

25th March 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable week in this beautiful weather which we have all made the most of in school. Whilst it has been another challenging week in school in terms of increased Covid related staff and pupil absence, there has been so much that has been achieved.

Within today's newsletter there are once again lots of examples of the exciting activities that have been happening across the different year groups which have served to enhance and develop our curriculum even further. The children have been working so hard in their lessons on a day-to-day basis and have shown tremendous enthusiasm as they have been working outdoors in our school grounds and making visits out of school for their WOW events to celebrate and extend their learning. A great time has been had by us all. Do remember to check out our Twitter and Seesaw communication to share all the children's amazing learning experiences with them.

It has been a pleasure to join children in their history and science lessons this week. We continue to be astounded by the exceptionally high quality of learning in lessons and books, along with the children's enthusiasm for learning and collaboration with others in lessons. The children have been able to speak so knowledgeably about what they have learned, what helps them learn better and what they have enjoyed in each of the subjects. It has been a delight listening to them and taking on board their suggestions to continue to help shape what we do in school.

Thank you for your kind generosity and the support that you have given to the junior leadership team's fundraising efforts for Ukraine this week, either by baking, sending in or buying cakes in our cake sale. The combined efforts from everyone resulted in us raising £727 for this important charity, which continues to support so many people who are suffering from the war which is having such a devastating effect on people across the world.

Many thanks also for supporting our book fair last Friday. The event was very popular and well supported and resulted in sales of £2,184.81 in books and stationery. The sale raised £1,310.64 in rewards to buy books, which year groups will use to select books and recommended reads for their book areas.

Finally, I would like to thank you again for your continued support, particularly in terms of all the Covid communications and measures we have had to continue to implement, but also for everything you do to ensure children make the most out of every school day. Have a wonderful weekend in what promises to be a beautiful weekend with longer days and brighter weather to enjoy at this time of the year.

A reminder that school will be closing on Thursday 7th April for the Easter holiday as Friday 8th is a training day. School will return on Monday April 25th for the beginning of the summer term.

My very best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

It's been a wonderful, sunny week in EYFS, with the children making the most of their outdoor learning. Nursery children have been busy potting flowers, which they are going to care for. They have also been closely examining flowers and vegetables with their magnifying glasses! Playing games outside, with the parachute, has also created lots of excitement and laughter as well as allowing the children to improve their physical development. This week, Reception children have enjoyed reading the story 'Zog'. They explored the rhyming strings in the story and have rewritten it themselves, in their independent challenges. Outside, children have created fantastic potions for Zog in the water area and mud kitchen; mixed primary colours to brightly paint their own Zogs and created knights out of tin foil - very busy indeed! In maths, children have been learning about doubles using dominos, five frames and dice. Lots of wonderful learning children - well done!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

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Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have been really enjoying the beautiful weather and have taken full advantage of our fabulous outdoor area.

The Kingfisher nursery children have had an exciting week! They have visited the library bus and chose a book to take home for the week, then enjoyed a special story time there. We have also been working on our outdoor area together with our budding gardeners! The children have been interested in planting and have enjoyed the responsibility of watering the plants in this beautiful spring weather we've been having! What a super week.

Learning in Reception

This week Reception have been exploring doubling in maths. The children have used a range of practical resources such as dice, dominoes, five frames and their fingers!



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It has been a very exciting week for the Lower Phase children. On Monday morning, the Year 1 children arrived at school to find that their classrooms had been trashed. When they checked the cameras, they found that a T-Rex had broken in to the school! The children filmed a news report to let others know about the incident and they have been working hard on writing about the event too. Year 3 had a brilliant day out at Cadbury World as part of their 'Food Glorious Food' topic. They took part in a 'Bean to Bar' workshop where they learnt all about the production of chocolate and how it has changed over the years. After a spot of lunch in the sunshine, they took part in a tour and found out more about the history of Cadbury and had a go at preparing and tasting chocolate! Year 2 have been learning all about climate change and its impact on the world. They have been using their knowledge to write an informative report to raise awareness of the dangers of global warming.

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Learning in Year 1

On Monday morning something terrible happened to Year 1... their classrooms were trashed by a dinosaur! The children helped to tidy up the mess the dinosaur caused. They have also been busy recording newspaper reports to tell everybody what happened.

Learning in Year 2

This week, in Year 2, we observed and measured our bean seed that we planted last week. We found that some of our seeds had grown and some of them hadn't. We discussed why this could be, as the plants were all kept in the same conditions and we found that some of them had been overwatered!

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 investigated the different layers that are found in soil. We went onto the field and dug small soil samples so we could look at the different layers. Then we used some tasty ingredients to make our own soil layer models in the classroom.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The children in the Upper Phase have been busy with their learning once again this week. Year 6 have been working on their computing skills; they have been introduced to a new app - Plotagon. Using this app, they have created their own animations basing it on a well-known story of their choice. Year 6 are also starting to prepare for their transition to secondary school and have been visited by Finham Park and Whitley this week. Year 5 have been using their writing skills to plan an explanation text on 'How to Survive at Camp Green Lake'. They have been reading the book *Holes* to inspire their writing and are really looking forward to finding out what happens to Stanley at the end! Finally, Year 4 have started their new topic in science this week - all about sound. They have been investigating how sound is made and have learnt that pitch and volume are two different properties of sound.

Please continue to check Seesaw for information on your child's learning and we hope to be able to invite you in to school soon so that you can look at their fantastic books.

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Learning in Year 4

In science this week, Year 4 have been learning about sound. We investigated how sound is made using drums, rulers, elastic bands, tuning forks and ukeleles. We learnt that sound is made through vibrations and travels through air particles to our ear.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the History of Carnival in South America. They've learnt about the traditions, the food and the parades that happen. The children thoroughly enjoyed collecting their research on their QR code hunt earlier on in the week.

Learning in Year 6

This week in computing, Year 6 have been working hard on their animation skills. They brought their stories to life by creating characters and scenes, recording speech and making the character move to show their emotions. We look forward to using our animation skills much more when story-telling



Reporting a Covid-19 Case

If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 please complete the Covid-19 related case form on the school website under the contact us section.

Thank you.

Sustainability and Environmental Awareness

Sustainability and environmental awareness is something we are talking to our children about a lot at the moment. As part of this, we would like to set up a preloved uniform store in our parent hub area where you can purchase or swap items of school uniform. As this is being set up, the opportunity to swap clothing is not yet available but we hope to have this option ready very soon. You can donate any outgrown items by taking them to the school office.

Donations needed:

Jumpers/cardigans/fleeces

Shirts/polo shirts

Ties

Grey skirts/trousers/pinafore dresses

Summer dresses (green checked)

PE tops

PE shorts

Tracksuits

Coat Hangers

We will let you know when our preloved store is ready to open.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Amy Healy

Cake Sale for Ukraine

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale yesterday after school and at break time today. Across both days, we raised an amazing £727.

Special thanks to the members of the Junior Leadership Team, the Community Ambassadors and the children who volunteered to help at the sales.

Well done, you are all superstars !!



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A Sponsored Read

Please continue to donate as much as possible to our sponsored read so we can but lots of new books for our school. Keep reading and we can't wait to see your full reading logs on Thursday 31st March!

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PHONE SCAMS

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING
SMS phishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a reputable person or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details and personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION
Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative using a different number who urgently needs funds. Other common smishes include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING
Here, the scammer takes impersonation one step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimate, belonging to Amazon, eBay, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these cases). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT
Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employer's IT support team. They then advise them to download some software to fix 'a technical issue' with their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammers access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This can be more common on desktop and laptop devices, but is still possible to accomplish on mobiles.

SIM HIJACKING
SIM hijacking switches control of a phone account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammers' possession. Criminals use personal details pieced together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on) to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to their SIM - giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passcodes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING
If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it - this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER
If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number if you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone. They automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, halting potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE
Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is still asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, and the conversation, then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH
Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. When you're out and about, try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions. It's far less secure than your home WiFi network. Instead, you could consider installing a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS
If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned to check if the call was genuine. If they confirm that the call was not made by their organisation, you should report it as a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider involving the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS
If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and do not open the link. One recent example 'warned' victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant and needed to click a link to buy a special test - only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Links can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

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