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Malvern Way News

From Mrs Cole

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Safety Week

We finished the half term with our annual Safety Week. The children have engaged well in all the activities provided for them.

Our playground was turned into a road for the children to practise their scooter and bike skills, considering how to keep themselves and other pedestrians safe – especially on the journey to and from school.

All classes took the opportunity to think about road safety with a walk around the school perimeter, considering the hidden dangers (e.g. driveways) and reinforcing road safety. The teachers took the opportunity to remind the children of the need to use the yellow footprints as they come and in and out of school and never to walk through the car park.

All classes reviewed the NSPCC pants campaign – one child told me he had seen it 4 times in school now! This highlights the importance of this message. We have reinforced our Golden rules, Helping Hands and how children report concerns to adults in school.

On Thursday we reviewed Internet Safety with all children and it is clear our children are understanding how to keep themselves safe online and what to do if something worries them when using the internet etc... All children in Year 2 enjoyed a workshop from "Into the Screen". In these workshops the children considered the different ways they can be tricked into given out personal information and how to find a secure password.

We finished the week with a whole school scavenger hunt with children from different classes joining together to answer questions from the week's learning.



On our school website are a number of links which you may find useful to explore and the Statutory Information section includes both our Anti Bullying and Behaviour and Discipline policies.

A reminder to parents to ensure scooters and bikes are left carefully in one of our scooter parks.



Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending our consultation meetings with the teachers. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to review your child's progress and discuss the strengths and next steps for your child.



Goodbye to Miss Preston

Owl class said goodbye to Miss Preston, our trainee teacher who has been working with us since November. Miss Preston has proved to be an excellent practitioner and I wish her well as she begins her teaching career in September.

Space talks

Thank you to Mr Sandilands and Mrs Batchelor for giving up their time to present talks to Year 2 about their knowledge of space. The children were particularly excited to hear that Mr Sandilands thinks space travel is an absolute possibility for their generation.



Slime making

Robin class had a special treat today after collecting all the eggs for their nest and enjoyed a whole class slime making session. With a fool proof recipe from Mrs Sahin, Mrs Coyne worked with the children with 100% success rate! (for anyone who has tried to make slime you will know that is no mean feat)

Parent Workshops

We have 3 parent workshops after half term which I hope will be well attended.

Anxiety Workshop ~ an opportunity to listen to a talk from Jan Crook and share our own experiences ~ Wednesday 21st February at 9.15am

Drug Awareness Workshop ~ this workshop aims to offer strategies for having open conversations with children about drug and alcohol misuse and promote ways that parents can help children make positive, healthy choices. ~ Thursday 15th March at 6pm **Please do not think your children are too young for this to be relevant.**

Maths Mastery Evening ~ Mrs Ineson will share with you some of the strategies we are using in Maths and how this can be supported at home ~ Thursday 22nd March at 7pm

If you are interested in attending any of these workshops, please contact the school office so enough chairs and refreshments can be prepared.

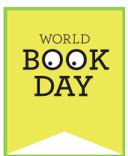
WORKSHOP



On Thursday 22nd February we will be taking part in the **Thinking Day /Founders Day** when all members of the Scouting & Girlguiding organisations (Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts) can wear their uniform to school. This is the joint birthday of both Lady and Lord Baden-Powell who were the founder members of the Guide & Scout organisations.



This is a great opportunity for the children to tell everybody about the fun they have and a way to show the wider community that Guiding and Scouting is relevant to young people today.



Malvern Way will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 2nd March**. Our theme for this year is Nursery Rhymes and we ask that all children come to school dressed as a character from a Nursery Rhyme.



Please remember our first "Book Look" of the year on 5th March. This is an opportunity for you to come and look at your child's learning with them. It will start at 9am for about half an hour (11.45 - 12.15 for Duckling class).

We are experiencing problems with un-named shoes. Many children have the same style of shoes and they get mixed up after PE and playtime if they are not named. Please ensure that all items including shoes/trainers/wellies, PE kits, hats, gloves and scarves etc. are named. Help raise some money for the school by purchasing some labels from one of these companies and choosing the fundraising option at checkout:



www.easy2name.com



<https://stampastic.co.uk/>

Nursery Children September 2018

Do you have a child born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015?

Applications are now open. Parents wishing to apply for a Nursery place at our school will need to fill in the application form/s available on the school website or collect them from the school office.

Applications close: Friday 16th March 2018.

School Refurbishments

Mr Norcott has a busy half term ahead. As part of our Sports Premium funding, we will be installing new PE equipment in the hall which will further enhance our provision in gym and our 3 Year 1 classes will be completely refurbished with new carpets and lino and a fresh lick of paint.

Thank you for your generous donations to Michael Sobell Hospice at the Christmas performances, you raised an impressive **£242.99**



Dragonfly:	Maisie, Izzy
Bumble Bee:	Ashley, Rory
Ladybird:	Sophie, James, Jess S, Lily
Rabbit:	Denzyl, Sam, Abigail, Claudia, Ellar, Nolah, Gabrielle, Katherine
Robin:	Jena, Max, William, Alice
Owl:	Rae, Caitlyn



Badge Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have received a badge since our last newsletter:

Being Independent Learners ~ Jess, Joah, Shivanshi, Ellie, Hugo, Jack, Rae, Emmie, Millie, Emma, Keshavi, Kanaiya, Ellie, Lada, Katherine, Peter, Eva

Being a Good Friend ~ Estella, Lexie

Good Listeners ~ Viaan, Jack, Isabella, Max, Will, Layla, Ava, Toby, Lorna, Rory, Evan, Arya, Ethan, Samrath, Jake, Edie, Olivia

Polite ~ Carlos, Penny, Xavier

Care Of The Environment ~ Logan BP, Freya, Jessica S, Millie

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Isla