



NEWSLETTER

13th October 2023

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

This week has taken us back to the past as we celebrate Black History month. Children in class have been learning about the successes of Mary Seacole, Aretha Franklin and Faith Ringgold, to name a few. Children impressed staff with their excellent recall and knowledge, gathered so far this month.

Mental Health Day took place on Tuesday and children had the opportunity to discuss healthy minds and bodies in a variety of activities planned throughout school.

We also had a monitoring visit from Ofsted this week. We would like to thank parents for taking the time to complete the Parent View survey. Feedback remains confidential until Ofsted publish their findings. We expect the final feedback to be with us in the next 30 days and we will share this with you as soon as we can.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- Harvest Festival will take place at The Pathway next Thursday at 1.15pm. We look forward to celebrating this special time of year with you next week.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Pupils have now designed their own Christmas cards in school – a black/white copy is being sent home tonight with your child/ren. Please see the 'How to' information steps below, for parents ordering Christmas cards and other gifts from Cauliflower Cards.

- Go to <https://shop.cauliflowergroup.co.uk> and register as a parent using the site with your name, email address and password.
- On the Ordering page, you are asked for the School Code and Unique Code – both are found in the top left-hand corner of the form which has been sent home. There is a different unique code for every child.
- Once the codes have been entered, you can add the Pupils name and select a Class name from the drop down list.
- If you have more than one child at school, then now you can add another child, using the unique code on their artwork letter.
- No other children to add, then you can start shopping!
- Complete your order online and we will do the rest.

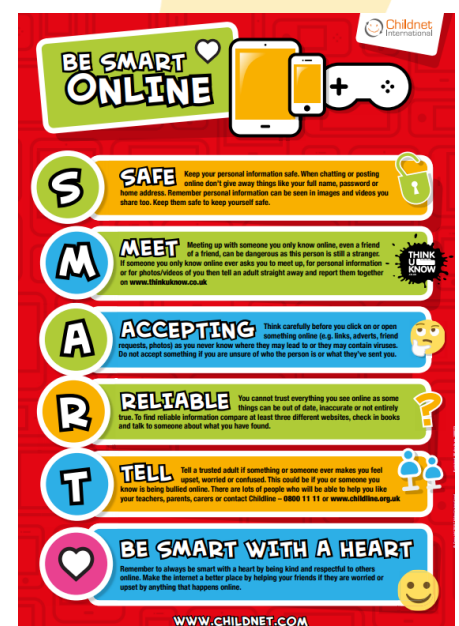
Please place orders by Sunday 15th October.

Your printed order will arrive after half-term.

Thank you for your support with this project!

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.uksaferinternetcentre.org/)
- [Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk)





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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson, Miss Spenceley & Mrs Halliley

EYFS have had a fantastic week learning all about healthy eating! We spoke about foods which were healthy, such as fruit and vegetables, and food which is unhealthy, such as sweets and takeaways. Although, we did point out that it is ok to sometimes eat unhealthy foods as a healthy balanced diet. We even made our own healthy pizzas, using wraps as the base, with tomato puree, mozzarella cheese, chicken slices, pepper, pineapple and olives. All children impressed us with their spreading skills and cutting skills.





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Year 1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Mrs Niven

This week in Year 1/2, we noticed that some squirrels had left a bit of a mess! There were pine cones and acorns everywhere! They had also left a book (The Squirrels That Squabbled), for us to read! We made predictions about what would happen and looked at the meaning of some unfamiliar words from the story.

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about number bonds within 10, and adding by creating number stories and sentences. Year 2 have been adding numbers with renaming, using a range of methods.

As part of our Geography topic, we have been learning about the continents of the world. We sang a song, looked at the globe and identified where we are on a world map.

In Science, we have been learning about the 5 senses and the parts of our body that allow us to use these senses.

During our R.E. lessons, we have been learning about Hinduism and the Festival of Light - Diwali. We have been learning all about the celebrations and have designed our own Diva lamps.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

This week, the children have enjoyed learning more about the Hindu God Ganesh, and that during the festival 'Ganesh Chaturthi' they make small statues called murtis, of Ganesh, which they pray to and then float in the river at the end of the festival. The children had a go at making their own murtis of Ganesh, using clay.

The children have been using their research skills in Science and History this week. In Science, they researched facts about vitamins and minerals and recreated a poster with their group, and in History, they looked at different pieces of evidence to understand more about Stonehenge.

In English, the children have continued to write their first-person narratives about travelling back in time.

Year 4 have come to the end of their topic of Addition and Subtraction and will be moving on to Multiplication and Division, while Year 3 are continuing to develop their skills in renaming in subtractions.





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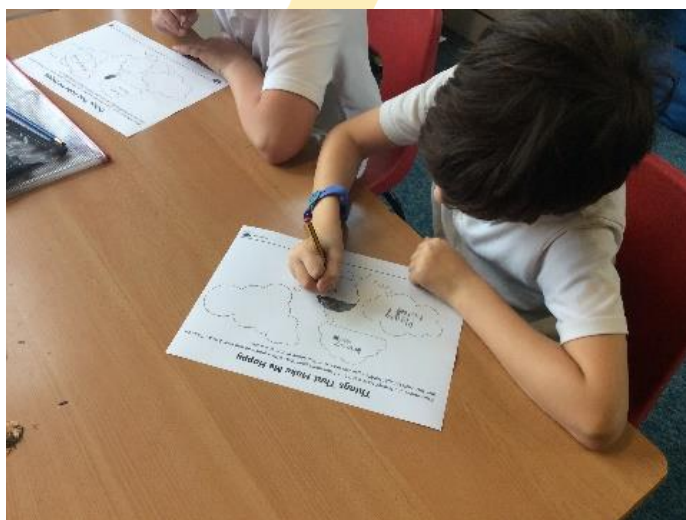
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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, we have furthered our knowledge on Shang Dynasty, in both our Writing and History lessons. In writing, we have begun writing our non-chronological report on the Shang Dynasty, making sure to use sub-headings to aid our presentation. In History, we have completed an enquiry on oracle bones; what they were, their purpose and what they tell us about the Shang Dynasty. We have some very avid historians in the class who have also completed more research at home!

Year 5 have moved on to their next chapter in maths, addition and subtraction, while Year 6 are developing their knowledge and understanding of long division.

On Tuesday, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. We discussed the importance of looking after our mental health as well as focussing on the things that make us happy. We hope that this week's homework encourages your child to share that importance with you.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
October	Black History Month
WC 16 th October	Parents Evenings – time slots still available
Thursday 19 th October	Harvest Festival at The Pathway, Middleton in Teesdale, 1.15pm
Friday 20 th October	Non-uniform Day
Monday 23 rd October	Multi-Schools Festival, held at Middleton in Teesdale Primary
Wednesday 25 th October	EYFS Trip to Hamsterley Forest
Thursday 26 th October	Cross Country School Event
Friday 27 th October	Break for Half Term
Monday 6 th November	Pupils return to school