



NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

Today, our school was filled with an array of rock stars as children arrived ready for our very own TT Rockstars Day! The theme was planned by Mrs Garnett, our Maths Lead, in a bid to promote the importance of learning times tables, in order to access the maths curriculum with these important life skills.

Children participated in a multitude of maths games and activities in classes, to promote fluency in the times tables and number. Thank you to Mrs Garnett who organised such a fun day for our pupils, and for your support with outfits and donations. We are pleased to report that we have raised £72.30, to support the NSPCC.

Next week, we are planning a whole host of activities as we support Children's Mental Health Week in school. Children will have the opportunity to access our Relax Kids resources, which focus upon meditation and mindfulness. We will also be promoting the importance of good mental health and share ways in which we can relax and look after our bodies and minds.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- Polite reminder: We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

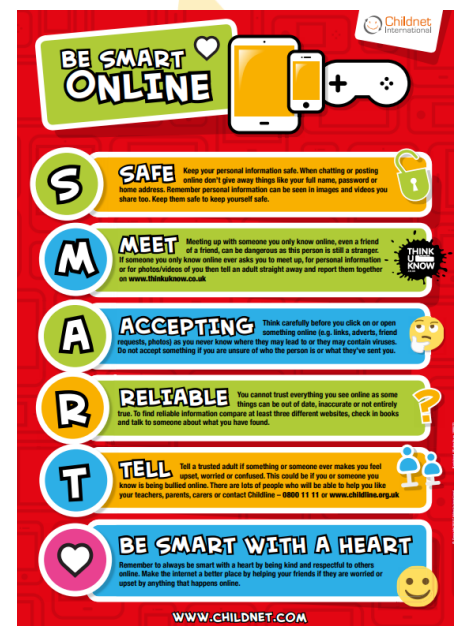
A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

We are hosting a coffee morning on Friday 1st March, from 9-10am in our school hall. We would like to invite parents and grandparents to join us for cake and coffee. There will be an opportunity to meet our Head Boy and Head Girl and some of our lovely FOMS.

We hope to see you there.

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	100.0%
Year 1+2	95.7%
Year 3+4	97.1%
Year 5+6	96.3%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

This week, Nursery have been learning about Noah's Ark; they have loved listening to the story and singing the song which goes with it. Nursery have explored the water tray with boats inside it, watching how ripples were made as their boats moved.

In our small world area, we've had our own Noah's Ark; Nursery have matched the animals together to march them into the Ark.

In Reception this week, we have been reading, 'The Dinosaur who pooped a Planet'. The children loved retelling this story, by creating story maps and practising their writing using their phonics skills. We have also been making model dinosaurs, thinking about materials and structures!

Nursery and Reception have also celebrated Times Table Rockstars Day, to support the NSPCC. We were so impressed with the effort the children had put in with their costumes. We concentrated looking at numbers 1-10.





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Aislabie and Mrs. Niven

This week in our English lesson, we have been looking at a range of non-chronological reports. We labelled the key features of reports and began researching facts to help us write our own report next week.

In Maths, Year 2 were introduced to measure – centimetres and metres. We measured a range of objects in the classroom and decided which unit of measure we needed to use.

Year 1 have been looking at fact families. They were really good at identifying the additions and subtraction number sentences that made up each fact family.

During Geography, we found out what a city is and what life is like in a city. The children created posters of what city life would be like, compared to life in a village.

In our BLAST session, the children were challenged to complete a fitness circuit. All of the children tried so hard and were exhausted after it!

On Friday, we all dressed up for Number Day as Rock Stars. All of the children made such a fantastic effort with their outfits. To support this day, we completed a TTRS challenge and made a multiplication flower to help us learn our times table facts. The children all had the opportunity to show everyone their outfit and tell us their rock star name. We hope the children enjoyed our number day!

Later in the day, we made rain gauges so that we can measure and compare the amount of rain that falls on a daily basis. This was linked to our Science topic, Seasons.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

Year 3 and 4 have continued to explore fossils this week, and had a go at being palaeontologists, by digging the chocolate chips out of cookies - they soon realised how long this took and how careful they had to be.

Year 4 have been learning how to read and draw their own line graphs, while Year 3 have been measuring and comparing length, followed by solving word problems.

In Geography, the children have been learning about the lines of longitude and latitude, and using these to help them plot the locations of volcanos around the world.

They have also been enjoying their music lessons, where they have been learning to play, 'Three Little Birds' on the glockenspiel, and learning about the rhythm and dynamics of a song.

To end the week the children had a fantastic time dressing up as rock-stars for NSPCC Number Day and competing in Times Table Rock Stars.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

In Year 5&6 this week, we have gained an insight into the similarities and differences between the Minoan and Mycenaean civilisations of Ancient Greece, as well as coming up with a pneumonic or acronym to help us remember the different periods/civilisations of Ancient Greece – ask your child what their pneumonic/acronym was and see if they can remember the matching period!

In writing, Year 5 have written a persuasive leaflet, encouraging the reader to visit Greece. The children wrote some fantastic leaflets which used descriptive language, subordinating conjunctions and commas in a list. Year 6 have been working hard to refine their grammar skills which they will use in their next writing unit.

In P.E. we have had great fun practising our badminton skills, as well adding more moves to our dance routine!

On Friday we all dressed up as rockstars to support NSPCC's Number Day. There were some rocking outfits! We had lots of number fun, solving problems and competing on TT Rockstars.

As we move closer towards the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Year 6 parents to school on Tuesday 6th February at 15:30 for a discussion about the End of the Key Stage 2 SATs that take place in May. In this session we will cover what SATs are, when they will take place and answer any questions that you may have.





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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	EYFS 'Chinese NY' Assembly for Parents/Carers
Monday 12 th February	Women & Girls in Science Day
Monday 12 th February	Dance Festival - Years 3+4
Friday 16 th February	Valentine's Disco (dress in pink/red)
Friday 16 th February	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26 th February	School re-opens for Spring Term 2
MARCH	International Women's History Month
Friday 1 st March	Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
w/c 11 th March	British Science Week
Monday 11 th March	Tennis Festival - Yrs 3+4
Friday 15 th March	Badminton World Cup Competition (teams from Yrs 5+6)
Thurs 21 st – Tues 26 th March	Scholastic Book Fair - being held in school
Friday 22 nd March	Girls Football Competition – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
w/c 25 th March	Parent's Evenings being held
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 16 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term 1

