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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this week, the children have all been settled and worked hard. The children have had a lovely day today celebrating Shelly's birthday. Thank you to all who have donated to help us keep caring for Shelly as her grows. Next week is Mental Health Week in school the theme is let's connect. We will be basing our work around kindness, building relationships and strengthening relationships with peers and others in our lives. Have a lovely weekend and take for yourself your families in this next coming week.

Car Parking

It has been brought to our attention that a number of cars have been parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. We would like to send a polite reminder that it is illegal to park on this area of the road as it poses a huge risk to the safety of our children. We are requesting that this area is kept clear when families are collecting children from school.

Wear Your Scarf to School Day

On Friday 10th February, we will be holding a 'Wear Your Scarf to School Day' where children are invited to wear a scarf with their uniform. Wearing a scarf represents the values of SCARF which are Safety, Caring, Achievements, Resilience and Friendship which links very closely to our school values. 'Wear Your Scarf to School Day' is part of Children's Mental Health Week, from 4th to 11th February, where we will be completing activities around wellbeing and mental health. Children do not need to bring any donations, just wear a scarf.

Winston's Wish

Please see at the end of this newsletter, a poster from Winston's Wish, offering support for children who have experienced loss or bereavement. Winston's Wish have lots of information, support and activities for parents, children and siblings.

NSPCC Pants Rule

This half term, Year 1 will be learning about the NSPCC Pants rule and how to keep themselves safe as part of the PSHE/RSE learning. For more information see the NSPCC Pants Rule website.



Date	Event	Class
08.02.23	Y4 Times Table Check Parents Meeting 3.30pm	Year 4 parents
10.02.23	Young Voices	Choir
10.02.23	Wear your scarf to school	Whole school
10.02.23	Break up for half term	Whole school
20.02.23	INSET Day – school closed	Whole school
21.02.23	Return to school	Whole school
02.05.23	Class photos	Whole school
09.05.23 – 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS	Year 6



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 94.67% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 3 who achieved a fantastic 100%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Lexi	Jake	Macey	Lucas
Year 4	Maisie	Lily	Evalyn	Will
Year 5	Libby	Rowan	Isla	Oakley
Year 5/6	Cora	Owen	Ethan	Molly
Year 6	Oliver	Sam	Leo	Milosz



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have looked in great detail at the woodland's habitat. We have been learning about how it is different to the jungle, comparing the weather and the animals that live there. The children have been learning about animals that camouflage and animals that come out in the night. In maths, the children have been using nonstandard measure to measure a variety of footwear, the children were good at making predictions and identified which item was long and which item was short. In phonics the children have been thinking about objects that sound the same and accessing the activity in provision as a challenge. This week's home work is to practice the letter formation of 'd'. Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have looked at 'Old Mikamba had a farm'. This story is like the familiar song of 'Old MacDonald had a farm' but set in the safari in Africa! We have explored the different animals that we might find on the African safari, like elephants, giraffes, warthogs, and cheetahs. We wrote descriptions about these animals and had our friends guess which animal we were describing. We are really super writers now! In Maths we developed our subitising skills and looked at 7 and 8 and the parts of these numbers. We have explored Africa and the different cities in this wonderful country, and how they are all different. In our outdoor area we have created performances on our stage, using pom poms and ribbons to add movement and colour to our dance routines. Another fantastic week in Reception and Reception/Year 1!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been working on our final exploration of relief block printing in art. To extend our learning we have used 2 block prints and planned a repeating pattern. We thought about the colours we wanted to use and where we wanted to place our print on the paper. In maths we have finished the unit on place value and had a practical lesson on Thursday revisiting whole part models, using ten frames to make a number and using pictorial representation to show our working out. In English we have been using the conjunction - because. In our extended writing this week we explained how Peter was feeling when running away from Mr McGregor. Our favourite sentence was - 'Suddenly the chase was on'.

In geography we visited Northern Ireland and labelled physical features we could see in photographs of the landscape.

Another very productive week Year 1. You have all worked very hard and shown ownership and resilience in your learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

In RE this week, we looked at belonging in a Jewish community. We recapped on the celebration Shabbat and then enjoyed a drink and some bread together. We talked about how happy it made us feel to do something together and feel like we belong.

We have nearly completed our African sunset collages and look forward to showing you the finished product.

In computing we designed our own maps with obstacles for our robot 'Mind' to travel along. Working in pairs the children discussed and programmed 'Mind' accurately. The children communicated exceptionally well with each other and had lots of fun in the process!

Mrs Wolstenholme



Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have enjoyed learning about a significant figure from the Shang Dynasty, General Fu Hao in our History lesson. In Science we have continued our learning about sound and this week have learnt about amplitude and how we measure amplitude using decibels. In English we have learnt to identify and use conjunctions to express time and place. In Maths we have learnt equivalent lengths when looking at centimetres, millimetres and metres. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the next chapter of our guided reading text, 'The Borrowers'. We have also continued our learning of colours in French. Another super week, Year 3, well done!

Miss Riley

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning how to divide 2 digits by 1 digit in Maths which is proving a bit challenging but we are persevering and In English, we are planning a diary entry from our wordless picture book 'The Arrival'. In Science, we learned about weathering and why some rocks are more effected by erosion than others. In Computing, we have been learning to use coding in 'Turtle Academy' and we have been using CEOP to play esafety games. In French this week, we have been learning how to say the names of pets and in Art, we have been sewing stitches into our 'Love, Peace or Freedom' design. A super busy week again - well done Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week in Year 5, in English, we have focused on identifying and using parenthesis. We are going to use this skill next week when we write a character description of a spirt that Tani may encounter. In maths we have been answering fluency and reasoning questions about ordering and comparing decimals. In Geography, we have looked at how globalisation has affected food across the globe; we discovered transnational companies that dominate the global food industry. In Music, we have continued to develop our confidence in writing music and created our own pieces that we could ask a musician to play. In French, we have combined all of our knowledge from the term to write a whole piece describing what our ideal home would look like. In computing, we have continued to develop our websites, ensuring that there is an efficient navigation path and the information is structured carefully for our audience. What a lovely week we have had again, Year 5 - I hope you have a super weekend.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have completed our writing unit focusing on a diary entry from the perspective of the main character in our class book - Once Upon a Hillside. We engaged in some peer assessment and made improvements to our writing using the success criteria we had previously created. In maths, Y6 have looked at ratio and how to scale up or down a ratio. We looked at real life problems to apply our knowledge to varied contexts. Y5 children have looked at identifying and calculating percentages of amounts. In geography, we have continued our work on globalisation by discussing how this has impacted the food trade. We have discussed how food manufacture and distribution has been improved through developments in technology. In science, we calculated the speed of our class mates over a 20m course using an equation and discussed how speed, time and distance are all linked together. In art, we began to create our final pieces by completing some ink prints, background washes and pencil sketches.

Mr Adlington



Year 6

We have worked very hard once again this week in Year 6! In Maths, we have identified and calculated with ratios, using this knowledge to reason and problem solve. We also started looking at how we can read and interpret line graphs. In English, we worked together to redraft our diaries. Together, we explored the effects of different sentence structures, up levelled our vocabulary and included some higher-level punctuation. In Science, we explored how distance, time and speed were relating. We went outside and timed ourselves running a 20m distance before calculating the speed we all ran. In Art, we have started to create our final pieces by using our painting skills to create a backwash. Another wonderful week in Year 6, enjoy the weekend!

Miss Richardson



I'm so angry with my dad for taking his own life and leaving me. is this normal?

My stepsister died but I don't want to cancel our trip... is that normal?

my mum died 3 weeks ago and I still haven't cried is that normal?

I haven't been able to get back in a car since my friend died. is this normal?

is this normal?

My dad died when I was 9, I'm 13 now and miss him more than ever... is that normal?

is this normal?

I can't stop thinking about how my brother died... is this normal?

is that normal?

ABSOLUTELY.

THERE'S NO RIGHT OR WRONG WAY TO FEEL WHEN YOU'RE GRIEVING.

WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN.



winstonswish.org (3-8pm)



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