



THE FRIDAY FOCUS



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The fortnightly Friday Focus is the chance for all year groups at Clavering to share their learning with the Clavering School community. This is a great opportunity to find out what each year group has been up to and engage in conversations around learning.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

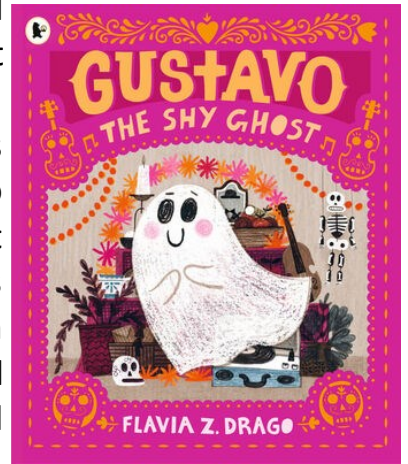
This week at Clavering the children have been taking part in Friendship Week. Each House Group, from Reception to Year 6, came together to take part in friendship building activities with different adults from across the school. See below to find out what the children have been up to!



This week during Friendship Week, each House took turns to vote for their House Captain and Deputy House Captain. The Year 6 children in each House children gave a speech as to why they would be a good House Captain. After all the children had given their speech there was a secret ballot. Each child had one vote, the child with the most votes is the House Captain and the child who came second is the Deputy House Captain. Well done to all the children who made such thoughtful, well- presented speeches and congratulations to those children who have been chosen. I am sure they will wear their badges with pride and be good role-models.



We read the story of Gustavo The Shy Ghost – a ghost who had to be brave to overcome his shyness and make friends. He went from feeling invisible to glowing with happiness once he had made his friends. The children each illustrated their own pages of the story – first they drew a simple line drawing with Gustavo trying to get close to the other monsters in various different shapes (sometimes disguised as a balloon, sometimes as washing on the washing line), then they drew a happy version with Gustavo shining in white playing with his friends. We loved seeing the children’s creative disguises for Gustavo and watching the older children supporting the younger ones with their ideas and their cutting out.



Each house group’s ideas will be made into a book for sharing in the library.



With Mrs Tokeley and Miss Ullman, the children have been thinking about the qualities of a good friend, working together they came up with lots of ideas of what a good friend or friendship needs to have. We then used these qualities as the ingredients in our friendship flapjacks:

- 1 cup of kindness
- 1/2 a cup of respect
- 1/2 a cup of melted loyalty and support
- 1 tbsp fun and laughter



The children mixed the ingredients together in small groups and showed some great teamwork and sharing. The flapjacks were then baked, and the children enjoyed them this afternoon! We also painted our hands and made house team handprints which are going to be turned into friendship flowers and displayed in school!



With Mrs Course and Mrs Berrett, it was wonderful watching all the house groups this week supporting each other playing a range of games and activities to promote teamwork. The children were challenged to work with someone in a different class and to find something out about them that they didn't know already. The children work so nicely together looking after and supporting the younger children. Some children made some amazing creations with the magnetic construction, there was some enthusiastic sewing and even some children choreographing chants and dances about their house group!



With Miss Morton and Miss Hagger we focused on Mental Health and Wellbeing. The children's first task was to write their understanding of the topic on sticky notes, we then brought together everyone's ideas to come up with a 'house definition'. We discussed how kindness can impact mental health. It was great to see all ages working together to help one another with this activity. The children then wrote some lovely postcards of kindness to another child in the school. They came up with some fantastic reasons of why their friend is great!

