



# GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL Federation

## Half Term Newsletter: Autumn 1 Sicklinghall Community Primary School



**04.10.19**

We have had another busy week at school and there has certainly been a chill in the air. That didn't stop the children having fun in P.E with Mrs Wilcox. I joined in with Dough-Disco with Cherry Blossom and even convinced Mr Morris to take part too. Silver Birch have been asking questions to find out 'Who were the Maya?' while Willow have been finding out about Anne Frank's secret hideaway through a virtual tour online.

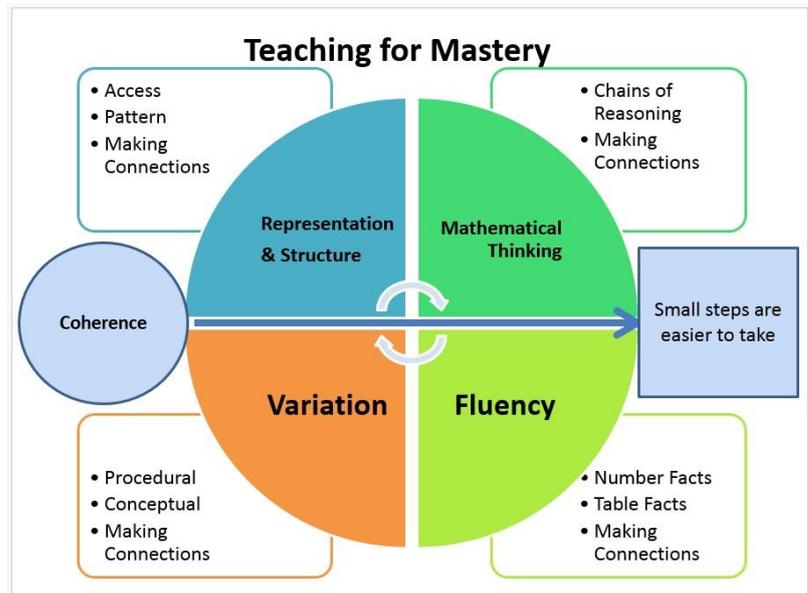
We have also been witnessing some SPECTACULAR speeches and presentations from those children involved in the final stages of School Council. Although the School Councillors have now been announced in Celebration Assembly (Congratulations to our new representatives!) we should also congratulate everyone who conquered their nerves to stand up and talk in front of others and showed great resilience when they narrowly missed out. It is not an easy situation but I am proud of them all.

Our Year 5 and 6 children are now in the process of applying for various Prefect and Ambassador Roles. Watch this space!

### **How can I help my child at home?**

Recently we sent home the KIRFs for each year group. Our federation focus in maths this term is to develop children's understanding of 'Fluency'. Teachers began our training day working with a Maths Mastery expert to ensure that the activities presented in daily fluency work are challenging and varied.

Variation of question style and fluency are key aspects of helping children to make connections to ensure that children develop their mathematical understanding.



Though the facts outlined on the KIRFs may seem simple, presenting them in a variety of ways embeds these facts so that children have a deep understanding and instant recall of each. As you have been informed, this year we will be putting emphasis on the practise of KIRFs both as part of Homework and in school. The KIRFs have 'Key Vocabulary', 'Practical Ideas' and 'Games' to help to build confidence.

Ask your teacher more about this at the Parent Carer Information Evening next week.



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### Applications for a Primary School Place for September 2020

If you live within North Yorkshire and your child was born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, your child will be due to start school in the academic year 2020-2021 and you will need to apply for a primary school place for **September 2020**.

All North Yorkshire applications are encouraged to be made online, details of which can be found using the following link:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23544/Apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Applications can be made from now and have to be submitted before **15 January 2020**. Please also see NYCC letter attached.

**\*A note for families living in Wetherby/West Yorkshire postcode area: Please note that your applications should be made via your home authority, Leeds City Council, stating Sicklinghall CP School as your preferred school. For further information and advice please see:**

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Admissions-Primary-School.aspx>

**Leeds City Council Admissions Team tel no: 0113 222 4414 and email: [education.admissions@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:education.admissions@leeds.gov.uk).**

### Next week our Ethos Statement will be:

These weekly statements are having such a positive impact on the children.

Perhaps you can discuss it with them before Monday's Collective Worship or ask your child about the messages they are learning about.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Miss Pickard



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Weekly Ethos Statement



*'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream another dream.'* C.S Lewis  
*Create your own future.*

