

18th November 2022

Year 2 News

Assistant Headteacher Update

Last week, after two years of parents' evenings over Zoom, it was lovely to see you all in person coming into school to meet your child's teacher. For some of you, it was the first time you had actually been into school and it was wonderful to see your reactions first hand when you saw how much the environment has changed.

Trips have also started in earnest in Phase 2, with Year 4 visiting the British Museum as part of their 'Tomb Raiders' topic and Year 2 having a 'Great Fire of London Day,' where they deepened their understand of London in the 1600s with their topic 'Fireworks and Flames'. In the next few weeks, Year 3 will be visiting Flag Fen as part of their 'Stone Age to Bronze Age' topic. Thank you for all of your support with these trips. Experiencing these things first hand really does help to develop the children's love of learning and cement their understanding of the topic.

In Year 2, we have been writing our acrostic poems all about fireworks. The children have produced some fantastic work with a great range of adjectives, alliteration and similes! We have now introduced our next focus for our new writing unit – 'Where the Wild Things Are.' This is a story by Maurice Sendak about a boy called Max who dreams that his bedroom turns into a jungle. When a boat appears, he sails to the land of the Wild Things, where he finds huge, multicoloured monsters with big claws and teeth. Max, however, is not frightened and instead tames the Wild Things, who make him their king. The children are fascinated by these monsters and we will be using skills the children have already learnt, and adding new ones, to write a character description of the children's very own Wild Thing.

In maths we have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes. The children have thought about the shapes using their properties: faces, edges and vertices and they have described and compared them using this vocabulary. Next, we will be introducing some new methods to calculate multiplication and division problems.

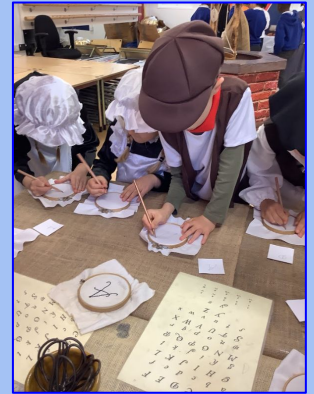
As part of our topic, 'Fireworks and Flames,' we are currently focusing on The Great Fire of London and in guided reading we are part way through a non-fiction text which is full of interesting facts about the event. Did you know that the fire started in a bakery? Reading this text certainly prepared our Year 2 children with a bank of knowledge ready for our 'History Off the Page' experience. The children had a fantastic time being immersed in activities that were based on London in the 1600s, including candle making, creating scents and digging for artefacts from the time. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to deepen their understanding of the topic.

We would also like to thank you for your continued support as we have once again raised money for the Royal British Legion through the Poppy Appeal. This week we have also taken the opportunity to remind everyone to reach out and show each other the support we need during anti-bullying week. We have, amongst other things, worn odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Finally, thank you to everyone who helped raise a fantastic amount of money today for Children in Need. It was a delight seeing so many of the children in their bright clothes or Pudsey themed items, walking around the school. We should have worn our sunglasses!

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What do our Year 2 children have to say?

'I loved our Great Fire of London WOW day, I especially liked making pots out of clay and doing some weaving with wool.'
Bradley, Dublin



'I enjoyed our Great Fire of London day because it helped us to learn more about what we are learning but in a super fun way! I like reading after because we could learn ever more from the book all about the Great Fire of London.' Diego, Lisbon



'I really liked our London in the 1600s WOW day. I enjoyed watching the man turn liquid metal into a solid necklace. It was fantastic!' Tymon, Rome



REMINDER

As a school we would also like to remind you of the following:

- Earrings must be studs, religious bands are allowed but no necklaces, bracelets please.
- Watches are allowed, including analogue, digital and fitness trackers (step counters); however, smart-watches are not permitted as some have apps and/or can maintain connectivity to phones which can become a distraction and are deemed as a safeguarding risk.

Key Dates



World cup dinner - 21st Nov

National Christmas jumper day - 8th December

Christmas dinner - 14th December

Christmas Fayre - 19th December
3.30-5pm

Peter Pan Panto - 20th December

Last day of term - 21st December 12.30 finish



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First Session 08:30-15:00 Tuesday, 18 October 2022
Second Session 08:30-15:00 Thursday, 8 December 2022
An E-Consent link will be sent out next week.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5757 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Holiday Activity & Food Programme at Southfields Primary School

Oak Activities are proud to announce that this Christmas we will be partnering with Peterborough Council to support them in delivering their Holiday Activity & Food Programme (HAF). The Department of Education funded scheme is being run by Peterborough County Council. These sessions are not delivered by the school; we are helping to promote them to ensure you are aware of the opportunity. The activities will be delivered by Oak Activities.

As well as taking part in the activities, the children will also receive a free hot lunch each day to keep their energy levels high and maximise the fun that they will have with their friends. All of this totally **FREE OF CHARGE**.

We are truly excited about being able to give the children this opportunity to be active in a fun and safe environment this Christmas.

Course information –

The programme is aimed solely at children eligible for Free School Meals and will provide these children with days of fun and engaging multi-sport activities as well as performing arts and well-being sessions.

Venue: Southfields Primary School

Dates: 20th, 21st and 22nd of December

Time: 10:00 – 14:00

How to sign up

The course is based on a first come first served basis and we can take up to 30 children on this course for Christmas. To confirm your space for the course, please click on the link below to sign up to the programme.

<https://bookwhen.com/oakactivities-multisportcamps>

Use the discount code **HAF** when booking to take the cost to zero, all bookings will be vetted by Peterborough Council and all children booking **MUST** be in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

Once your place is booked, we will be in contact after the to provide you with your child's food options for the event.

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Issues or questions? Contact matt.nelson@oakactivities.com

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Venue: Old Fletton Primary School

Dates: 22nd, 23rd, 30th of December & 3rd of January

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