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Dear Parents,

Anti-Bullying Week

PCSO Angela and PCSO Emily launched our school's anti-bullying awareness week in whole school assembly on Monday. Angela reminded children that bullying is intentional, and meant to hurt others in different ways. She also explained that bullies are usually persistent, and that it is a power trip. She also talked about anti-social behaviour in school, and particularly, outside of school.

Both Angela and Emily visited classes to ensure their message was tailored for different year groups.

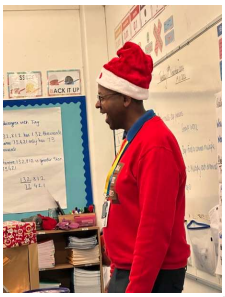
Across the school, the children have been learning the importance of kindness and what they can do if they are concerned about being bullied, or if they worried about their friend. Anti-bullying ambassadors know that their role is an important one, and they are positive role models at school. Messages of kindness were made by children in Craft Club as a reminder that a smile may make a world of difference to someone.

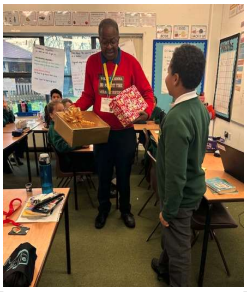
Daily Walk

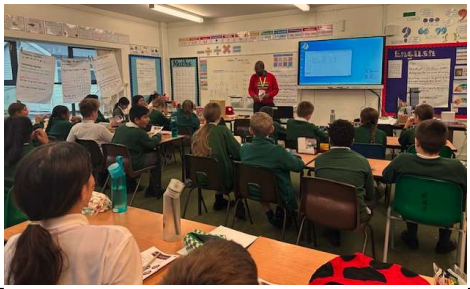
As part of our whole school programme of encouraging children to be active, all pupils participate in the daily walk at the end of lunchtime. Year 6 walk with their Reception and Year 1 buddies, and then complete as many laps as possible with all the other children at school. Pupils and staff walk together for a minimum of ten minutes after lunch before heading back to classrooms. It has been marvellous so far, and Year 2 pupils were able to explain in their Science lessons about how exercise is beneficial and what happens when our heart rate increases.

Christmas Unwrapped

A little early, but never too late – we had the fabulous Wayne Dixon in Year 6 taking the children through Christmas Unwrapped. Wayne is a long-time friend of all local schools as this is his 37th year delivering the message of kindness at Christmas, and across the year.

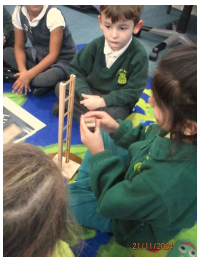






History Toy Workshop

Year 1 and Reception were joined by Saskia from Eton College museum collection for a Toy workshop where they looked at toys from the past. They focused on the different materials used in the older toys and the lack of electricity to get these toys working. The children enjoyed exploring a range of toys and had a go at making their own skittles to play as a class. The workshop links clearly to their history topic about family history.



Stem Workshop

Year 5 attended online STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) webinars. Our first session was 'My job working with supercars!' where we met STEM Ambassador Miles Carter - a senior engineer who works with cars at Rolls-Royce! Year 5 were very impressed by all the supercars Miles had helped design and build! Our second webinar was called 'My job working with robots!' where we met a Computing Ambassador who works with robots and is researching human-robot interaction. Very interesting and inspiring sessions!

Book Fair

The children loved the book fair. They had opportunities during the day to visit the travelling book fair and were really excited about the books and reading. The book fair is open for one last time this afternoon during dismissal. Do come and take a look.

Reminders For Upcoming Events

3rd December 2024 9.30am – 10.30am Inviting All Grandparents - We would be delighted to welcome grandparents to share stories of their experiences growing up. Refreshments will be served by our school ambassadors. **Do email or notify the school to confirm your attendance.**

10th December 2024 10am – 11am SEN Coffee Morning for Parents

11th December 2024 2pm Santa Fun Run – for more information please refer to parentmail

13th December 2024 Christmas Disco Organised by PTA
Do purchase the tickets online:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dorneypta

13th December 2024 9.15am R/Y1/Y2 Nativity Play for R/Y1/Y2 Parents

18th December 2024 – School Christmas Lunch (more information to follow)

19th December 2024 – Christmas Jumper Day/Class Christmas Parties/2.15pm Christmas Carol Concert for all Parents (more information to follow)

Safeguarding

Have a great weekend.

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher

Celebrating Significant Achievements

Since starting the school Kya in Year 3 has found new confidence and finally trained hard enough to enter her first kickboxing inter club in doing so, she won her first fight. Congratulations.

Aneeka (Year 4) has been dedicated to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and the Slough Wrestling Club for the past three and a half years. Recently, she has also joined the Thames Valley Athletic Centre. In addition, she participates in Yoga sessions with Mrs. Daniela every Thursday, at Dorney. She's been doing yoga over two years, which she looks forward to releasing her stress and stretching and practicing the Seven Chakra Mantras

Well done to all of Year 5 who entered an exciting poetry writing competition all to do with using your imagination! All children were awarded with a certificate, bookmark and sticker for their fantastic writing. Some children's writing may also appear in a published poetry book! Wonderful writing everyone!
There were also 30 other pupils across the school who participated in this competition. Well done to all of them too!

Stars of the Week

Reception
JJ for his extra effort with home learning activities
Libby for always being interested in learning and class challenges

Year 1
Santino for his amazing Maths Work

Year 2
Ronnie for being a superstar by trying his best in every Phonics lesson
Shaheeth for showing confidence and independence when completing Maths tasks

Year 3
Jovin for making amazing progress inside but especially outside of the classroom
Bambi for asking amazing questions during our Stone Age Workshop

Year 4
Kaine for excellent behaviour in class and showing great skill during Forest School
Rana for artistic flair during Inter-Faith day and reaching the challenges in Maths

Year 5
Tyler for super understanding and explanation of our English topic – Hidden Figures
Reggie for a fantastic non-chronological report on the Hidden Figures of NASA

Year 6
Jaya for trying her best consistently and for being an excellent reader, she has also made super progress in swimming. Well done!
Mahi for excellent vocabulary used in her writing, consistently asking questions to support her and being an excellent role model at all times. Well done!