Weekly Newsletter 7th February 2022

Right of the Fortnight: Article 38: Children should be protected during war & not allowed to fight in an army.





Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we saw the impact of the Public Health advice. Mass testing on offer from Public Health appears to have significantly reduced transmission in our school and, as a result, we currently have very few children isolating. Staffing continues to be a challenge. **We still have limited admin so thank you for trying to phone with emergency messages only—please keep this going all week.** Many staff who have had Covid recently are beginning to recover and return to work. However, many staff also have young children of their own who may now have Covid and, understandably, staff then need to be at home whilst their young children are isolating. Thank you for your support and please help by continuing to follow up-to-date advice from Public Health.

Another busy week has flown by and I continue to be proud of the wonderful learning opportunities we offer to all of our children. As we race towards half term, we are not slowing down! Don't forget to keep up-to-date with key events by checking out our **Dates for your Diary** on the next page.

Educational Visits

The pandemic has affected our programme of extra-curricular activities. However, I'm delighted to be able to resume with educational visits so that children are able to get real-life experiences and add value to their learning. Every visit is an opportunity to explore lots of different careers as part of our **Careers Curriculum.** To ensure all children participate, school will continue to heavily subsidise these visits from the school budget. If you do need additional support please contact the school office and ask to speak to myself or Miss Champion.

This week is **'Children's Mental Health Week'**. This year's theme is **Growing Together**. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

Teachers have been busy planning a range of activities. If you are home, you can also join in the fun. You can watch the virtual primary school assembly, hosted by **Lindsey Russell**, which features pupils from two primary schools in conversation with dancer and presenter **Oti Mabuse**. This will be available on the Children's Mental Health Week website **from 8am on Monday, 7th February.** The assemblies will also feature special messages of support from high-profile surprise guests, to be revealed on the day. If you are isolating you can access these at home too!

Wishing you all a fantastic week!

Mrs E Bramley & Miss C Champion



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term Week Commencing 7th February 'Children's Mental Health Week' Mon 7th Feb Y1 Transport Visit Mon 7th Feb Beat the Street Virtual Assembly Tues 8th Feb Safer Internet Day YR & Y6 Pupils Height & Weight Checks Wed 9th Feb Y1 Wheels Day Tues 15th Feb **Y5 Jarrow Hall Visit** Wed 16th Feb **Y6 Beach Visit** Thurs 17th Feb **Y4 RSPB Saltholme Visit** Fri 18th Feb Last day of the half term. HALF TERM Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February Mon 28th Feb PD Day 5 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils) Week commencing 28th Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight Celebrations Tues 1st March Children return to school Pancake Tuesday Thurs 3rd March World Book Day Week Commencing 11th -20th March 'British Science Week' Mon 14th March Launch of British Science Week Fri 18th March Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of EYFS & KS1 W/c 21st March YR Visit to Hall Hill Farm Mon 21st March Wed 23rd March World Maths Day W/c 28th March Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of KS2 Mon 28th March Y2/30 Visit Washington Wetlands Wed 30th March Y2F Visit Washington Wetlands Fri 8th April Children break up for Easter EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April Mon 25th April Summer Term commences—children return to school

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In **Design Technology**, Y2F and Y2/3O have designed and made a healthy wrap for **Paddington Bear** instead of his usual marmalade sandwich. They had to include vegetables from a choice of 5, a dairy cheese product and a protein filling from tuna, ham or chicken. The children enjoyed being 'taste testers' to sample their products. It was clean plates all round they were delicious!





The children have been learning about **Chinese New Year** in school this week. During Whole Class Reading, Y4 have read about the origins of Chinese New Year. They have used their knowledge of symmetry to complete a sketch of a tiger. In science, they have been finding out about endangered species. Some children, wrote a report on the 'Sumatran Tiger'. Their RE topic, this half term, has been Buddhism. They researched Buddhist temples and found out how they look different, but what they all have in common? Who might visit them and what might happen there?



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Celebrate Michael Morpurgo Month 2022! Join an adventure with the nation's favourite storyteller and celebrate Michael Morpurgo Month this February! This year's Morpurgo Month Bookclub is aimed at children aged 7+, so that Michael's younger fans can get involved! We are hoping that children choose one of the 6 shortlisted books, read it, talk about it and review it just like a normal book club...



Each class has at least one **key author**. Year 6's key author is Michael Morpurgo. All KS2 pupils are going to complete a reading challenge linked to their **key author** over the next few weeks. This will lead up to **World Book Day** where the children will spend the day engaging in activities linked to their key author.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Miss Bestwick 'I am ok said the Bee' by Garry Floyd



A heartfelt collection of illustrations around daily anxieties we have all felt at some point in time. Told through the eyes of a lovable bumble bee and friends, who take you on a journey and inspire those around them and reminding us it's ok not to be ok.

Y5 will be sharing this book as part of their Children's Mental Health week project . Y1L & Little Willows linked **National Storytelling Week** with their text in English last week—The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

They used amazing props, puppets and used role play techniques and story maps to help retell a traditional tale. The Y1s enjoyed looking at different versions of the traditional story and expressing their preferences.

