

January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Citizenship and Character Award

Shortly before Christmas I mentioned in the newsletter a new and exciting award that we hope your child will achieve during their time at Dundry Primary School. The new 'Citizenship and Character Award' has been designed to encourage our young people to develop their own personal skills that will help them to lead healthy and happy lives. It has been created for all primary children in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership so we hope that your child will enjoy taking part along with hundreds of other children in the local area!

The award has been created to develop five main character strands:

- 'Developing Me' - To explore personal skills and interests.
- 'Physical Me' - To encourage physical activity, including healthy eating.
- 'Wellbeing Me' - To develop positive mental health and wellbeing.
- 'Local Me' - To discover and celebrate the local area.
- 'Global Me' - To learn more about their place as a global citizen.



Your child be bringing home a Citizenship and Character Award Passport which will contain a number of different activities and challenges to achieve within each of the strands. Some of these we would encourage you to enjoy with your child at home, others we will explore in school. When an activity has been completed your child will highlight this on the passport - and hopefully tell us all about it in school! When children have successfully completed 3 activities from each strand, they will be awarded a bronze award. When 5 activities from each strand have been completed, they will achieve a silver award. To achieve the top gold award, your child is encouraged to complete 7 activities from each strand. Each award will be celebrated in school so we are looking forward to hearing all about your child's achievements.

As you will see from the passport, there will be three opportunities/rounds throughout your child's time at our school to achieve bronze, silver and gold awards. These will be during YR-Y2, Y3-Y4, Y5-Y6. Although the passport states that awards will be issued at the end of these periods, we are likely to be celebrating your child's achievements throughout the school year!

I hope you are as excited as we are about this new initiative and we hope your child enjoys taking part.

Yours Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Maggs  
Head of School