

# NC News

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*Human greatness does not lie  
in wealth or power,  
but in character and goodness.  
People are just people,  
and all people have  
faults and shortcomings,  
but all of us are born  
with a basic goodness.*

If Anne Frank was still alive she would be 92 years old.

## Our Shared Values Determination

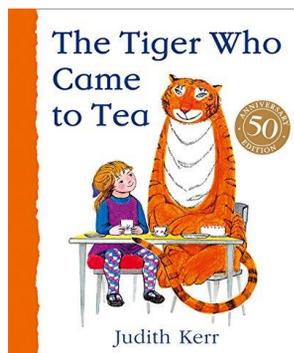
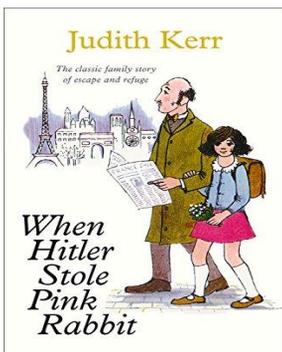
*courage patience hope perseverance tenacity*



This week in assembly, we heard the story of Emmanuel Yeboah, a Ghanaian athlete and disability rights activist from Koforidua. He was born in 1977 with a severely deformed right leg. His mother was determined that Emmanuel became as independent as possible despite facing much discrimination. We were inspired by Emmanuel's advice to, 'always have joy in your heart.'



On Holocaust Memorial Day, we listened to stories by the author Judith Kerr. Judith's family fled the Nazis in Germany and first went to live in Switzerland. The family came to London, via Paris, in 1936 when Judith was 13. She wrote about her childhood and her status as a refugee in a trilogy of books for children, the first of which was *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*, which became a set text in German schools.



## On parle Français!

Can you remember what our past two phrases of the week mean?

Bonjour! Bienvenue dans notre école.  
Notre chien s'appelle Benny.

This week's phrase is 'We love our dog Benny!' In French we would say it like this:

**Nous adorons notre chien Benny!**



This week, children in Reception Class planted bulbs in the garden. We are looking forward to seeing the flowers in spring!



## Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

Class 1 were excited to get back into the kitchen this week and make Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese. They learnt some new skills and used a knife with care to cut the cauliflower. They also loved the road safety talk. Why not ask them to sing the new song they learnt to you!



In Class 2, we were lucky enough to have some visitors teaching us about road safety. We learnt that we have to stop, look and listen when we are crossing the road and got to sing some exciting songs to help us remember. By the end of the session, we all became Roadwise Rangers - even the teachers!



Class 4 have been creating their own Iron Man portraits after reading the story in English. They experimented with blending chalk and charcoal to help create the effect of shadows and light on his metal body. The results were very effective.



As part of our topic on materials, the challenge for Class 5 this week was to design and build a tower using spaghetti and marshmallows! We had to use problem solving strategies and our knowledge of two-dimensional and three dimensional shapes. We looked at different towers from around the world, discussed where and why particular shapes are used in the environment, then used this knowledge to design, build and evaluate our constructions. We did very well!



This week, for our topic 'We're Evolving' in Science, Class 6 learnt about Charles Darwin and his scientific theory of Evolution. We learnt about inheritance and adaptation. We looked at images of animals and their young and identified the similarities and differences between them.

Spring 1 Diary Dates	Determination Be Safe, Be Kind, Be the Best You Can Be.
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Yr 1 & Y2 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 3 & 4 multisports
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 1 & 2 multisports
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Yr 3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Years 4, 5 & 6 multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Club
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE Class 4 swimming 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Class 3 swimming
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 1 & Y2 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 3 & 4 multisports
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 1 & 2 multisports
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Years 4, 5 & 6 multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Club
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE Class 4 swimming 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Break for Half Term</b>