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### **Dear Families**

Week 2 is finished and temperatures seem to have risen.

The Online Safety Meeting is for all Families to get onto TEAMS and learn how you could keep your child safer. It would be good to get every family represented. Please find a way of joining in! It will cover Primary themes: online behaviour, online bullying, hate crime, age-appropriate content, sending images. parent perspective, support them with settings apps & games, discuss the law around these, report tools and where to get help - dos & don'ts.

Our core value this term is RESPONSIBILITY. We focused on being responsible for ourselves and our own actions in our assembly on Tuesday.

The Family Oracy (talking) question this week is: Do you have friends who have different religions or beliefs than you? Does it impact your friendship?

Does anyone sail a boat? If you have a few moments to talk to our Reception next week about your boat, perhaps share a few photos and talk about any special clothing you wear, we would be very grateful. Please contact <u>hlonghurst@westkidlington.oxon.sch.uk</u> Thank you

#### **Important Dates**

Thursday 23rd January - Online Safety meeting for ALL West Kidlington Families - on TEAMS 5.30pm IMPORTANT

Thursday 30th January - Young Voices trip to Birmingham

Wednesday 12th February - DT celebration in the hall

Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th March -Parents Evening for Reception to Year 6

### Swiped: Online Safety Catch Up for Parents

Thursday 23rd January @5:30pm on Teams

PC Rob Kelly will cover themes such as: online behaviour, online bullying, hate crime, age-appropriate content, sending images. parent perspective, support them with settings apps & games, discuss the law around these, report tool and where to get help- dos & don'ts.







Click here to join the online safety meeting



## FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSE

**DATES:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> (February 2025)

> TIME: 9:00am - 3pm VENUE: West Kidlington Primary School WHO FOR?: Children in years 1-8

COST: £20.00 per single day booking £50.00 for all 3 days (10% discount for early bird booking)

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# School Garden update



Thank you to everyone who bought a potted hyacinth bulb for Christmas. How are your bulbs growing? We've found that the hyacinths are all growing at different rates. Some have already blossomed; some are about to bloom, and some are still yet to grow. If yours hasn't changed greatly, stick with it. As long as it has warmth, moisture and sunlight it should flower eventually. With the money raised from the sales we have been able to purchase a variety of bird food and a new bird feeder. The children in Year 1/2 enjoyed filling up all the containers. We have signed up to take part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch and so we're hoping to spot lots of interesting birds in the coming weeks. From 24th to 26th January you can also take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Why not sign up and see if you can spot some busy birds in your garden?

With the cold weather we have delighted in looking at the effect that the cold and ice has had on the garden. Ice has formed on the furniture, signs and plants, and the water butts froze solid! The ground is currently very hard and so any digging and weeding will have to wait. A couple of the onions and broad bean plants that Year 3/4 planted at the WW2 day are peeking through the soil and the flower bulbs we planted in the Autumn are making a welcome appearance around the school. Please check on their growth with your child/ren and talk about what might be growing, what colour they might be and how tall they might grow. You can find them in a big pot at the entrance to the main school building, in a flower bed near to the nursery school and at the front of the School Garden.

Over the past month, the School Garden has appeared in the Oxford Mail, Oxford Times and Kidlington News! If you missed any of them, they are available for you to read in the 'greenhouse' and should still be available online.

As always, if you would like to get involved with the School Garden in any way, please do not hesitate to make contact with us. We've got lots of things planned for the coming months and would really welcome some help!