



Lymington C of E Infant School Newsletter

May 2019

School Value

Critical Thinking

Children are natural inquirers. Every day, they're putting their critical thinking skills into practice. This ability to think critically is an asset that we believe will stand your child in good stead as they move through primary school, into secondary and throughout their adult lives. This is why we have made it one of our school values, we want to ensure that we follow God's example so that good thinking becomes a habit.

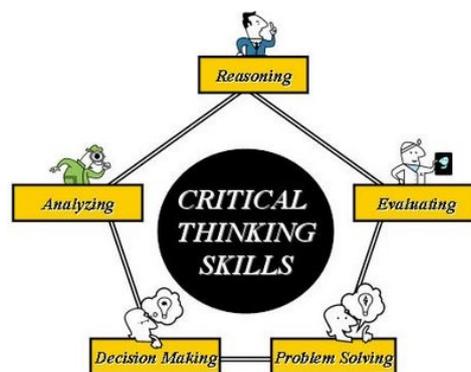
Proverbs 23:7 "As someone thinks within himself, so he is."

Learning to think critically is a vital part of children's development, helping them make sense of the world around them. It helps them ask questions and make value judgments, and try to figure things out if they don't make sense. Research has suggested that children who are taught critical thinking skills do better at language development, comprehension and problem solving.

So far we have looked at problems that have encouraged us to think deeper, try another idea and listen to the ideas of others. We have looked at pictures to see what ideas they sparked and discussed how different our thoughts were. Our work with Philosophy for children has provided a strong platform for the children to agree and disagree with each other, and their teachers as long as they could support their arguments with reasoning!

God said through Isaiah, "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18).

Miss J Addison



Chit Chat!

With the focus on critical thinking this term, talk and in particular open ended questioning becomes an essential tool! Rather than automatically giving answers to the questions your child raises, help them think critically by asking questions in return: "What ideas do you have? What do you think is happening here?" Respect their responses whether you view them as correct or not. You could say, "That is interesting. Tell me why you think that." Use phrases like "I am interested to hear your thinking about this." "How would you solve this problem?" "Where do you think we might find more information to solve this problem?"



Cooking!

This week the children have enjoyed baking with Mrs Chamberlain. They cooked pasties with different



fillings, traditional Cornish pasties and cheese and beans. They looked delicious. Masterchefs of the future!

Staff Car Park

May we remind parents not to use the staff car park to drop off and pick up children. The car park is in use all day as teachers and staff have to attend meetings and courses and are often unable to park when they get back. Please also use the crossing as it has been reported that some families are crossing in the car park which is a danger to all. Thank you for your cooperation.

Friends of School Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is taking place on Friday 7th June, 3-5pm. The funds raised are going towards the outdoor stage in memory of Elspeth Moore so we would be very grateful for your support. There will be a MUFTI day on Friday 24th May—non-school uniform in exchange for items for the tombolas. More information will be sent out shortly.



Dolphins 2

Little Dolphins run the after school club for pre-school and reception children. From September they are opening the afterschool club to older siblings (Year 1 and 2) of pre-school and reception children. Please email dolphinstoo2@outlook.com or telephone 07943039493 for further details.

Plants

We are at that time of year again when we plant up the patios and front of school. We would therefore be very grateful for any spare plants (including vegetables) to enable us to give the children more experience of growing. If you can help please bring them to the school office. Many thanks.



Dates for your diary

10 May 8.45am & 2.45pm	Sharing Time
10 May 2.30pm	EYFS Jobs Fair - Family Celebration for EYFS parents
16 May 6pm	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents
17 May 2.30pm	Year 1—Dress up as an alien day Family Celebration for Year 1 parents
21 May	Class photos
21 May 2.30pm	Chromebooks sharing session for parents (with Miss Bull)
22 May 2.30pm	Chromebooks sharing session for parents (with Ms Morris)
24 May	MUFTI Day for FOS Summer Fair—wear non-school uniform in exchange for tombola items Last day of term

Cricket—Chance to Shine Day

Last week we had coaching by Coach Rob from All Stars Cricket, who taught Year 1 and Year 2 lots of cricket skills. They worked on batting, throwing (with aim!) and catching. All the children were fully engaged in the game style practise and fun was had by all, even the teachers!
Lymington Cricket Club run a session from 5.45-6.45pm, please contact trevorphillips76@gmail.com or register at allstarscricket.co.uk.



After School Clubs

Thank you to those who have signed up for our after school clubs. We do have two spaces available for Multi Sports Club and three for Dance Club. Please call in to the school office to sign up your child to either club.

Head Lice

Please can you check your child's hair for head lice as we have had a few cases reported to school. Thank you.

If your child is being picked up by someone other than someone not on their contact sheet, please tell your class teacher who will record the information in their classroom.