

**Newsletter 18 Term 3**  
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## Children's Mental Health week

### 5th-9th February

Next week we will be marking children's mental health week with a number of activities in school. On Friday 9th Feb children are asked to come 'Dressed to express' - wear something that expresses themselves/they are comfortable in. We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1 which will put towards mental health provision in school. Look out for further information and top tips for parents and children in talking about their mental health which will be emailed to you.



### Dates

#### February

**w/c 5th** Mental Health Week

**5th** EYFS Stay and Play 9am (parents welcome)

**6th** Safer Internet Day

**9th** Dressed to express

**14th** Year 5 Showcase 9am (Parents welcome)

**14th** Year 4 Residential Parent's Meeting 5.30pm

**16th** End of Term

**26th** Training Day

**27th** Children return to school

### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024.

This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents) .

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, myself or Ms Searing, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Don't forget to watch the pre-recorded parent workshop and help your child to complete their Safer Internet Day collectors card. Details and links will be emailed to you.



**Safer Internet Day**

### P.E. News

We had a great time this week at Key stage 1 and 2 curling tournament! So many great points scored from both of our teams, you may also see some shiny medals!



# Year 2 News



The whole school has been excited about studying *The Merchant of Venice* in our English lessons. Year 2 has really enjoyed hosting a market and being inspired to start writing setting descriptions full of amazing similes and imaginative expanded noun phrases like this one – ***'The delicious red apples are shining brightly like stars.'*** We look forward to being able to put some more fantastic extracts up on display after our hot writes next week.

We have been tackling some tricky number problems in maths by looking at subtracting 2-digit from 2-digit numbers, including some challenging real-life scenarios. The children have really enjoyed working with dienes and counters to work out how to find the difference, before moving onto written methods. See if you can help with this one at home - have you ever been lucky enough to encounter this problem yourself?



*'I got sixty-two pounds for my birthday. Then I spent thirty-five pounds. How much money do I have left?'*

It has been a real joy to see so many budding scientists this term learning about food chains. Please support their learning at home and ask them to describe a simple food chain to you – can they tell you what every food chain starts with?

We enjoyed making all our market merchandise and many thanks to all the grown-ups who bought the products. We painted beautiful Venetian masterpieces, sculpted clay pots, and made fruit salads and apple crumbles from the finest ingredients. Thank you for supporting our efforts and making our learning so much fun.



Our focus in art this term has been sculpture. Children have been able to explore the properties of clay, they have been taught the basic techniques of pinching, coiling and slab building. We will be applying these skills to make a model at the end of term.

Sport in Year 2 has been amazing this term. The children have been excelling at their ball skills in netball outside and honing their gymnastics skills with Mr Muggleton inside. We also enjoyed a rugby skills session with a visiting Saints rugby coach which, although it was on one of the freezing days, worked to thoroughly warm us all up!



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## Super Stars

**Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this week and demonstrated lots of our school values!**

**RJF:** Noah for his perseverance with his writing.

**RKC:** Nicholas for his fantastic work in Maths with Part whole Models!

**1AH:** Ardelle for her fantastic ideas and use of vocabulary in English.

**1KB:** Shukri for always being ready to learn.

**2MF:** Alivia for her focus and determination to be an independent learner.

**2FJ:** Ava for using lots of brilliant vocabulary in her writing!

**3EB:** Abel for always being a brilliant role model for our class and being kind and helpful to all his peers. Well done Abel, keep up the good work!

**3IH:** Olivia for always showing respect, using her manners and being a good role model to other children.

**4NC:** Cole for a really positive change in his attitude in lessons. Excellent concentration and great contributions!

**4SL:** Mitko for excellent effort and progress in all areas. Mitko is putting in extra effort at school and home.

**5AK:** Malakai for having a wonderful start to life in Year 5 and going above and beyond in all subjects! What a great first week, Malakai, well done!

**5GD:** Nevaeh for being an exceptional friend and showing a fantastic improvement in her attitude.

**6LW:** Lucas for fantastic effort in his writing this week.

**6GH:** Michael for being a real asset to 6GH!

## Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children who have been awarded their bronze badges this week.

Leia & Peter in RJF  
Hunter & Ava in RKC  
Maria & Euodia in 1AH  
Jenson in 2MF  
Nieve, Ailah, Asher & Olivia-Rose in 2FJ  
Abel in 3EB  
Imogen in 4SL  
Adaline, Jack W, Samira & James in 5AK  
Jenson, Pranitha & Kevin in 5GD  
Lucas & Maria in 6LW  
Shane in 6GH



## Rainbow Star of the Week



Our Rainbow star of the week is Camden in 5AK for trying his very best with his learning this week and persevering even when it felt tricky. What a super effort Camden, well done!

## Attendance

