

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week...the children have been learning all about being safe online. Our digital leaders led two assemblies on Monday, with the support of Mr Tiller. They talked through some of the ways they can stay safe online and how to report any concerns they may have. The children have also made board games about Online safety this week, which I know many of you had the opportunity to come and see at the end of the day.

As a parent or carer, you may find the following helpful when talking to your child at home about how to stay safe online: <https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Let's-talk-about-life-online.pdf>

International Evening...On Wednesday the PSFA led a fabulous International evening, bringing together all of our families and celebrating their unique culture and cuisines. We had lots of families attend the evening, which was held in the newly decorated Dining Hall space for the first time. There was plenty of food for everyone to try, including different curries, fish dishes, quiche, casseroles and sweet treats. We had traditional food from Brazil, Japan, Southern India, England and Ivory coast, to name a few. Thank you to everyone for coming, your donations raised £190 towards the PSFA fund.

Our special thanks go to the PSFA members who organised the event and who supported the running of it on the evening.

Fabulous attendance this week...

KS1 – Moonstone 100%

KS2 – Quartz 96%

We're raising money for Children in Need 2019!

This morning the children took part in the Big Morning Move. We also invited children to dress up and families to donate to this great cause. We will count the donations and let the children know how much they raised on Monday!



Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd November – Y5 & 6 Cinema night

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair 3:15pm

Monday 9th- Friday 13th December – KS2 Winter performances

Thursday 12th December – EYFS Winter performance

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner/ Dress Festive day

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Winter performances

Have a great weekend and I am really looking forward to seeing you all next Wednesday from 5:30pm

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Nursery: This week in Nursery, we continued our artwork of the poppy fields for Remembrance Day. They are on display in the Nursery lobby. We have been focusing on numbers, particularly matching the numerals as well as sorting objects according to colour. We have also talked about the sound 't' in addition to the previous sounds, 's' and 'a' that we have worked on. See how many objects you can name at home starting with these three sounds. Lots of children came in today with their dressing up clothes in support of 'Children in Need'.

Year 1 Year one has continued their learning about subtraction, looking at different strategies to help children. We have used counting on and counting back and are beginning to look at part-part-whole equations that we learned when using addition to see how they relate to subtraction.

In Jasper class, the children have learned about the different animal groups and micro-habitats. Can your child name all the animal groups to you and share some examples in each one?

In Onyx class we have continued our learning about light and dark through 'The Night Pirates'. Thank you for sharing all your lovely pirate stories from home this week - they will serve as inspiration as we begin writing our own pirate stories next week! We also did a science investigation involving the 'dark cave' in the classroom. Ask your child about what we need to see in the dark! (hint: it's not eating a lot of carrots!) Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 This week, Year 2 celebrated online safety week by reading the book *Oscar's Adventures* and thoroughly discussing screen time and making the right choices online. The children created their fantastic board games which they played with their cross-age learning partners and adults - thank you for coming!

In English, the children were busy planning and writing their instructions for how to look after a penguin. Can your child explain the steps using time conjunctions (e.g. first, next, after that)? Can they tell you the imperative (bossy) verbs they've used in each step (e.g. put, wash, read, etc.)

To enhance our learning on Antarctica, can you research the other Polar region - the Arctic?
Make a poster with 5 interesting facts about the Arctic region.

Year 3 This week in maths, year 3 have been solving problems that involve subtraction. We have also been looking at common mistakes in subtraction calculations and explaining what the mistake is. In English we have been reading 'The Stone Age Boy' and have been planning and writing letters in the perspective of the little boy in the story, we focused on writing in the past tense and using adjectives to describe settings and emotions. As it was 'Online Safety Week', our area of focus was passwords. We discussed the importance of passwords and what makes a good password. The children also worked in pairs to make board games based on online safety and passwords.

Year 4 It was lovely to see so many of you come and play our online safety games on Friday. The children have learnt a lot about being safe online and worked hard in creating their fabulous board games. We hope you had fun! In Topaz class, we have completed our reports and have begun studying Macbeth. We delved into the opening scene with acting and we began to ask questions about the play. We are incredibly lucky to so many wonderful actors in our class! This week in Amber class, the children have written descriptive narratives based on the scene in 'Hamlet' where he meets the ghost of his father. They are working like real authors to redraft, revise and edit their writing with more and more independence. We have learnt how to insert a bar chart into a Word document to present data about the Tudors - perhaps you can show your adult at home how to do this. Amber class would also like to congratulate Lottie for receiving a Blue Peter Badge this week - what an achievement!

Year 5 This week, Year 5 have been learning about social media dos and don'ts as part of Online Safety week. We have discussed the age restrictions of apps such as Snapchat and Whatsapp and looked at different scenarios related to social media platforms and how we would handle them. We then created our own board games to help people learn more about these. Thank you to the adults who were able to come in and play these with us on Friday.

In maths, we've also continued their learning of fractions. We've been looking more at the relationship between division and fraction and practising 'bus stop' method for dividing 3 digit numbers.

In science, we have been investigating patterns related to our solar system. We looked at the statement "Do planets with a larger diameter have more moons?", researched this online and presented our data to either agree with or dispute this.

On Tuesday 26th November, Year 5 are off to the Royal Observatory as part of their learning about space. If you still need to bring in the form or money for this, please do so at the start of next week.

Next Friday, both Year 5 classes are also taking part in an Engineering workshop run by UCL. For this, we need kitchen rolls and cereal boxes. If you have any at home, could you please bring them in? Thank you to the children who already have

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been researching more deep factual knowledge about what it was like in the house where Anne Frank lived – Secret Annexe. We found out some really interesting facts that will make our

upcoming biographies both informative and engaging. Our *Online Safety Week* focus has been scam websites: how to recognise and avoid them. The children have worked well together to devise and make online safety board games which we shared with Year 2.

Mr Maguire began reading the *Hobbit* to KS2 in assembly and some of the children were inspired to take a copy home themselves. For home learning this week, please spend time reading together at home. Read aloud to each other; there is no age limit to listening to an adult reading a good book!