Positive behaviour at Yaxley Infant School

We encourage positive behaviour at Yaxley Infant School with the use of Golden Awards

Golden awards are motivational and are given for a variety of reasons:

- Good behaviour (making good choices or giving 'friendship tokens')
- Effort (doing their best)
- Achievement (achieving good outcomes for their effort)
- Leadership skills (helping others, being reliable)
- Taking responsibility for classroom resources (tidying, sorting)
- Good manners and courtesy

When the children achieve 15 Golden Awards they are presented with their certificate in Praise Assembly. They continue to collect Golden Awards and receive certificates throughout the three years they are here at YIS.

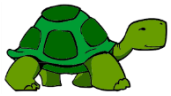
Ritzy Rat and Tommy Tortoise

Ritzy Rat represents the impulsive brain. In school we talk about making Ritzy Rat choices.

Tommy Tortoise represents the thinking brain and so we also talk about making Tommy Tortoise choices.

We encourage Tommy Tortoise choices by having the puppet visuals in the classroom. Repeated choices which do not conform to behaviour expectations would incur a Ritzy Rat warning and continued Ritzy choices would cause the child's name to be put on the Ritzy Rat visual. The child then has the opportunity to make Tommy Tortoise choices and have their name removed and returned to Tommy Tortoise. If a child has been on Tommy Tortoise for the day/week and has particularly impressed with good choices they might receive a Tommy text, for parents to share the news. If a child spends time on the time out chair to consider Ritzy Rat choices their names will be placed in the Ritzy Rat book. This is used to monitor low levels of behaviour in the classroom.

Integrity Award



Integrity awards are given when children make Tommy Tortoise choices even when no-one is looking! The children collectively decide on an end of term treat as a reward.

Golden Behaviour Balloon

All childrens' names are on the balloon at the beginning of the week. The majority of childrens' names will stay on the balloon. However children who have not kept to accepted boundaries of behaviour and have not responded to the normal 'Ritzy Rat ' warnings will be placed in the balloon basket. They then have a chance to turn this around and get back into the balloon. However if the undesirable behaviour is repeated they will be removed from the balloon altogether. All children who have remained in the balloon will enjoy a special 'Golden Behaviour Balloon Playtime' and their parents receive a text to share the good news. Those who have been removed from the balloon will remain inside and talk through what they will do the following week to make sure they remain in the balloon. Parents will also receive a text sharing that their child has not managed to stay in the balloon. Should they be

removed from the balloon for three consecutive weeks parents will be informed by letter and asked to talk to their child about their behaviour.
Further strategies may be employed for children who are still finding it difficult to conform to acceptable behaviour boundaries. These will always be discussed with parents on an individual needs basis.
For more information about our approaches to behaviour and discipline please refer to the behaviour policy.