



## Rewards, Responsibilities and Celebrations

at Tavistock Infant School

At Tavistock Infant School all children have the chance to shine and their achievements are celebrated. We have no choirs or orchestras which children have to audition for. All children cook, sew, dance etc. and are involved in sporting events. They have the opportunity to take part in many workshops, trips and theatre performances, many of which are funded by TAFF. Children elect school councillors, not the teachers. Children do earn their reading certificates for reading at home; and it is vital that children do read at home, little and often, in order to support their progress at school.

### Friday Celebration Assembly.

During these assemblies we celebrate a wide range of achievements including:

- Birthdays
- Reading certificates
- Library helpers
- 100 word challenge entrants
- Each class teacher awards one certificate for each of the following categories.
  - Demonstrating being a rights respecting citizen
  - Making progress in a particular subject/target
  - Having achieved a superb piece of work/task
- Fairtrade
- Special Table award given by the lunchtime staff for good behaviour in the hall.
- Enrichment certificates

### In Class/Year Groups

- Each class has a whole class reward chart that any child or the whole class can contribute to. The reward is often a mufti for that class but children can choose an alternative; a toy afternoon for example.
  - Children are also rewarded individually and are given stickers or stamps to celebrate their achievements. These can be stuck on jumpers/charts/pieces of work.
  - All classes have a range of monitors depending on the age of the children. Register monitors are a favourite but some classes have water bottle monitors, eco warriors, table monitors, the list goes on. These are changed either daily or weekly depending on the task but every child will get a turn to take responsibility.
  - Teachers can send children to the Headteacher or Deputy Head teacher to celebrate achievement. Children will then be given a sticker, usually one stuck on their piece of work and one on their jumper.
  - Children's work is on display in all classrooms and available for parents to look at either at parents evenings or simply by request.
  - News/Writing books are sent home regularly so parents can share and celebrate children's progress.
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- All year groups perform Christmas plays. The children are always asked what they would like to be, accommodated as far as possible but clearly not everyone can be Mary or Joseph. Each role is valuable and the children have the opportunity to shine.
  - Years one and two perform a 'Singalong' for parents once per year. All children take part and parents are encouraged to join in.

### School and Class Councils

- Each class has their own class council where they create their class charter at the start of the year. It is a forum for all children to have their say about what happens in their school.
- Years one and two elect three councillors at the start of the year. Any child is able to put themselves forward to be voted as a class representative, not just the loud confident children! The teachers have no part in choosing the councillors, they just count the votes. Councillors are expected to uphold class and school charters and if they don't, their class may decide to elect a new councillor.
- The school council meets approximately once per half term where they report on behalf of their class about specific issues.
- The school councillors do take part in meetings for new parents where it is stressed that the children have been voted for by their peers.
- Years one and two have circle times after play and lunchtimes to discuss any issues they may have had so that they can be addressed straight away.

### Our Website

Mrs Sloss does an amazing job with our school website. It is updated almost daily and the children are able to add comments and messages via the guestbook to either staff or each other. The website is full of 'celebrations' and opportunities for all children to have their achievements published including:

- Star of the week.
- The new section 'Let's Celebrate' where children's achievements outside school can be shared.
- 100 word challenge entrants.
- Many photographs and videos of school events such as World Book Day.
- Year Group Blogs give both information and celebrate class achievements every week.

If you have any other suggestions to add to our very long list please contact any member of staff who will be more than happy to listen!

