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Dear Parents

I can't quite believe we are half way through the academic year already.

This week has certainly been a busy one with Safer Internet Day, Mental Health Awareness Week and a delicious noodle lunch on Thursday to celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year.

Students across the school have created some amazing work across all of these topics this week. Well done everyone.

After school today Mrs Harshavardhan has invited Year 5 parents to see some of the students fantastic work on WWII. We are planning to offer more of these informal 'drop ins' for parents to come and see exemplary work at the end of each half term.

As we approach the start of Lent next week students have been learning about Jesus' time in the desert and why we give up things for Lent. Each child has also been given a copy of 'My Day-by-Day', an activity booklet for them to complete at home throughout the Lenten period.

Last week we launched Times Table Rock Stars and there have been intense battles to top the leader board already. Please do keep up this over the half term as there may be some prizes to win next half term!

We have much to look forward to when we return including Parent Consultations, World Book Day, Open Week and of course our Easter Concert (please see key dates opposite).

I do hope you all enjoy a safe and restful half term break.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Head Teacher

Safer Internet Day 2024 Tuesday 6 February
Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



For Safer Internet Day we welcomed Perform For Schools for a series of workshops themed around staying safe online.

Students from Years 1-6 learned to 'Zip it', 'Block it' and 'Flag it' when it comes to unsuitable content online.

One Year 6 student said: "We acted out a TV advert and learnt what we should do if we see things we don't like online."

One Year 1 student said: "It was so much fun and we got to learn Zip it, Block it, Flag it!"

Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age.

For more information and support visit:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>



Dates for your Diary this Term

- Swimming this Term – Years 3 & 4 – Monday Feb 19th, March 4th
- Feb 26th-March 1st – Parent Consultation meetings (most clubs do not run this week)
- March 4th-8th – Open Week
- March 5th – Toby Glover Author Visit & Book signing
- March 7th – World Book Day (Literary Dressing Up)
- March 8th – Year 4 Globe Trip
- March 11th – PTA Film Night
- March 18th – Junior Easter Concert (Years 3-6)
- March 22nd – CAFOD Lenten mufti day fundraising
- March 25th-27th – Year 6 PGL Trip



Place2Be's
**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

5th—9th February 2024

Reception

**YOUR
VOICE
MATTERS**



Our little monsters help us to talk about our feelings



Make a difference!

Express Yourself!



My Voice Matters!

Bee happy 

Yoga Bumble Bee Breath

Close your eyes, breathe in through your mouth and buzz out your exhale...zzzzzz!



Our classroom 'Feelings Flips' book helps us to understand and show how we are feeling

Your Voice Matters...

Sometimes we can use our voice to make a big difference in the world, but equally important is the way we use our voice to make a difference in small, everyday ways. How have you made a difference?



Reception Class 'Kindness Wall'

Make a Difference!

Reception class enjoyed the story of 'Speak Up! You can make a difference' by Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola. This book features a child called Rocket who uses her voice to raise awareness of the local library closing. We discussed how we can use our own voices to speak up...how we can share our opinions with others, such as the Head Teacher, the School Council, and parents and carers.

Share Kindness...

Did you know that acts of kindness release dopamine in the brain and make us feel good?

Reception Class wrote the names of friends who have been kind to them on paper hearts and placed them on our classroom 'Kindness Wall'.



Reception Class

新年快乐
HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
2024
YEAR OF THE DRAGON



This week in Reception Class we celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Dragon. We enjoyed dancing with scarves to traditional Chinese music. We learned about the Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Warriors. In art we made lanterns, and wrote in the style of Chinese calligraphy. We later learned about the myth of the race across the river and how the animals in the Chinese Zodiac found their place. Our school cook prepared some delicious Chinese food for us and we even got to make and eat some of our own in the Reception role-play kitchen and restaurant!



I'll just book you in. What name is it please?



Please may I take your orders...



Kung Hei Fat Choi



新年快乐



Nursery

We have been very busy in Nursery this week and have continued to explore transport and road safety. We have also been looking at well-being and internet safety. The children enjoyed:

- Categorising types of transport into order of size from the smallest to the biggest and discussing the different sizes.
- Looking at road safety we used role-play to demonstrate how to cross the road safely on our zebra crossing after which we received our road safety certificate.
- Listening to 'Buddy the Dog's Internet Safety Story' and answering questions to reinforce our understanding.



Year 1



Year 1 kicked off Mental Health Awareness Week by exploring the story of 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival. We answered comprehension questions and discussed what we have learnt from the story through a group reflection task.

The next day we created our own fabulous posters on "How to solve a worry..." and presented them to each other.

Some wonderful ideas emerged from the class to reiterate the message that our voice matters!

Latin and Classic Civilisation



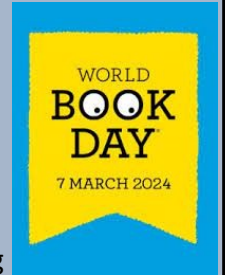
Latin and Classic Civilisation Club enjoyed a Roman feast this week including dates, olives and figs. Sadly Tesco were all out of dormice when Mrs. Ting went shopping so they were unable to give this delicacy a try.

Year 2

In Science Year 2 had fun investigating the importance of being hygienic. Children had glitter put on the hands and predicted if a paper towel, water or soap and water would remove any of the 'germs'. Children learnt that the only way to remove all 'germs' is to wash their hands with soap and water.



World Book Day takes place on March 7th this year and once again we will be asking students (and staff) to dress up as the favourite literary character.



To celebrate we will also be inviting author Toby Glover into school on Tuesday March 5th. Toby Glover is a children's author with over 20 books, his range of fun, rhyming stories are popular for all Primary children, from Nursery to Year 6. His Mark Shark adventures are in talks to become a new animated series! Toby has been touring schools and will be visiting us to share his stories with individual classes. His books are available as both paperbacks and eBooks on Amazon, parents will also have the chance to purchase signed copies on the day. www.tobybooktour.com (£9) Book signing will take place at 3.30pm—Toby will have a card reader available on the day.

Year 3



Inspired by their History topic of the Romans, Year 3 made some stunning mosaic tiles in Art this week.

Year 4



This week Year 4 have been studying journalistic writing and analysed various articles, looking at the difference between tabloid and broadsheet styles. They travelled back in History to learn a brief history of the Taj Mahal and the tragedy that struck the architect who created this beautiful splendour! They then reported this event and created some simply outstanding newspaper articles!

Stars of the week

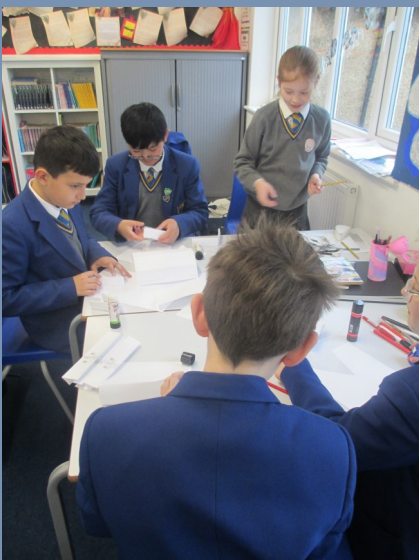


Year 5



Year 5 have created some stunning posters based on their Topic of WWII. This afternoon parents will be popping in to have a look at some of their fabulous creations.

Year 6



Children in Year 6 have really enjoyed learning how to make a dragon to celebrate Lunar New Year. This was a pupil-led lesson planned and carried out by one of our Year 6 students who was on hand to give instructions and help.





1. Ann Jones	Year 6	48,676	5	Kevin Gordon	Year 4	20,509
2. Sully Woolfe	Year 6	46,307	6	Rippy Coltrane	Year 3	14,406
3. Axel Stevens	Year 6	28,429	7	Thunder Coleman	Year 5	14,040
4. Creep Messina	Year 5	24,631	8	Christina Strong	Year 4	12,667



FEB HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS COURSE

**Monday 12th to
Friday 16th February**

£15 PER DAY

***Football, netball, basketball, cricket,
dodgeball, tennis, tag rugby, uni-hoc,
traditional sports day games & more***

HANNIBAL WAY CRO 4RW

10am-3pm early drop off (9am) or late pick up (4pm) available on request.

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