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Investors in Pupils

As you will know, the school recently achieved the Investors in Pupils award for a second time. Following the assessment process, the academy has now been chosen as a host school. This means that we will share our best practice with other schools from the north of England later this term. This is a great achievement for the school and shows that many of the principles of Investors in Pupils are now fully embedded in daily school life. We will also be asking our School Council to make a presentation in front of the other schools. The presentation will show how Investors in Pupils has benefited the children at West End. I look forward to seeing how they tackle their extra responsibilities!

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who returned the questionnaires before Easter. The senior leadership team has looked at the forms and we are really pleased with the very positive feedback. Everyone agreed that their child was happy, well looked after and made good progress at school. We will continue to work on the areas that you feel need addressing throughout the summer term, in particular the amount of homework that your child is receiving each week. Our aim is to ensure that homework is consistently given out each week. This allows our children to use and apply the skills that they have been taught in their lessons. If you have any further questions about homework, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Team 17

Recently, the Year 6 children had a special visit from Kevin Carthew, the Creative Director of Team 17, which is a computer software company in Wakefield. The children showed Kevin the computer games that they have made in their lessons using Kodu. He was very impressed with the quality of the games! Well done to Reuben Whiteley, Libby Edwards, Grace Ward and Samuel Fletcher who all received certificates for the games that they created. Afterwards, Alfie said, "I really enjoyed Kevin's visit as I got to learn more about his job. I liked how he talked about how he has to test the game he has created a number of times in order to find any bugs. This will take a long time and can be quite repetitive but it will certainly improve the game." Kevin added, "I thought the children were great. They're a credit to the school and I was really impressed by what they made on the computer."

Attendance

I am pleased that our whole-school attendance improved last week and I really hope that this can continue. Well done to Year 5 for having the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was more than 98%. We will continue to work hard this term to ensure that the academy meets our whole-school target.

Special Mentions

Well done to all the children who received achievement certificates or a positive leaf in our special mentions assemblies this term. Each week, the leaves continue to be displayed on our rainbow tree in reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher