified for the South Eastleigh and Winchester partnership event. The team played really



well, coming second overall. I am very proud to say the team have qualified for the Hampshire Games, where they will play against the best teams in the county. We all want to wish the team the best of luck.

### Swanmore Cluster Rounders Tournament - 17/05/2022

The team improved every game they played during this year's rounders event. Another great result for Droxford as they finished runners up. Congratulations to the team.

South Eastleigh and Winchester Quad Kids Competition - 24/05/2022 The Quad Kids consists of the team participating in four different events; 100m sprint, 800m, standing long jump and a vortex throw. The team recorded some impressive scores and finished 6th out of 15 teams.



## **Fun Farm Friday**

As a well earned treat after a tough week of SATs, Year 6 were taken for a day out at Corhampton Farm. The day was enjoyed by all as they explored and enjoyed playing in the woodlands. Activities included den building, nature hunts and various wide games. Well done to Year 6 for getting through the week.

### **Sports Day**

I'm excited to confirm that Sports Day this year will be held on **Wednesday 22nd June.** After a couple of Years of having adapted sports day we are looking forward to business as usual and hosting a day of fun, competition and skill. More details will be sent home after half term so make sure to look out for these.



### **Upcoming Holiday Clubs**

This May half term will see the first of two new holiday clubs. A Football Games Day hosted by myself and Performing Arts Fun held by our dance teacher Dawn Watmore. For more information please contact me on <a href="mailto:d.baham@droxford.hants.sch.uk">d.baham@droxford.hants.sch.uk</a>.



### More great news...



We are incredibly proud to tell you that on the 15th May, Tilly came second in the Hampshire County Championships in the U13 girls 1500m. Well done Tilly, keep up the great work!

Eleni has been working incredibly hard with her gymnastics, she recently attended the South Region Compulsory Grades competition, competing at Compulsory 4 level against all the other Elite South Region gymnasts. Representing Portsmouth Gymnastics Club with 2 of her other team mates. She passed with 56.85 points out of a possible 70 and placed 5th on the floor. She placed 9th overall and scored the highest for her club PGC. Well done Eleni!



#### Wellbeing

It's normal to feel a bit tired at this point in the year so here are a few ideas to keep you feeling positive all the way to the summer holiday. We hope you enjoy them.

## 3 good things - a happiness journal

You could make a book, fill a jam jar or use the 3 good things app but the idea is the same, to spend a few moments each day noticing 3 things that have gone well, no matter how small and note them down in words or pictures. See if you can do this every day for a week, pretty soon it will become a habit and you will feel better for it.

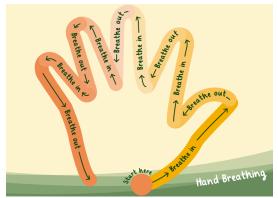
#### Relaxation exercise

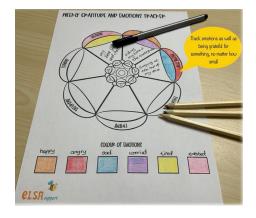
Noticing our breathing is a good way of slowing ourselves down and staying in control of our emotions. Practise when you're calm, it should feel good and will mean you're more likely to do this when you're upset.

Hold out one hand and slowly follow its shape with a finger from the other hand, breathing in as you go up the finger and out as you come down. Do this several times and notice how you feel.

#### **Emotion Tracker**

A simple activity to colour your emotions over one week and maybe share with someone you trust. Choose 6 emotions that you commonly feel and colour code them. Remember it is ok and normal to experience difficult feelings such as worry, anger and sadness sometimes.





Each day colour the mandala to reflect the emotions you've experienced, you could also write down something that went well in the centre. When we stop and notice our emotions we are more likely to think about how to manage them and ask for help if we need it.

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# Empathy Day: Thursday 9th June

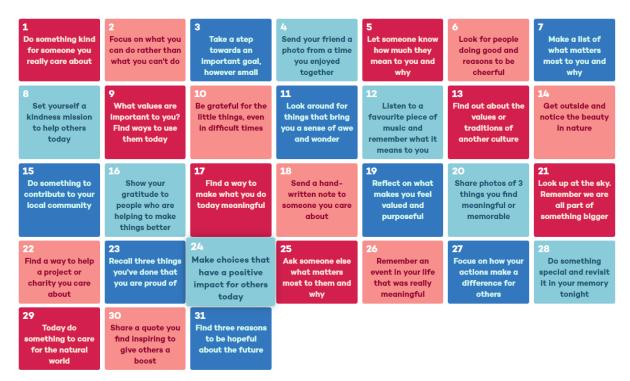
Empathy is the ability to imagine and share someone else's feelings. It motivates us to help others, make positive changes and boosts our resilience. Like a muscle, empathy will grow the more you use it and reading is a brilliant way of doing this as you put yourself in the characters' shoes and experience their feelings as if they were real.

On 9<sup>th</sup> June, EmpathyLab will be running an online festival of fun empathy boosting activities. You can listen to some of your favourite authors, draw with Rob Biddulph or get tips on creating a great comic strip.

Families can download an activity pack here <a href="https://www.empathylab.uk/family-activities-pack-2022">https://www.empathylab.uk/family-activities-pack-2022</a>



## **Action for Happiness Calendar: Meaningful May**



Can you do at least one thing from the calendar?

"Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder."

# Where to go if you need more support and advice

Childline 0800 1111 / <a href="www.childline.org.uk/kid">www.childline.org.uk/kid</a>
Young Minds Parents Helpline 0808 802 5544 / youngminds.org.uk</a>
<a href="www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health">www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health</a>
<a href="https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers">https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers</a>
<a href="https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk">https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk</a>

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