



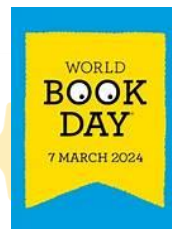
NEWSLETTER

16th February 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March this year. Our theme for this year is 'Bedtime Stories,' and children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas. We have carefully taken into consideration the rising cost of living for our theme and are therefore inviting children to wear something already available to them. However, children may come as a character from their favourite bedtime story if they would prefer. Children may also bring a bedtime story to share with their peers on the day!

"A bedtime story can be a brilliant anchor to social, emotional and academic development, helping children to explore new feelings, new experiences and new knowledge in a safe environment." - The BookTrust



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.

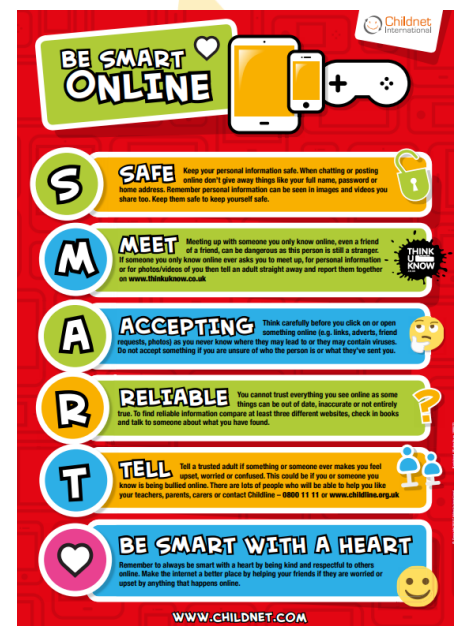
A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

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~

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| Reception | 80.6% |
| Year 1+2 | 95.1% |
| Year 3+4 | 95.5% |
| Year 5+6 | 94.0% |



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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Miss Niven, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

We've had a super busy week in EYFS, making beautiful Valentine's cards for the people we love and celebrating Pancake Day!

We have spoken about our feelings while reading, 'The Colour Monster' book and realised that at the end of the story the colour monster felt the feeling of love himself. We thought he felt loved, as in the beginning his feelings were all messed up, but with a little help from his friend he was able to understand his different feelings!

We have also read, 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'; we paid attention to the ingredients Mr Wolf needed to make his shopping list.

On Tuesday afternoon we had a feast of our own pancakes, with toppings of strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, bananas and syrup. These went down a treat and we even had some children wanting seconds!





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What have we been up to?

Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislalie

This week, we have been writing up our own non-chronological reports all about tigers. We have found out lots of information and enjoyed reading them to the early years children.

In Maths, year 2 have completed their topic area on measure, by completing word problems that involve measurements. Year 1 have completed their topic on shape, by reviewing 2D and 3D shape names, drawing them and completing repeated patterns.

We have also been busy this week celebrating Shrove Tuesday. We made pancakes and we talked about the history of this traditional feast. The children enjoyed picking their own toppings and enjoyed eating them even more!

This week in Geography, we have been learning all about London landmarks. We had a tour of London with William Whiskerson (a mouse explorer), who showed us all of the sights and explained what each one represented.

We have also celebrated International Women in Science; we found out all about Marie Curie, who discovered radiotherapy and x-ray machines. We discussed how her dedication to Science has contributed to treating illnesses today.

Today, we have enjoyed ending the half term with our reading party and Valentine's Disco. All of the children had a brilliant time! We hope you all have a lovely half term.





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What have we been up to?

Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

This week, the children in Year 3 and 4 had the experience of performing their dance routine, that they have been practicing during PE lessons with Ben, our sports coach. They have worked hard on their routine to, 'We're All In This Together', and did very well during their performance in front of the other schools. Unfortunately, due to the layout of the room, all video footage had other children in, and we cannot show the children from other schools, due to safeguarding policies. However, you can see some of the stills from the video that have been cropped (these are also on the school Facebook page).

The children have been learning all about Mary Anning and her contributions to Palaeontology and Science for, 'Women and Girls in Science Day'; they have enjoyed learning about her discoveries of fossils in Dorset. They have also been writing up their own explanation of how fossils are formed in English lessons, in their best handwriting.

Towards the end of the week, the children got creative in their DT lessons, making their own moving CAM mechanisms to inspire their own moving toys which they have planned, and will be ready to make after the half term.

Finally, they all had a brilliant time celebrating Valentine's Day at our Valentines' Disco, a brilliant end to the half term!





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What have we been up to?

Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

In writing this week, we have finished off our newspaper reports which inform the reader surrounding the mystery of Prince Otto. Children have really taken on board the features of a newspaper, using direct speech and parenthesis to provide extra information. I think there may be some budding journalists in the class!

In History this week, we have learnt about how life in Ancient Greece is different to modern day life, as well as acknowledging and recognising differences between city states – Athens and Sparta.

In Music, we finished our unit of learning – Adele's, 'Make You Feel My Love'. We connected several notes together to perform over the top of the instrumental of the song.

To end the half-term, those children who have achieved their accelerated reader target, or read at home every night, attended their reading party. To complete the day, we had lots of fun partying at our Valentine's Disco, kindly hosted by the Friends of the School.

Mrs. Emery and I hope you all have a wonderful half-term!





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Upcoming
Events:

| Date | Event |
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| 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 |
| Tuesday 5 th March | All Stars & Dynamos Cricket Taster Day with Darren Brown from Durham Cricket Club |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day (dress in pyjamas) |
| WC 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 |
| WC 26 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 |