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## **Inspiring Changemakers:**

Amélie in Year 6 has asked if we can hold a non uniform day where everyone wears red for Chinese New Year as she would like to raise money for a set of Lottie Brookes books for the library. What fantastic initiative! She is making a poster and all the details will follow soon. Another inspiring Year 6 student, Sam would like to set up a photography club at lunch time for Key Stage 2 children and has asked me to ask if anybody has any automatic digital cameras that they no longer use that they could donate. I really admire the fact that he is so keen to share his passion and to pass on his skills.

Well done, both of you!



#### What's new?

Over the coming weeks, Mrs Fidler and Miss Phillips will be running reading and phonics workshops focusing on each year group in turn. Keep an eye out for information regarding these. Mrs Fidler will be out in the playground with a clipboard and it really is vital that you sign up to learn more about why reading is such a focus in our school and how important it is to ensure that every child leaves primary school able to read fluently for meaning.

#### Community updates:



This week has seen our community hosting some guests from near and far. We were visited by a team from Hatherleigh Community Primary who were keen to see what we have been up to in terms of curriculum development.

We have also had a visit from the CEO of a trust in Manchester who was visiting to learn more about our work on character.

It was lovely to show off our fabulous school and to build links with really great practitioners - even the grown ups are always learning!

### Key learning this week:

Our new enquiries are off to a great start. All of the enquiries this half term are focused on the arts and many of them explore how the arts can express what we believe and what we feel.

I have seen some wonderful work in sketch books already as well as some fantastic collaborative pieces.

Our focus virtue this half term is joy and it has certainly filled me with joy to see everyone back at school and getting stuck in! We have seen dance, collage, music and visual arts all taking centre stage in our curriculum, alongside core learning with children already coming up with their own ideas for where the enquiries will take them. For a full picture of what your child's class will be up to, please look at the class page on the website!

