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### **Junior Debating Competition:**



It was excellent to take our Year 5 debate team to Ibstock Place School last week to compete in the Junior Debating Competition. The children spoke clearly and passionately, covering topics of school examinations, the merits of zoos, and why children should learn musical instruments.

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### **Reception bike training:**

Reception had great fun taking part in bike training. These sessions help with building confidence and learning how to ride safely.



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### **Happy Birthday, chickens!**



Reception were also busy celebrating the school chickens' first birthday last week by making cards, preparing fruit and vegetables, and enjoying a special outdoor snack with a story and singing them happy birthday.

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### **Go, Coach Micah!**

We are hugely proud of Coach Micah who has been selected to represent Great Britain Deaf Football at the Under 23s World Championships in Serbia this summer! Micah is an inspirational coach and



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says about his selection, 'For me, this isn't just about football. It's about representation and pride, showing that deaf athletes deserve equal opportunities and inspiring younger deaf players to chase their dreams, too.' The pupils and staff will be cheering him on, and look forward to hearing how Team GB get on. You can find out more, and show your support [here](#).

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### **Taekwondo Assembly:**

We were thrilled to welcome **ESPS alumnus and former Team GB Olympic athlete**, Mohammed Nour, to our assemblies on Tuesday. Mohammed spoke about his journey and the importance of our school value, resilience, in his journey to becoming a world-class athlete. For more information about his club, based in Putney (first session free), [please click here](#).



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### **Family Support drop-in session:**

Our Family Support Worker, Belinda, is holding a drop-in session on 15<sup>th</sup> May between 9-11am. For more information about the type of support she can offer and how to book a slot to see her, please [click here](#).

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### **Thank you from Sir David Attenborough:**

We received a huge response to our invitation to share birthday cards and messages for Sir David Attenborough, as he celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you to all those who supported in getting the many cards to him. Here is a link to his response, which can be shared with children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp3pww9g0p5o>

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### **Y6 Science - Evolution and Inheritance:**

This week, Year 6 have been working scientifically to investigate genetic inheritance and why offspring look similar to their parents but not identical. To do this, they created a family of 'Reebops' using marshmallows.





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## Helping Hands:

Congratulations to F in 6B for being our Helping Hands winner this week, for consistently showing kindness, resilience and determination at all times.



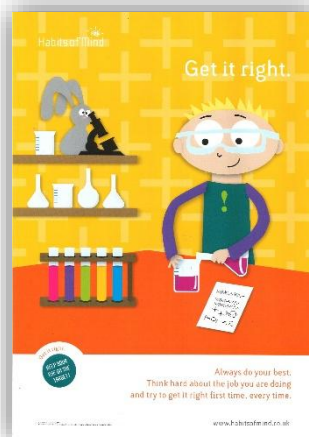
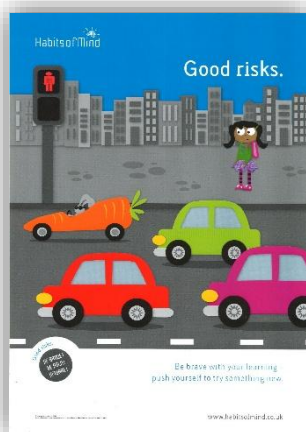
## Sports Star:



Well done, I in 3S, for being our Sports Star this week for showing fantastic participation and always trying his best during P.E lessons.

## Thinking Schools

The three Habits of Mind we are focusing on this half term are:





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**Attendance:**

School target: 97%

Last week: 96.9%

Classes above target: 10

RD	98%	1B	96.3%	2N	97.7%	3G	98.2%	4D	97.7%	5B	98.7%	6B	96.3%
RG	96.7%	1D	95.9%	2S	96.8%	3K	100%	4F	94.6%	5C	99%	6C	98.6%
RM	96.2%	1L	95.3%	2SB	96.6%	3S	97.6%	4H	97.1%	5M	92.7%	6T	95.2%

**Notices and reminders:**

For more information about the Mental Health Support Team’s transition from Y6 to Y7 workshop, please [click here](#).

We will be marking **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** next week. More information about this week, can be found in the [letter sent by Mrs Jensen](#).

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated to the ESPS Library Campaign. E (Year 3) and F (Reception) raised an amazing £72 last weekend selling ice cream. “We thought the library looked really cool, so we wanted to help - and selling ice creams was a lot of fun too” - E

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