



JOLLY RODGERS

OUT OF SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

February 2024

This month 'what do we sense'. We will be looking at our 5 senses and experimenting with these. We will also be looking at Valentine's Day and how we can include our 5 senses within these topics. We will be focusing on what we are thankful for and things we love in relation to Valentine's Day.

- Valentine's craft, time to get creative again with Valentine's this month. The children will make cards and gifts.
- We will be making play dough to explore textures and smells.
- We will look back at all we have done this month, evaluating and discussing what we plan to do during the month ahead.

During this month, there will also be some cooking/baking activities - valentine cookies.....

Classroom management scheme

We continue to encourage our classroom management system in out of school. It is aimed to promote children to make their own choices and to understand positive actions. It also designed to teach children appropriate behaviours within a classroom environment. The focus by staff is very much on the positive aspect.

A brief introduction:

Rules – we have 5 rules in out of school. These are;

1. Helping kind hands
2. Walking feet
3. Looking eyes
4. Listening ears
5. Inside voices

Actions – we have 5 actions;

1. Look over the rules
2. 1 warning
3. Thinking bubble
4. Talk to mum and dad
5. Sad note home

Rewards – we have 4 rewards;

1. Thumbs up
2. Lollipop stick in the jar
3. Sticker
4. Praise note home

We will continue to encourage what each of these rules, actions and rewards are. The children receive a treat when they fill our jar with lollipop sticks. This is related to our monthly plans and is an achievable target that will happen each week.

The aim is that each child begins to understand positive choices and actions. Each child will receive praise each day for something relating to our rules.

<Birthdays this month>

Quinn

Aliyah



We hope you all have a great birthday.

Just a few extra notes

Driveway – Can we please encourage you to drive carefully when entering and exiting the car park? Always be on the lookout for adults and children as they arrive and leave the nursery and please do not park where nursery vehicles need to be getting in and out.

Can we please ask, if you know your child will not be attending nursery whether it be due to illness or holidays, that you let us know. Thank you.

Just a little reminder of nursery closure dates for 2024

- New Year's Day - Monday 1st January
- St. Patrick's Day – Monday 18th March
- Easter Monday – Monday 1st April
- Easter Tuesday – Tuesday 2nd April
- May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May
- Twelfth Bank Holiday – Friday 12th & Monday 15th July
- Christmas – Wednesday 25th December – Tuesday 31st December

Friendship February

Week beginning 12th February we are taking part in Special Olympic Ireland's Friendship February mission. We know how important it is to be nice to one another and we are learning about how important kindness and friendship is. As quoted by Special Olympic Ireland – **'We are being kind to ourselves and each other this February'**.

By taking part in Friendship February, we will be doing two acts of friendship each day with the children.

We will have a range of activities planned, as suggested by the children –

Colouring, bringing in some board games, bring in favourite toy for show and tell, make necklaces & bracelets, games, outside games, valentine's friendship disco, friendship compliments activities, walk to Wallace Park, movie.

We are looking forward to having a fun filled week of kindness & friendship.

- Pancake Day on Tuesday 13th – looking forward to making and eating our pancakes!!



- Valentines' friendship disco on Wednesday. Please come along wearing something red/pink.



Thank you from all in OUT OF SCHOOL.



MY FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Use this sheet to fill in your 2 acts of friendship each day

MON

Make someone happy.
Sit with someone new at lunch.

TUES

Listen when a friend is talking.
Tell someone why they are special.

WED

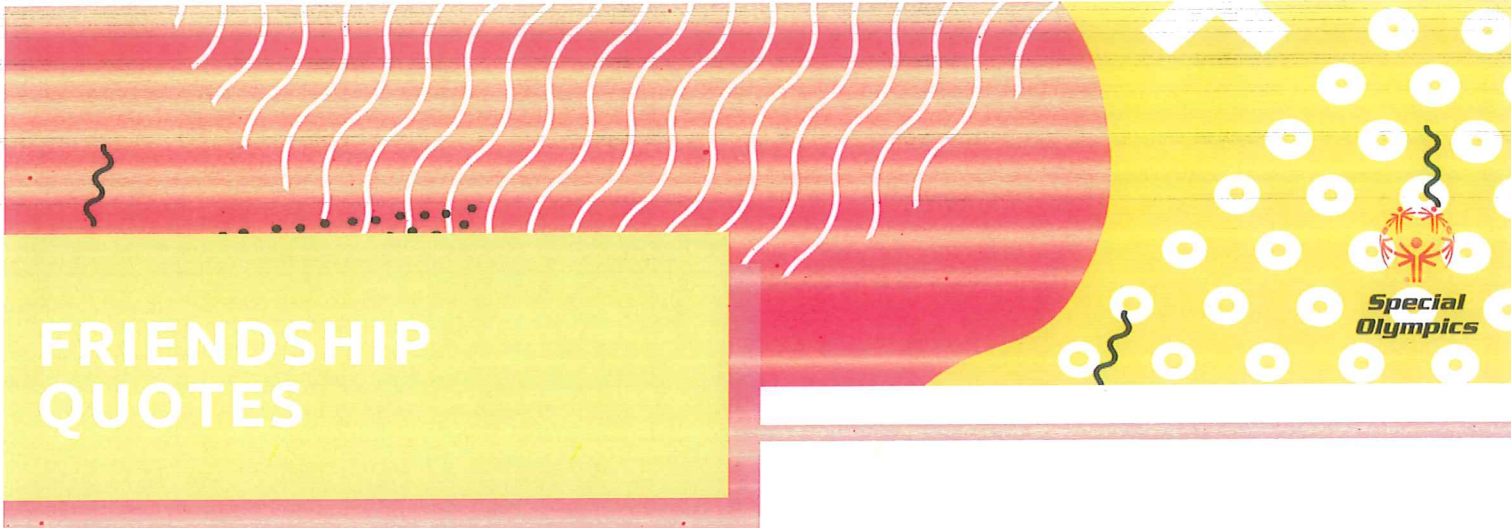
Let someone go ahead of you in the line.
Let someone take part in your game.

THURS

Share a smile.
Share your toy from home.

FRI

Do something nice for yourself.
Help set up for each mealtime.



FRIENDSHIP QUOTES

1. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" – Aesop
2. "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world" – Desmond Tutu
3. "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud"— Maya Angelou
4. "When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world" – Harold Kushner
5. "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible" – Dalai Lama
6. "You can always give something, even if it's only kindness"— Anne Frank
7. "Friendships the only cement that will ever hold the world together"— Woodrow T. Wilson.
8. "Friendships the golden thread that ties the heart of all the world" – John Everyn.
9. "Things are never quite scary when you've got a best friend" – Bill Watterson.
10. "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours" – Dolly Parton

Looking for an inspiring quote for your classroom, why not learn the Special Olympics athlete oath

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."