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Principal's message to families – 2 February 2024

Next weeks Lower school word of the week is - [relax](#)
The Upper school word of the week is – [evaluate](#)

We were reminded all about keeping ourselves safe online in Mr Ellis' assemblies on Monday. Children joined in well and were knowledgeable about most aspects but will definitely have learned some new things and will have benefitted from the reminders.

On Monday the **careers event** was well attended by providers, parents and young people. Hopefully you will have seen the photos on our Facebook page, that really capture the busyness and atmosphere of the afternoon.

The house event on Tuesday '**Make and create**' had something for just about everyone. To writing and performing raps, to making lanterns and doing origami and tasting some unusual and very tasty food. Even Bella joined in and enjoyed the day.

A busy week in Residential this week...

Foodie friends made vegetable quiche (it was LOVELY!) on Monday. On Tuesday, the group played football Spectrum wasps- lots of goals were scored by Dawn House!

On Wednesday the Eco group dug over the vegetable patch and seeds from apples and pears that students had eaten over the weekend were planted. Music club was run by Spectrum wasps- what spectacular drumming!

On Thursday they visited Mansfield palace theatre to see Robin Hood. All the money made went to charity and we all had a great time.

There was a special mention was called out for Dawn House School because one of our staff had a starring role!



Miss Evans shared that 'This is now our 5th show, 3 more to go after today, it's been tiring but we've loved every minute. The profits from the money we raise goes to charity and after 40 years we have raised £170,000 for local charities.

So proud to be a part of it.' How amazing! We're very proud of you Rebecca!



Children's Mental Health Week

We are celebrating at Dawn House School next week with several activities. This is an annual celebration organised by "Place2be".

We are planning:

- Activities in tutor groups to have a look at.
- In PSHE lessons a Place2be assembly will be shown and discussed along with a related craft activity.
- Wednesday there will be a wellbeing morning hot chocolate break.
- Thursday there will be a wellbeing walk from 8.50am around the school field.
- Friday there is an "Express Yourself" day where students are allowed to come to school in non-uniform if they would like to, but they can wear uniform if they prefer. Please ensure any non-uniform is appropriate.

The social media links are @Place2Be's #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

Thank you to parents and carers and **Friends of Dawn House** who joined us this afternoon to do a bit of forward planning. New faces brought some great new ideas. Our next meeting will be on Friday 23rd February 1-2pm. Feel free to join us!

We're all looking forward to the last week of the half term next week- hard to believe that we're almost halfway through the school year!

The **Sensory Bus** will be up and running and our OT team will be supporting some of our children to use it. Have a look at our 50th Birthday present to ourselves on our Facebook page- it's amazing!!!

Have a great weekend,
Jenny

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If your child leaves home in the morning a little unsettled and you want to quickly tell us, so we know to expect a tricky start to the day, a quick email (that we can follow up later) to the tutor and/or core team with '**Handle with Care**' in the email title will ensure that we are aware.