



## WEEKLY NEWS 9.2.18

We are at the end of what has been a very busy term. We do hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term break.



Last Friday, Year 1 and 2 had their Celebration Worship which they shared with family and friends. The children enjoyed performing, playing their recorders and singing together. They were absolutely brilliant and we are all very proud of them! Our Eco morning was a really busy event and it was fantastic to have so many parents to help us prepare the grounds for Spring. We can't wait until the seeds germinate and the bulbs start to appear!

This week in EYFS we have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children have been very hands on and immersed in their learning. They have made Chinese lanterns, practised some Chinese writing, made special red money envelopes and even had a go at their very own Chinese dragon dance. We are all very much looking forward to finishing the week off with our food tasting session.



In Y5.6 this week, we have been busy writing our non-chronological reports based on Greek gods and goddesses. The children produced lots of fantastic work taking on feedback from their last piece of work – we were very impressed. Also, we have been becoming masters of fractions in Maths. The children have worked really hard with this unit and yesterday, the Year 5s made a fraction tool box to help them fix any fraction problem. We have been working hard with our fitness this week, continuing with our workouts in indoor PE and played lots of team games in outdoor PE. Finally, the children performed their re-enactments based on the two myths we have learnt this term. They were all amazing and lots of effort was put in.



This week Year 3.4 have been busy producing some fabulous Roman style mosaics. The children really enjoyed being creative, thinking about what colours to use and where to place them. It wasn't easy though, the small pieces were very fiddly but the children were careful and created beautiful and intricate designs. Well done year 3.4.



## Safer Internet Day

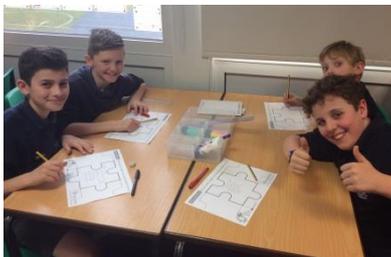
On Tuesday, all children across the school celebrated Safer Internet Day. Every year, this day is celebrated globally and is designed to inspire young people to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology. This year, the slogan is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you." This theme encourages young people to work together to be positive, safe and respectful online.



Throughout the day, the children were involved in a range of activities; it was great to see so many parents and grandparents getting involved too during open afternoon!

In EYFS, the children discussed apps that they might use. Then they discussed only saying things in messages that you would say if you were talking to someone and how important it is to always be kind. As a follow-up activity, the children drew around their hand, decorated it and cut it out. On each finger they wrote the name of an adult they could go to if they saw something online that worried them, scared them or made them upset.

Y1.2 children took part in class discussions about their favourite websites and games, and how to keep safe when using them. They also identified ways that they can be kind to others, both online and offline, and played some games around this.



Through class discussions, the children in Y5.6 were encouraged to consider how they interact with others and how they can develop healthy online relationships. The children then created their own pledges on how they plan to help make the internet a positive place, through the choices that they make.



The children in Y3.4 were given some problems to try and solve. They wrote letter responses in the style of Agony Aunt, giving advice to try and help the children with their problems. As well as this, the children created a recipe for a better internet. Some of their ingredients included tell an adult, a pinch of kindness and a handful of respect.

If you would like to get involved too, there are tips, advice, guides and a range of resources for parents and carers online (including conversation starters, a factsheet and family pledge cards) which can be downloaded from [www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents). Let's help to keep your child safe online!

## School PE Kit

Our pupils take great pride in their uniform and it is expected that all pupils will try to keep as smart as possible throughout the school day. This includes our PE Kit. Recently we have noticed that many children are wearing a variety of non-school uniform items for PE. Our school uniform is practical and based on our school colour of navy blue.

Permitted PE Kit List:

- Navy shorts Blue
- White T-Shirt
- Plimsolls P.E. Kit bags
- KS2 may need – trainers – plain navy tracksuit (only the school's logo is permitted)
- Rugby shirt (only the school's logo is permitted)



The following items can be purchased from our school shop: P.E. t-shirts, shorts, jog pants, fleece, rugby shirt and kit bags.



### The Art of Food

Last week in Youth University the children from the Art of Food group made feather icing biscuits. Everyone got some to take home and we also made a selection for the star tea party.

### Sporting News

The Y5.6 football team played at home this week against The Bythams. Our boys played exceptionally well, demonstrated superb teamwork and displayed great perseverance despite the fierce opposition! The match finished with a score of 4-1 to The Bythams. Thank you to the parents and grandparents that came to support.



### Staffing News

As you are aware today is Mrs Warner's last day before starting her maternity leave and we would like to wish her and her husband all the best as they embark on their new and exciting adventure of becoming parents! We look forward to sharing with you the news of baby Warner's arrival in the not too distant future!

Next Term, we also look forward to welcoming a further two new members of staff. Miss Brown will join the KS1 team as a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Green will be joining the Administration team. We would like to wish them both well in their new roles.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**



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