



NEWSLETTER

15th November 2024

A message from our school leaders:

This week we share a very important message through our Anti-Bullying Theme Week. We remind pupils of our zero-tolerance approach to bullying within school and the importance of telling someone if we are unhappy. We also shared the different types of bullying that exist and how adults in school can support.

To begin the week, our KS2 School Councillors laid poppy wreaths at the cenotaph, on behalf of the school. The children were respectful of the grounds and were intrigued to see if they had any family connections. (See photos on last page)

On Tuesday, children were invited to come into school in their favourite odd socks. This was an important reminder of the importance of diversity in our school and in the world. It was an opportunity to celebrate our uniqueness and value the differences amongst us.

Finally, we ended the week supporting Children in Need. We raised a marvellous total of **£120.60** through the baking and donations of sweet treats. Thank you to everyone for your amazing baking and kind generosity. It is very much appreciated.

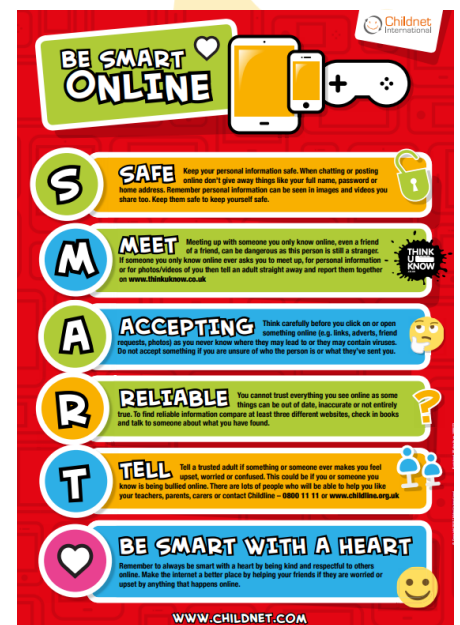
Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.
- Further information regarding courses and activities which are being held through the DCC Family Hub has been posted on our Class Dojo. Please take a look as there are lots of interesting and helpful courses available.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	91.4%
Year 1+2	98.7%
Year 3+4	95.2%
Year 5+6	98.6%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week's story has been, 'Night Animals', which is all about nocturnal animals, what they eat and where their habitat is. The fox and the hedgehog were the favourite animals with our children. The children have enjoyed making a transient art fox picture, using natural materials such as leaves, pinecones, sticks, etc. We have also looked at people who work at night time, such as nurses, taxi drivers and pilots. Here the children had a go at sorting different jobs into night and day.

RECEPTION

This week Reception have learnt about emergency vehicles. We have looked at fire engines, police cars, lifeboats, and ambulances. We have discovered what these vehicles are for and how the people who drive them help us.

In maths, the children have been focusing on number 4. We have made 4 in different ways and used a whole part model to show number bonds to 4.

Reception have also investigated to find magnetic materials around the classroom. The children each took a magnet around the room and tested various objects for magnetic properties. They had lots of fun hunting for magnetic things!





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Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabe and Miss Spenceley

In English, we have continued to focus on our text – Jack and the Beanstalk. This week, we have been writing a beginning, middle and end using the past tense, expanded noun phrases and exclamation marks. A golden egg also appeared in our classroom..... we are still wondering where it came from!

In our maths lesson, we have been learning how to subtract. We have discussed a range of vocabulary to recognise when we need to subtract. Year 1 have been subtracting using images, crossing out and making number sentences. Year 2 have used a range of methods to subtract, including finding ten from a 2-digit number, using a number line and the column method.

Throughout the week, we have also supported Anti-bullying Week by looking at the chosen theme Choose Respect. We discussed what respect means and how we can show it, hear it and feel it. Then we made a class paper chain, each one showing how we can show respect. We also had fun wearing odd socks which encouraged children and adults to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and highlighting what makes us all unique!

Our science lesson this week has consisted of learning about life cycles of animals and humans. We talked about how animals and humans can all have offspring, but they may have different names, look different and that their life cycle may also be different. We completed life cycles of different animals and compared how they are born and develop.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

It has been a very busy week this week, full of lots of exciting events and fund-raising for Children in Need. There were lots of fabulous cake donations made for our Children in Need Bake-Off and we were able to raise lots of money for the charity, which is amazing. Thanks so much for all your efforts and support!

The children have been looking at 'respect' for Anti-bullying Week this week, and wore their odd socks in support of standing up against bullying. In our online safety lessons, we have also been looking at how people can be bullied online and how we can spot if someone might be experiencing bullying online, and the actions they should take.

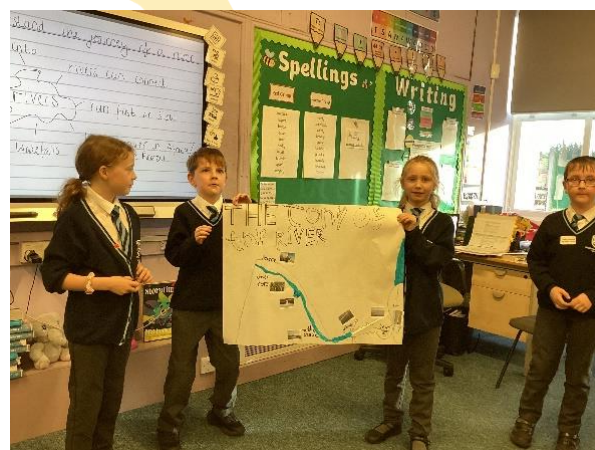
In our writing lessons this week, we have been finishing off our newspaper reports for the children of Whiffington, and these are now ready to publish next week.

In maths, we have been practicing our multiplication and division facts, and getting ready for our next topic using these basic skills to answer more difficult calculations.

In geography, the children looked at the journey of a river, working in small groups to draw their own rivers, labelling all of the different parts of the journey. This was in connection to the water cycle they have been learning about in science.

We have been getting creative in our DT lessons and learning the skills to carefully cut, score and fold, to create a prototype of a box with an opening lid for our precious items. The children also experimented with different shaped boxes.

In PE, the children have been learning how to perform rolls correctly and safely, and many of the children were pleased to be able to do a backwards roll without any support.





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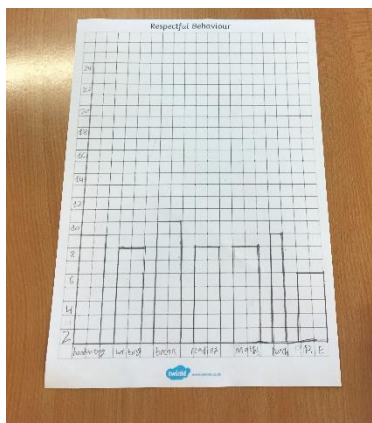
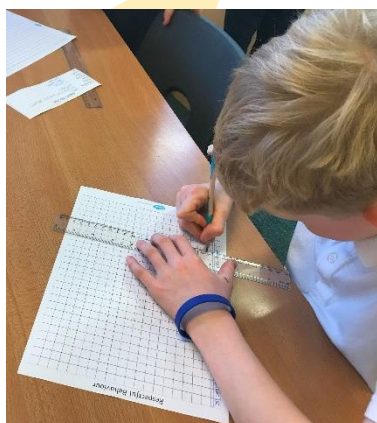
Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, we have celebrated Anti-bullying Week, completing a range of activities, including our odd-socks day on Tuesday! This year's theme is to be respectful, and so we measured how respectful children are in the classroom; we created a respectful chain reaction by decorating our own dominoes and wrote a story which portrays respect and kindness.

Aside from this, we have finished our first writing unit of the half-term, a diary entry from Fred. All children have really thought about the character's emotions as they have written, creating impactful diary entries.

In science this week, we investigated how voltage affects the brightness of a light bulb. We found that by adding more volts, the bulb became brighter. It is great to see so many budding electricians!

On Friday, we had a SPOTacular day as we completed Children-in-Need activities. We loved all of the children's spotty outfits and the effort that they put in to their cakes!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
w/c 18 th Nov	Road Safety Week / UK Parliament Week
Monday 2 nd Dec	Gymnastics Festival, Yrs 3+4
Monday 2 nd Dec	Postbox in foyer for Christmas Cards – please clearly label cards
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	Phototronics in school for individual photos + sibling photos, a.m.
Thurs 5 th Dec	Christmas Circuits with Ben from Education Enterprise Ltd, 9:00-11:30am
Monday 9 th Dec	KS1 Nativity, 9:30 – 11:00am
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at The Hippodrome, D'ton, a.m.
Wednesday 11 th Dec	EYFS + KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon, parents invited – TBC
Friday 13 th Dec	EYFS Nativity, 9:15 – 10:15am
Monday 16 th Dec	Christmas Carol Concert at The Pathway, 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th Dec	EYFS + KS1 Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th Dec	School breaks up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 7 th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils





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SCHOOL COUNCIL

CHILDREN in NEED

Children-in-Need Bake-Off Competition

Our winners were:

Bobby, Floraidh and Tilly

A fantastic amount of £120.60 has been raised from the bake sale
– this will be donated to the Children in Need charity.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

