

Weekly Word

Care Curiosity Determination



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To all Parents/Carers

Well, that was a slightly different week to normal! In case you may have missed it, Ofsted (school inspectors) came to visit us on Tuesday and Wednesday and whilst I can't share the outcome or the report with you just yet, I am happy to share some of the lovely things they said about the school and, most importantly, the children.

First and foremost, the thing they commented on the most was the level of care they saw in the school. The way the children care for each other, the way the staff care for the children and the way you, the Markeaton community, believe we are a caring school. It is, after all, one of our main school values: Care, Curiosity and Determination.

Speaking of curiosity, they also commented on how the children love to learn at Markeaton. They saw a real hunger for knowledge and skills and the children actively engaging with the curriculum. We even had some children getting a bit upset because they couldn't tell the inspectors about their latest project! They saw how safe and happy the children were (which was also reflected in the parent/carer questionnaires) and how much they enjoy coming to school.

They said the behaviour and attitudes of the children really stood out. They spoke passionately about Markeaton Minds (Achievesaurs in FS2) and how they use these learning behaviours to become ready for secondary school and beyond. They said they played really nicely at lunchtime and the children really valued having a voice in school and being able to get involved in loads of clubs and other activities. I mean, I could go on but I'll save some detail for the actual report itself!

The absolute stars of the show were the children. They were a credit to us and the Markeaton community and I would like to say thank you to them. I hope you have heard bits and pieces from them about the last couple of days but if you haven't, just know that they were incredible and we are really proud of them.

I would also like to add that the inspection team, in all their combined years of inspecting, had never seen Q14 of the survey come back with 100% - and that was: ***I would recommend this school to another parent.***

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So a huge thank you for that massive show of support – it didn't go unnoticed!

Have a lovely weekend and thanks again.

Mr Johnson

This week's attendance is 94.4%. Our target for the year is: 97%
The year group(s) with the highest attendance is/are Y5 96.1%