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Windy News

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The right to be safe and protected from harm... The right to privacy...

Internet Safety week

Our latest themed week was to help children think about the above rights, which are some of the many they are aware of through our work about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Safer Internet Day which was on the 11th February 2020 was celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet.

We constantly focus on Internet safety in school, as inappropriate online activity is considered one of the biggest threats to the well-being of our children today. Live streaming is fast becoming one of the most popular online activities for young people. Apps like Musical.ly also known as Tik Tok are soaring in popularity and established social networks like Facebook and Instagram also have live streaming functions. In most of these apps, the audience can type comments on the video as it is broadcast and the broadcaster can read and respond to the comments as they are streaming. There have been a small number of cases in school where children have been unkind to their classmates through the Musical.ly app. This app has an age restriction to children over the age of 13 and if you visit its website it lists a number of dangers our children are exposing themselves to by being on such an app. Please do check what your child is doing on line and help them to make the right choices.

Mr. Hawdon arranged a number of activities for staff to deliver to their classes during the week as well as theatre workshops and a very informative parents workshop to support you in this difficult role. Thank you to all parents who attended this, I know from feedback that parents found this a very useful session. There is an online resource you can visit if you were unable to attend the meeting which gives parents practical advice and tips on how to support our children. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Don't forget our Internet Safety, ICT and Computing, E Safety and Cyber Bullying policies are available for you to download on the school website. If you have any concerns regarding on line safety please do not hesitate to get in touch.

World Book Day — Thursday 5th March 2020

As mentioned on the previous newsletter, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March. We are not asking children to dress up for World Book Day this year.

Reading has been a focus on the school development plan this year and so we will be arranging a variety of activities linked to reading to take place on this day and over the spring and summer terms. Our aim is to get children reading a range of reading materials and to develop a love of reading that they can take with them into adulthood. Being able to read allows our pupils to access all areas of the curriculum with a much deeper understanding as well as supporting their creative thinking when writing.

The Book Fayre will be in school for a week from the 2nd March which will give your child the opportunity to buy a book. Each child will be given a voucher towards the cost of a book.

There will also be various class book based competitions with prizes from the book fayre. On World Book Day each class teacher is going to share their favourite children's book with each class in their phase and deliver fun activities based around that book. No dressing up involved. As a build up to World Book Day, KS1 are being set a readathon challenge during February half term to raise funds for reading resources/activities

Article 17- You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources

Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

What's happening?

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- ♦ Punctuality

Staffing Updates

We welcome Mrs. Hope back after her period of absence. She will be covering management time and teacher release time in UKS2.

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Purser who is leaving us on 14th February to have her baby. We will keep you updated on any further news once the baby is born.

We also say congratulations and good luck to Miss Cowan who has been successful in obtaining employment with 'together for children Sunderland.'

We also must say congratulations to Miss. Smith who is pleased to announce she is having a baby later this year.



Advance notice

Children will return to school on Monday 7th September 2020 after the summer holiday break.

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More Information

Punctuality

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality in primary school will help your child throughout their education and on into adult life and the work place.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Did you know that

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!
10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day 10 days lost!
20 mins late each day 13 days lost!
30 mins late each day 19 days lost!

Danger Zone: As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success. **Please ensure your child comes to school on time.**

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)

We have a small number of families who are consistently late for school. This is not only distressing for your child but wastes a huge amount of office staff time and disrupts the learning of the rest of the children in their class. Mrs. Conroy monitors this on a weekly basis and if your child continues to be late you can be referred to the Legal Intervention Team for prosecution. **Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.**

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Mon 24th Feb
Wed 26th Feb
Thu 27th Feb
Fri 28th Feb
Mon 2nd Mar
Thu 5th Mar
Tues 10th Mar

Mon 16th Mar
Tue 17th Mar
Wed 18th Mar

Thu 19th Mar
Mon 30th Mar
Wed 1st Apr

Thu 2nd Apr
Fri 3rd Apr
Mon 20th Apr

Back to school
Y3/4 Mini basketball tournament
Mini Health Champions—Year 5
Cricket taster day Years 1-3
Book Fayre in school all week
World Book Day
Y3 /4 Hockey tournament
Governor Resources Committee 5pm
School Assessment week
Judo Taster sessions am
Judo Taster sessions am
EYFS PE festival
Full Governing Body Meeting
Easter egg designs brought into school
Easter egg display open to parents before and after school
Reports to parents
Y6 dance festival at the Sage pm
9:45 am Easter Service St. Albans
School breaks up for Easter holidays
Back to school

Climate Change

We have been asked to share this information by Gateshead council.

Everyone in Gateshead needs to act to tackle the threat posed by climate change. Carbon emissions need to be reduced to zero by 2030, it won't be easy, but we can do this by working together. We want your views to help develop the Zero Carbon Gateshead action plan. Please take part before **20 March 2020**.

www.gateshead.gov.uk/climatechange

Value of the month

This month's value was

Perseverance. The following pupils were successful in

receiving Windy Winners

Certificates

for showing perseverance.

Robins - Isla J Robinson Jobling

Owls— Olivia O 'Neil

Mrs. Preece—Warren Oxberry

Mrs. Ferry—Matthew Pine

Bluebells – Wania Khan

Tulips - Maddie Harland

Snowdrops - Betsy Gillender

Elms –Alex Saul

Oaks—Gracie Taylor

Beeches—The whole class

Well done to all of the winners last month. This month the value we are exploring is Resilience.

Keeping Healthy

We are pleased that the playground markings have eventually been completed. The children now have a range of resources and activities to encourage physical activity during break time.

We have been asked to let you know about the Growing Healthy Gateshead 0-19 Facebook page which has a variety of information about children's health and well being.

Article 31: You have the right to play and rest

Thank You

On behalf of the school, we would like to say a huge thank you to Maddy in Year 2's gran and mum who have made us a selection of worry monsters to support pupils with anxiety.