Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale ☻ Primary ☻ School ☻ Bow

Learning Together for a Better Future

8/11/19

Goodness me - how much can we fit into one week? We started with Year 6 spending Monday afternoon at the Junior Citizenship Project with members of the emergency services, learning how to be safe. Marta from the Felix Project led a fantastic assembly about food waste explaining all the dreadful ways we waste mountains of food and how we can save it. Then she explained how Chisenhale has joined the project and will be re-distributing food from supermarkets which is perfectly good to eat - but may have damaged packaging - that they would otherwise throw away. We will use some for cooking, and the rest will regularly be on a stall in the playground for parents to take home.

I was so proud of Key Stage 1 who went to the Science Museum on Tuesday to learn about the first moon landing, both in the gallery and at the IMAX cinema. Meanwhile at school the EYFS had fireworks! Years 3 & 4 had a road safety workshop from For2Feet Road Safety and Year 5 headed off to the Natural History Museum. Finally, Year 6 have been spinning flax with Cassie - look out for what Flaxman will be wearing next. Khalida had her first parenting workshop this week. I attended a lunch with the Worshipful Company of Weavers who are always so generous to the school, and have recently donated almost £10,000, to buy sets of large wooden bricks for each class in the early years. Ms Nyes has been tested this week in order to be a moderator for the local authority: we are very proud of her. And Mr Clark went off for training with Stonewall Charity as part of his leadership of our rights work in school.

Next Tuesday as part of our work for Anti-Bullying Week we are asking everyone to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes all of us unique. We will be discussing bullying in assemblies and in class and making sure children know they can talk to any member of staff if they have any worries about this or anything else.
 Have a great weekend,
Sharon Taylor-Sezgin, Headteacher

Thanks to everyone who came to the workshop on educational websites and internet safety today. We gave out some lists of recommended websites that your children might find helpful and other advice. Paper copies of these are available from the office.

Winter coats
As the weather is changing, we have the situation of coat/no coat at playtimes and lunchtime. We have colder and milder days and as children race around outdoors many don't feel cold. A blanket approach of adults making children wear a coat is therefore not always for the best. We have decided that in Early Years and Key Stage 1 we will tell the children they need their coat and do our best to make sure the keep it on. However in Key Stage 2 (from Year 3 upwards), we think the children are able to judge the temperature and their comfort levels, and we want them to be having some independence and choice. Therefore, we will allow the children to choose whether to wear a coat or not, but will insist on a jumper or cardigan, so no short sleeves or shirt-sleeves only outdoors. Please talk to your child if you want them to wear a coat all of the time and let them know that is their responsibility to make sure they have their coat with them as we can't remember individual instructions for each child.

Dates for your diary
Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting course continues in the schoolhouse . on Tuesday 12th and 19th November.
Parent Workshops at 9am in the library
Friday 29th November: Maths for Yr 1&2 parents
UKS2 Class Assemblies, at 9am in the top hall, parents welcome
Oak Class 14th November
Willow Class 21st November
Rowan Class 28th November
Cherry Class 19th December
Other upcoming events in school
Tuesday 12th November Odd Socks Day – please wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us unique and to raise awareness of anti-bullying
Friday 15th November Children in Need Day – wear something spotty and donate £1 if you like
Friday 22nd November, from 1.45pm Family Day. Join your child in class to find out more about our Rights Respecting School
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