

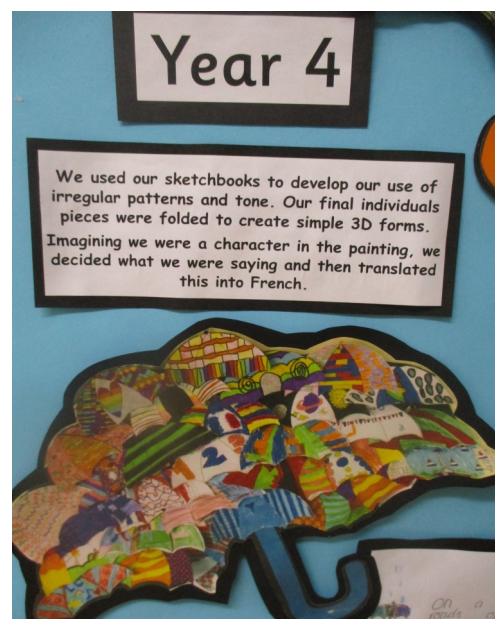
'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 6

FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a busy half term. Our art work at the beginning of term was very successful and pupils produced some excellent art pieces using a variety of skills and art techniques to represent the work of Henri Renoir. Please see some of our art display pictured below:



This week we have celebrated the Chinese New Year, the year of the Rabbit. Foundation stage have tried noodles, Year 2 have made moving rabbits.

On January 25th pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a presentation from the "2Johns" (ex police officers) on internet safety. Please see the link below for parents / carers to watch to help keep our children safe online.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/20rtXr358sn2WfxRsaO-2hV8LAYJJu3jZaL5QgL2k4vSpbcqyJVtQSnPnKdM1dD7.UAc4Eo8bpwttxrTZ>

This link will be available to view for 28 days and is not to be stored or downloaded in any format. The reason being is that the online world is constantly changing along with the advice given, especially regarding settings, so these can quickly become out of date.

Kind regards,
Mrs Dack

Congratulations to our Sports Captains for the term:

Yr 6: 6K Trevor & Grace 6S Devlin & Kaitlyn **Yr3 3W** Millie and Albie **3A** Louie and Eva

Yr 5: 5PA Jack & Tomalyn 5P Austin & Layla **Yr 2 2N** Harley & George **2W** Maiya & Noah

Yr 4: 4S Fraser and Emily **4P** Arabella and Teddy

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If your child is absent from school the parent/carer must contact the school on the first day of absence before 9.20am. The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if no-body is available to take your call.

Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before **9.20am**.

PUNCTUALITY

The school day starts at **8.40am** when children can begin to come into school. Registers are taken at **8.50am** and your child will receive a late mark 'L' if they are not in by that time.

HOW MANY DAYS OFF?

The impact absence has on your attendance

Attendance Levels

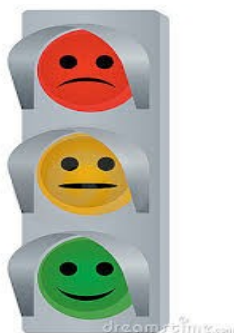
100% Attendance = 0 days off

95% Attendance = 10 days off

90% Attendance = 20 days off

85% Attendance = 30 days off

80% Attendance = 40 days off



Below 90% Unsatisfactory

91—95% Cause for concern

96—98% Good

99—100% Excellent

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that all planned absence must be requested by parents, please. This includes absence for reasons you expect to be denied, such as for holidays or family celebrations. It is essential and lawful for schools to know where a child is if they are not at school and we follow investigative procedures when absence is not explained, as outlined in our Attendance Policy.

Please be aware that children are very honest about where they are going/have been if a term-time holiday or celebration is planned. Where an alternative reason is given for absence in such cases (e.g. reported as illness), the school will follow this up and could result in authorised absence marks being changed to unauthorised.

It is appropriate at this point, to remind all parents of the law and of the possibility of penalty fines for unauthorised absence, with an extract from our Attendance Policy: ***Unauthorised absence may result in the school referring to the Local Authority for sanctions and/or legal proceedings. This may include issuing each parent with a Penalty Notice for £120, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days or referring the matter to the Magistrates Court, whereby each parent may receive a fine of up to £2500 and/or up to 3 months in prison. If a parent is found guilty in court, they will receive a criminal conviction.***

Full details are found in our Attendance Policy.

SAFER INTERNET DAY - TUESDAY 7 TH FEBRUARY 2023

This year's theme is: **Want to talk about it** and we will be completing activities in school based on this topic.

The day is to **celebrate young people's role in creating a safer internet** and the ways they are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces/platforms they are part of e.g. gaming, social media, 'live' experiences such as video streaming...

These platforms play such an important and positive role, providing young people with the means to interact with friends and as a great pastime, particularly during lockdowns. However, there are some emerging safety issues in these spaces as well as issues young people have been navigating for some time; particularly the lack of respect individuals display towards each other, groups 'ganging up' against other groups, and the sense that it is easy to 'get away' with negative behaviour such as meanness, bullying and swearing.

The apparent lack of consequences for negative behaviour has an impact on safety and wellbeing. Young people need to understand what constitutes respectful behaviour online, and know what to do if they encounter hate or bullying directed at them or someone else. Be an up-stander, not a bystander.

There are a few short films on the website that act as a good conversation starter for children and parents to discuss any issues that may arise from this topic, please follow the link below. Please note the intended ages on the videos.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/hannni-and-the-magic-window>

**Safer
Internet
Day 2023** | **Tuesday
7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Films-UK Safer Internet Centre

We have created a range of Safer Internet Day films to help you spread awareness whether you are a school, nursery, youth group, library, police service, or wider.
saferinternet.org.uk

DONATIONS NEEDED

We would love more play equipment for the children to have at lunch times. If you have any unwanted lego, cars, barbies, etc. please could you bring them into the school office.

DRESS AS A WORD

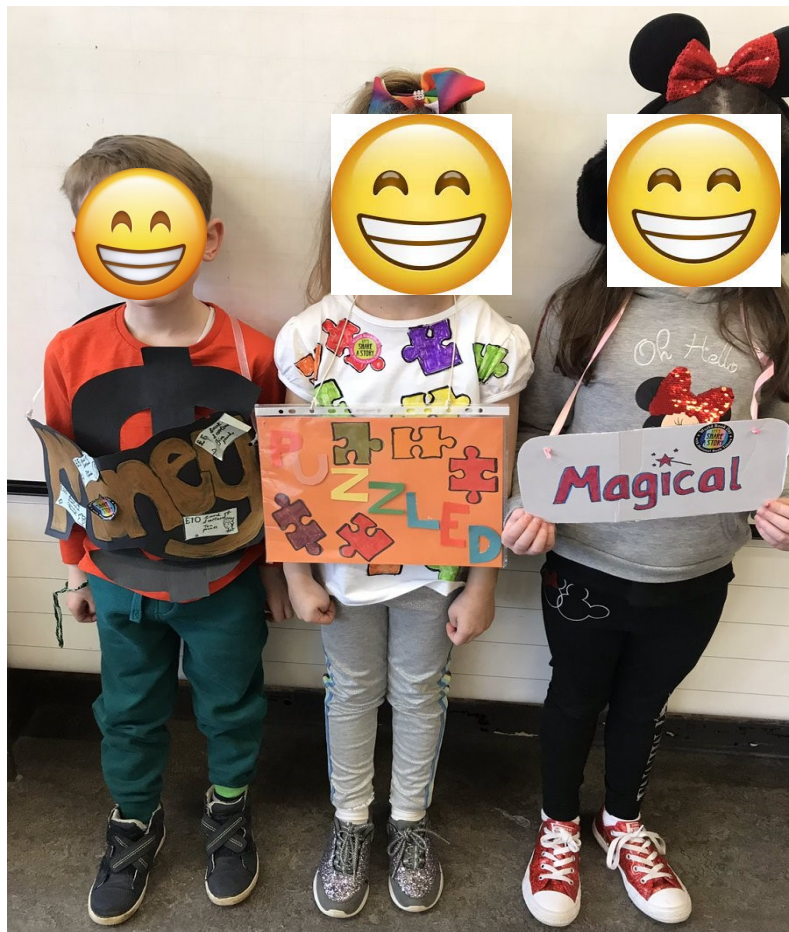
As costumes for **World Book Day** can be expensive and/or time-consuming to make, this year we are asking pupils to come to school 'dressed as a word' in celebration of World Book Day. Children can choose any word (adjectives are easier) and come to school either:

1) dressed as a character from a book and wearing their word card which describes that character (for example, dressing as Harry Potter and describing yourself as determined or heroic);

or

2) dressed in a way which explains their word (for example, dressing messily and describing yourself as messy or dishevelled).

World Book day this year falls on Thursday 2nd March.



SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS

You will have received notification for payment of your child's Swimming contributions for the Spring Term. Payment can be made through Pay 360.

PTA EVENTS FOR SPRING TERM

Film Night in classes will be held Wednesday 8th February, Family Magic Night Saturday 25th February, Mothers Day stalls Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th March. Details of all these events will be sent home soon.

	<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u>
	SPRING TERM 2023
1st February	Possible strike
2nd February	Class 3A Assembly 2.40pm — parents welcome
7th February	Safer Internet Day and Poet, Tom Foolery in school all day
8th February	PTA Film Night
9th February	Class 3W Assembly 2.40pm— parents welcome
13th –17th February	HALF TERM
20th February	Pupils back to school
21st February	Pancake races - please bring your own frying pan and pancake
25th February	PTA Magic Night
27th February	Book Week
1st March	Possible strike
2nd March	World Book Day—word / dressing up - see page 4 of newsletter
2nd March	Class 2N Assembly 2.40pm— parents welcome
9th March	Class 2W Assembly 2.40pm— parents welcome
14th & 15th March	Mothers' Day PTA stalls
15th & 16th March	Possible Strike
16th March	Class 1Q Assembly 2.40pm— parents welcome
17th March	Red Nose Day—Dress in red £1.00 donation
23rd March	Class 1S Assembly 2.40pm— parents welcome
27th & 28th March	PARENT/CARER BOOK LOOKS Come and look at your child's learning: Monday 27th March 3.15-4.15pm Tuesday 28th March 3.15-4.15pm
29th & 30th March	PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS – School Cloud Wednesday 29th March 3.15– 6.00pm Thursday 30th March 3.15– 6.00pm
3rd April -14th April	Easter Holidays
17th April	Inset Day—No pupils
18th April	Pupils back to school