



Summer Term - Date: 05.05.2022

## Talking Head

Welcome back!

After what I can only imagine was a refreshing and relaxing (or frazzling, and frantic) break over Easter, we're back in the game and enjoying the return to normality...of sorts!

It's hard to believe we're back towards the final third of the year, with trips, and leavers, and summery lunchtimes on the field (we hope!) ahead of us.

We've already welcomed in the joys of summer with some Maypole dancing (I, for one, am all about the folk music, so I've loved the accordion soundtracks kicking out of the hall all week!) courtesy of Clare Clark. And the Y6s have also just found out about their end of year production...SIMBA IS ALIVE!

So there's a lot to look forward to across the school. Stay safe - keep the suncream at the ready.

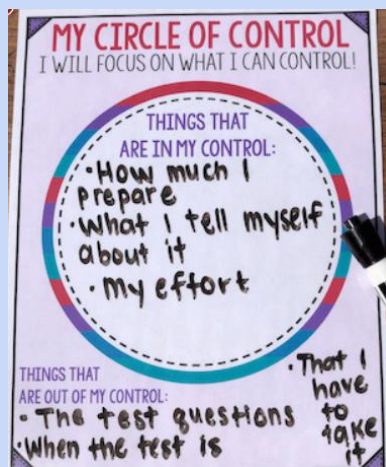
See you on the playground!

Ben Sutton | **Headteacher**

## Wellbeing Watch

Here is a great resource we use in school called 'The Circle of Control'.

It's helpful for children because it allows them to take action on the things they can control, while encouraging them to let go of the things outside of their control...



Why not try it at home -

- 1) Draw out a circle and label the inside:

Things we can control

- 2) Label the outside:

Things we can't control

- 3) Sort the following things under the headings: The weather, the types of questions there will be on a test, illness, how we treat others, what time I go to bed, what food we

## NEW App!

We've **STILL** got a new Family Communication App called 'Scholar Pack'.

We're going to send all of our messages out using the app - head bump, first aid, trip information, newsletter, Timeout Letters.

**We're replacing text (SMS) messages with this app**, so please make sure you download the app and get logged in - the office will already have sent you an email with details about how to do this, but the app links are here too:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/scholarpack-parents/id1485548694>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.scholarpack.parent&hl=en\\_GB&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.scholarpack.parent&hl=en_GB&gl=US)

And a video about how to use it...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTSAs3efUak>



eat, what other people think, how long we play on a screen, how much time we put in to learning something, what other people say, the traffic, being kind, my words, the rules,

Good luck to all the Y6 children next week. Remember: There's NO point in worrying about things you CAN'T control so just focus on those that you can - go to bed early, eat well, drink water, tell yourself, "I can do it".



## Y6 SATs Next Week...

They're back...just when you thought the government might have used the pandemic as an opportunity to reinvent the assessment system, they didn't!

But anyway, our Year 6s have been working really hard to get used to completing the Standard Assessment Tests that assess some of the content across their KS2 learning...which we appreciate, might not include all of KS2 due to the pandemic. But they're going to give it all they've got, and will make us all proud.

Breakfasts are being planned and prepared by the Upper Key Stage 2 team, and I'm writing a motivational speech. Give them a high-five when you see them in the playground...the kids, not the staff...I mean you can high-five the staff if you want to. Your call.



HOWZZZZZAAAAT????????!!!!

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CRICKET**

OVINGTON CRICKET CLUB  
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**This  
is our  
game.**

Ovington Cricket Club  
Little Knavesmire

Starting from Sunday 15th May  
11.30am - 12.30pm

## Your PTA (FODs)

We had our summer term FODS (your PTA) meeting on the evening of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May and many parents and teachers turned up to socialize, discuss FODS events, and hear about our recent and upcoming events.

Jen Goforth, our treasurer, reported on the money we have raised in the past couple of months, which I can't wait to share with you!

Are you ready for some amazing figures?

- **Bags2School**, organised by the ever-so-patient Sally Evans, raised **£192**.
- **Aviva's funding**, organised by Carly Fewz, raised **£250**. (If you work for Aviva or any organisation that can offer extra funding or match our fund-raising efforts, and you can help organise this, do get in touch!)
- **Amazon Smile**, thanks to all of you who added FODS as the charity of your choice on <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>, raised **£51.45**, as of the quarter ending in February 2022.
- **The Easter bake sale**, organised by master baker Carissa Davies, with the support of the Eco Warriors, raised **£289**.
- **The Easter Egg Decorating Competition**, organised by Mrs Backhouse, and prizes sourced by Hayley Gorwood, raised **£26**.
- The **recycling of ink cartridges**, organised by Becky Laing, got us **£12**.
- And **the Spring Raffle**, organised by Natasha Limbert and Kate Newman, raised a whopping **£1665!** Winners have been drawn and will be announced shortly when prizes are fully verified.

So what does FODS do with the funds raised?

Here are some things that we've funded in the last couple of months:

- **£500** went towards the **Year 6 end of year trip** – FODS have often contributed £500 to the annual Year 6 trip pre-pandemic and this year was no different. Of course, we know that such trips cost a lot more than £500, and so Mr Hardcastle and the Year 6s will then be raising funds for the remaining amount needed for their trip.
- **£250** went towards paying for the **First Aid training for our Year 2 and Year 6 students**.
- **£414** went towards paying for the **Year 6 Leavers' Books** – like the Year 6 trip, this is an item that FODS traditionally funds so that all students leaving Dringhouses Primary School have something to remind them of their beautiful years at primary school.
- **£289** from the Easter bake sale went towards paying for the new weather-proof **outdoor bins**.





As you can see, funds are always needed for student activities, extra training, resources, equipment and furniture for the school, so we are always looking for ways to make sure that we have the funds to provide for what is needed.

If you want to get involved in any of our fund-raising efforts, in whatever capacity you choose, do get in touch and email us at [friends@dringhouses.co.uk](mailto:friends@dringhouses.co.uk) !

We have a FODS Volunteers Whatsapp group where you can hear about upcoming events and volunteer if you choose to, so let us know if you want us to add you!



Chia and the FODS committee