



NEWSLETTER

9th February 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

Over the last few weeks, we have invited families into school for various information sessions and events. This week we held a KS2 SATs meeting and a Y4 Multiplication Check meeting for families. These sessions are key in keeping up to date with current focuses within your child's class. We hope these meetings were informative and gave you an insight into national testing and we would like to thank everyone who was able to attend these meetings.

On Wednesday, our youngest pupils in Early Years performed a lovely assembly to celebrate their learning of Chinese New Year. Whilst the pupils were nervous, we were very proud of them all for taking part. Performing in front of an audience can be such a daunting experience, which is why we like to begin public speaking opportunities right from the very start of your child's educational journey. Watch this space for more class assemblies over the coming months!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Harris & Mrs Willington

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.

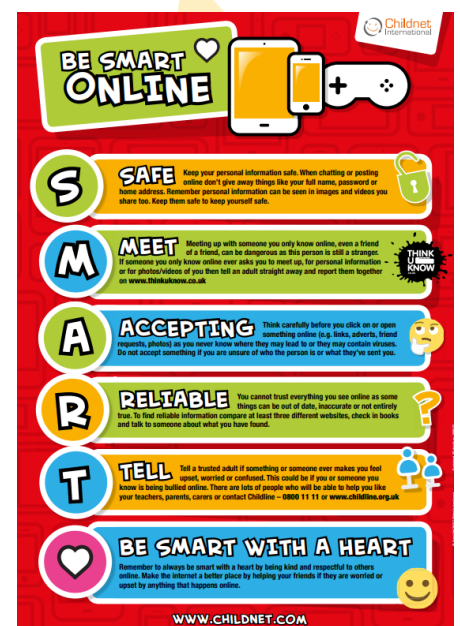
A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

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	83.8%
Year 1+2	94.4%
Year 3+4	97.0%
Year 5+6	92.7%



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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

This week in EYFS we have been learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year. EYFS have worked so hard over the past week to make their own dragon, ready for our assembly on Wednesday, where we put on a performance for parents to watch. All staff were so proud of our children for how confident they were speaking, this can be nerve wracking but they were great! Today, EYFS have celebrated the Chinese New Year by having their very own banquet. They had the choice to taste noodles, egg fried rice, prawn crackers and vegetable spring rolls! This all went down a treat, "More! More! More!", "This is great!", they exclaimed. Kung Hei Fat Choi! (*Happy New Year in Chinese*)

NURSERY - Nursery's story of the week has been, 'The Rainbow Fish'; the children explored their creative side as they made their own rainbow fish by putting the scales onto a template. They explored their sensory side with noodles in our tuff tray, "Ew they're slimy", "Are they worms?", "Look, I can get them with chop stick", they exclaimed. Nursery have also shown a lot of interest in the Chinese clothing we have had on loan for them, their smiles have beamed as they wore them. The red clothing was a firm favourite, as we learnt that red is a lucky colour in China.

RECEPTION - In Reception this week, we have been learning about Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week. We talked about how to stay safe when using computers and tablets and to tell an adult if we were worried about anything. We have also talked about our feelings, and how we feel in different situations





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

This week, we have continued with our theme of non-chronological reports. We have been finding facts about tigers, we have played a game to help us make our sentences better by using a range of sentence openers and we have looked at the different types of punctuation we use throughout a report.

In Maths, Year 2 have been focusing on measure. We have been measuring using centimetres and metres and then applied this knowledge to help solve word problems.

In Year 1, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We have searched for different shapes in the classroom, we have looked at their properties and found a range of ways they can be grouped.

This week it was also Safer Internet Day; we read a story that made us think about how the internet can change people's feelings and discussed who we could tell if there was something online we are worried about.

In DT we have continued with our topic 'Taxi'. This week, we were challenged to make a moving vehicle, using a range of building equipment. The children remembered that they needed axels, wheels and a chassis to be successful!

We have also enjoyed completing our computing task on algorithms. We watched the story of Hansel and Gretel and then had to design our own house, using a paint programme. The children then typed up the instructions so that others could follow them, to make the same end product.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

With this week being 'Children's Mental Health Week', during our PSHE session the children thought about ways in which they can support their own mental health, and why something might help support their mental health or not. They then set up their own action plans to help support their own mental health and supporting others.

It was also 'Safer Internet Day' this week, and children were exploring how people can use the internet in positive ways, and how not all influencers may be spreading positive messages - this made them think about what sort of influencers they should be following online.

The children have been learning lots about fossils across the curriculum which has prepared them well in English, to begin writing their explanation text about how fossils are formed.

In Computing, the children have continued to develop their skills in coding and learning how to create programs that make characters do different things. This week, they learnt how to use a timer function to make a character do something after a certain amount of time.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

To begin the week, Year 5 & 6 investigated water resistance – using modelling clay to time how long it took for the object to sink. We found that the larger the surface area of an object the longer it took to reach the bottom of the container. We discussed the ways in which our investigation remains fair and the different variables we have.

This week has been full of theme days, where we were able to develop an awareness of our mental health and how to stay safe online. The theme for this year's children's mental health week is, 'My Voice Matters.' We discussed the ways in which we can promote positive mental health – being kind, staying active and getting a good night's sleep. To be heard, all children in Year 5 and 6 wrote a message on their megaphone that they want to be heard, to show that their voice matters. As well as children's mental health week, we have also been reminded about the ways in which we can stay safe online. Our anti-bullying ambassadors gave us 5 top tips for staying safe – ask your child to see if they can remember them! Not only did our ambassadors provide us with top tips to stay safe, but they also reminded us about the age restrictions on games and the reasoning behind these restrictions. In lesson we learnt about online influences and how this is rapidly becoming an increased opportunity for young people – to become an influencer. We discussed the positive and negative impact social influences can have on society.

This week we have begun our final writing unit for the half-term; a newspaper report. In this unit we have already become journalists, interviewing different characters from our book, Clockwork, by Philip Pullman. All children were engaged in this activity which really supported them in writing the introduction of their newspaper report.

It was great to see many Y6 parents this week for a KS2 SATs information session, if however, you were unable to attend the session please find the pdf powerpoint on Class Dojo.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
Monday 12 th February	Women & Girls in Science Day
Tuesday 13 th February	Dance Festival - Years 3+4
Friday 16 th February (pm)	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 Value of the Month
Friday 1 st March	Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (Dress in pyjamas)
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)
Monday 18 th March	World Down Syndrome Day
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
Monday 15 th March	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 16 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term 1
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
WC 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – School closed to pupils