



MINUTES 19th March 2019

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs Morris, Mr Pope, Mr Gumm, Mrs Hicks, Mr Eaton

SAPPHIRE: Abigail, Gracie

JADE Devan, Jacob, Oakley T, Edward, Oliver, Olivia, William, George

TOPAZ Sophia-Rose, Tyler, Evie, Ella, Emma, Ray, Mason, Jorja

AMBER Evie G, Amiee, Sophie, Jack, Summer

RUBY Alexie, Lily, Olivia, Chloe, Ella

1. Welcome - especially to new members William and George. Apologies from Mr Gumm, Mr Eaton, Mrs Hicks and Mr Pope.

2. Free 2Be Me Week

– everyone felt the week was really good. Here are some of the things that people particularly enjoyed:

- The assembly on the Monday after Free2be Me Week – it was very colourful, Gracie and Abigail’s dance was great, it was good to have the whole school being part of it and sharing their work, especially to have Little Gems with us (we loved their pictures). Lily and Olivia did an amazing job leading the assembly – well done.
- Using books as a starting point was good. Children enjoyed basing their own writing on the books. We enjoyed the Y4 stories about the crayon, ‘Red: A Crayon’s Story’. Y6 enjoyed the book ‘Bluest of Blues’ and Y5 liked ‘Max the Stubborn Little Wolf’ and ‘The Dot’. Other classes read ‘Odd One Out’, ‘Elmer’, ‘My Neighbour is a Dog’. Y4 and Y5 especially enjoyed Mr Pope and Mr Eaton reading the stories with different voices and accents!
- We loved the visit from Marina Barcenilla, both her assembly and her visits to the classes. It was really interesting and inspiring.
- Y3 and Y4 children really enjoyed acting out or drawing what they wanted to be when they are older.

The key messages that we felt came through were:

- Be whatever and whoever you are – and when you grow up remember you can be anything you want to be, boy or girl.
- Be proud of yourself and what you do.
- Don’t give up on following your dreams.

Power points – we hope to show these in next Tuesday’s assembly: Ella & Ray, Oakley & Devan, Edward, Summer & Amiee. Please catch Mrs Morris on Friday so we can check the power points and be ready for next Tuesday.

Olivia, Lily and Alexie are going to write to Marina to thank her for visiting us. Everyone contributed ideas for what might need to be included in this thank you letter:

- It is great to see someone who has made their dreams a reality and it was inspiring to meet a female scientist
- She made us realise it’s not only boys who can do science, it’s everyone who can be a scientist
- It’s really good that Marina didn’t give up when she was told she couldn’t do science because she wasn’t a girl and she wasn’t clever enough – it told us that we should never give up either
- Thanks for teaching us and telling us so many amazing facts about space, things we didn’t know about space and the galaxy, and for answering our questions
- We hope Marina keeps on accomplishing her dreams
- Thank you for putting all the things together for us (the power point and photos and the books and the smells of space)
- Thank you for coming all the way from London and leaving your important work to come and see us

Olivia suggested that we write a special song for Marina – Ray and Ella B are going to have a go at doing this.

3. School newsletter - Evie and Chloe are going to write a piece about Free 2 Be me Week for the newsletter.

4. E-Team Movie – Mr Pope wasn’t able to be at the meeting but Y5 children think this is still in progress. We will check in with Mr Pope at the next meeting.

5. Gender and Language we had a little discussion about words that are gender neutral and what they meant (words that are inclusive of both boys and girls, men and women). Words like police officer instead of policeman, or humankind instead of mankind or fire fighter instead of fireman. Everyone was challenged to bring a list of words to the next meeting – finding words that are not inclusive and thinking of an alternative word that could be used to include everybody.

6. Different religions – Jack spoke about his idea for every class to learn about different religions and then share what they have learnt at the end of the week. He will speak to Mrs Norman about it because she is the RE subject leader in school. We talked about why this might be an important thing to do; Jack said it is important because everyone has different beliefs and everyone is unique in their beliefs. Edward said that he had seen on the news that a lot of people are rude and disrespectful about other people's religions and it was wrong. We talked a little bit about what 'prejudice' means.

AOB:

A few people were asking who would do the E-Team when Mrs Morris leaves. It will probably be Mr Gumm.

Next meeting April 30th 2019 12 o'clock in Moonstone.