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Respect myself, school and the community

Enjoy and achieve safely

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29th February 2016

We have had a fantastic start to our half term so far in FS. We have been learning about the story Tiddler, the fish who tells lots of tales! We discussed how important it is not to make up lots of tales, because one day when we are telling the truth, we may not be believed!! Next week, we will be reading an all time classic - The Gruffalo! We have lots of exciting things planned for the children so keep your eyes and ears open to see what is going on in our unit!

What a GREAT start to the new term Cambridge and Oxford have had. The children have been working so hard in numeracy and have been learning their 10 times table.. some children even managed to use their mastery glasses to solve 20×10 ! In music they children have been looking at how different music can evoke certain emotions. The children said "Reach for the Stars" by S Club 7 made them feel happy and excited, whilst Bon Jovi's "Living On a Prayer" made them feel powerful and strong! We'd also like to give a GREAT shout out to the children of Cambridge University - this week they have won the Attendance Award for achieving 100% for the last week before half term. This means every child in this class has come to school every day, and has also arrived on time. Well done everyone!

Year two have had a fantastic week learning all about George's gruesome Grandma. We have written some brilliant diary entries and described evil, ugly Grandma!

We also had a fantastic morning on Thursday when some of the parents came to help us to raise money for the NSPCC. We raised lots of money doing exciting activities in the FS garden. Thank you to all those that came to support Year Two.

Welcome back from your half term break. The first week has proven that we are raring to get stuck back in! We have already learned about the amazing Amazon Rainforest and all its wonderful animals. We are going to be taking a trip around the world, looking at all the incredible habitats and how people live with them.

Letters have already been given out about our trip to West Midlands Safari Park. Thank you for all those who have already returned the slips. We cannot wait!

Just a reminder that Miss Brooker's class need their swimming kits every Monday! Remember your swimming hats if you have long hair too!

Miss Baker will be becoming more involved with Loughborough University and is excited about all the fantastic lessons she has planned. Hold onto your explorer's hats!

Although this half term is short, we are as busy as always. This half term we will be learning about different types of poetry and will be practicing our performance skills. Children will receive their homework today, please can you ensure that they try to complete it. If they struggle, there is a homework club that they can attend on Thursday at lunch time for support. Our timetable has changed around slightly and we will be doing gymnastics for PE on Tuesday afternoons.

You are invited to come into school on Tuesday 22nd March during our Rainbow Grammar lesson from 11:45-12:15 to observe how we teach your children about sentence structures. You will have the opportunity to work and learn alongside your child.

This week in year 5 we have been looking at World War I. Our book this half term is "What are we Fighting For?" by Brian Moses and Roger Stevens. This is an exciting poetry book full of poems about life as an evacuee, being a soldier, eating rations and the different planes that were flown in the war. We have even used these as inspiration to write our own poems thinking about the feelings of a soldier about to go into battle.

Also, we have been researching what life would have been like for soldiers in the trenches and writing information texts to explain how soldiers would have been treated. In maths we have been learning about time and how to convert between hours and minutes!

Our trip is Tuesday 8th of March so please bring your permission slip back in if you haven't already. Thank you.

Firstly, the year 6 team would like to thank all the parents and carers who were able to make it to the Madhatter's Tea Party last half-term. It was a huge success and we sold all the jam tarts we had made in order to raise money for the NSPCC. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you and letting you have a try and the Pop Art we had also done in class - thank you for your continued support!

Year 6 have been very excited to begin their topic on Macbeth this week. They have been exploring the first part of the play by learning about the battle which Macbeth was part of and the mysterious three witches he met. They then went out to re-enact their own battle before writing a commentary about it. The Scottish team won! The battles were extremely engaging to read through the use of descriptive language and were full of blood, guts and gore! Year 6 have also been learning about the playwright, William Shakespeare, in lots of detail. They researched about his life when he was younger and how he has impacted on Britain today. After, they then used this to work collaboratively in groups in order to record a biography of his life on Imovie using the ipads. This half-term we are also starting our light topic in science. In order to support this, there will be a trip to George Spencer Academy on Tuesday 8th March which will give children the opportunity to use some of their specialist equipment and try out various experiments. Please return the letter as soon as possible to give permission for your child to go.

Active Kids

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers again from Sainsbury's. Please tell all your friends and family and bring your vouchers in to school. The collection box is situated near the fish tank in the reception area, or you can hand them over to the office staff. We have been able to get some great resources from Active Kids in the past and hope to get even more this year!

Africa Day

Throughout the school year we are looking at and celebrating different continents and cultures. On Thursday 10th March we will be having Africa day. During that day children can wear non-uniform. Children can wear African clothes or African animals' costumes, if they don't have them they can wear the colours of earth: orange, yellow, green or brown. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

GREAT Assemblies

We would like to invite all our parents along to celebrate with their children in the GREAT assemblies at the end of term.

Yrs 1 & 2 - 9am - Mon 21st March

Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 - 9am - Tues 22nd March

FS2 - 9am - Wed 23rd March

FS1 will have a presentation during the last week in the classroom. More details to follow.

A message from the Head of School

'The Great Big Dance Off'

The GREAT Wyndham Warriors have taken inspiration from their grandparents and, with a little bit of help from Year 4's class book 'Gangsta Granny', created a street dance piece that has a touch of sass, a hint of swag and bags of attitude. This group is proof that at Wyndham Primary Academy, 'Together We Can'.

I was extremely proud when Miss Winfield informed me a few months ago that the dance group had made it through to the Regional finals, which took place last Wednesday at the Albert Hall in Nottingham.

The dance group performed exceptionally well and came 4th out of 18 schools that participated and just missed out on the opportunity to go through to the National final. Once again, well done to all those pupils who took part and to Miss Winfield for leading this.

Paula Baines-Chambers
Head of School