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Internet Safety



You will, I'm sure, remember that in the week before half term we had our Internet Safety Week, which was linked to Internet Safety day on Tuesday 7th March. On the day itself, we had an organisation called 'SPLATS' entertainment come in and work with our older children in putting together a small production on on-line safety.

All the teachers in the school talked with the children about staying safe on-line. There is also a whole load of information on the school website in the tab 'Online Safety' that I'd recommend parents and children have a look at.

Just a few top tips re: Internet Safety!

1—Set privacy settings and guard your information

2- Technology can share information without our knowledge. Turn off synchronisation and location services and only turn on when desired. (For example if location/synchronisation services are turned on, when you take a photo, the GPS (location) of the photo is embedded in the photo.

3—Webcam—never do random chats. Only chat with family and friends. Never do anything on webcam you wouldn't want on the screen. Always think before uploading any images/videos.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

Assembly Theme for next week: I know what makes a healthy balanced diet.

Book Fair

Please don't forget our Book Fair next week at both sites. The school gets a percentage of every book you buy, enabling us to buy more books for the school. In other words the more you buy the more free books the school gets!

£1 book vouchers will come home with your children on Monday!

Year 1 Synagogue Visit



As part of their RE work this Assessment period, Year 1 have been looking at special symbols and objects. As part of this all three classes visited the local synagogue this week. They saw the Torah scrolls

kept in the Ark and learned about some Jewish food laws such as not mixing dairy and meat in the same meal. They also learned about traditions to do with the Jewish new year and the Sabbath.



Red Lion Books

As part of World Book Day—Red Lion Books on the High Street have planned some fun activities for Saturday 4th March. This includes local magician Dean Jones of After School Magic, who will be there from 11.00 a.m.—3.00p.m.

They have also stocked up on the World Day Books which children can exchange for their vouchers—if you haven't spent your voucher at school that is!

There will also be story writing and telling, an I-spy trail and a quiz.

Must be worth popping along to!

Year 2 Mad Science Day

It might not be Science Week until next week but Year 2 wanted to get in early. Today they had a Mad Science Day with Atomic Andie.

The children learnt about rockets and the four forces. What an amazing morning it was!

At the end of the session, children watched a rocket launched from the playground. It safely returned to the playground using its parachute to create drag.



Thankfully, yesterday's wind had died down, otherwise we may still be searching for the rockets!

Let's Plant a Bulb

This week we have been planting crocuses at Abbey Field. All the children in the school have been using dibbers, which will hopefully create a sea of purple crocuses in time for our purple day—although considering the time of planting this could very well be purple day next year. Many thanks to the Rotary Club who gave us more than enough bulbs!



Diary Dates

Saturday 25th February. Colchester United v Hartlepool. 3.00p.m. (Colchester United are up to 7th and currently in the playoffs— they'll probably lose tomorrow now!)

Monday 27th February—Friday 3rd March. Science and Technology Week, linked to World Book Day.

Monday 27th February—Thursday 2nd March. Book Fair at both sites. 3.15p.m. at Abbey Field. 3.30p.m. at Town.

Tuesday 28th February. Star Gazing Night. 6.00p.m. at AF—Come along and learn about the stars and constellations.

Wednesday 29th February. Open Morning. (9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Abbey Field) (9.15 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. Town)

Friday 3rd March. World Book Day. Come to school dressed as a book character.

Monday 6th March—Thursday 9th March. Life Bus at Abbey Field

Thursday 16th March. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.—Open Evening. Both Sites.

Tuesday 28th March @ 6.00p.m. Wednesday 29th March @ 2.00p.m. & 6.00p.m. Year 4 Production. Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM.

Crossword/Wordsearch Challenge

There'll be a weekly word search challenge this term—and as it's Science/Technology week next week!

HOW THE BODY WORKS

Skeletal System: Word Find

Directions: Print out the word find. See how many words you can find from the list below.

X R W H P Y C E L E P X T D S
O G C X Y A L Y P N C N V L T
A F F F L C S J P I D O P V E
Q A C C I F Z E Z P V T Q F R
T B I V L P R R N S J E F G N
Z U A U H I S I F O E L I V U
M L F E M U R T B A B E A G M
C S U I D A R B I S H K G J G
I S T G H W R C R W S L G J
C U L S T W B G D H R R H Q W
Q N Z B A U D D C J I U X W Z
E R P I V P A T E L L A P Q H
C P B S G E A A D E Y P N Z X
W I Q C K Y T B A C P Z G O Z
T Q Z N X L Y M Q Y T N F H U

BONES	PATELLA	SPINE
CALCIUM	RADIUS	STERNUM
CLAVICLE	RIBS	STIRRUP
FEMUR	SKELETON	TIBIA

As always, Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Town site

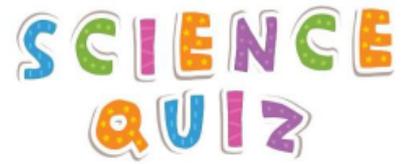
The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

And Finally,

You will I'm sure remember that in the last newsletter I commented on Mr Green's penchant for coffee. As we have been focussing on being healthy this week, one of the pearls of wisdom I cast was that an apple is more effective at waking you up in the morning than a cup of coffee! Knowing that everyone has Mr Green's best interests at heart, think how healthy he'd be if we all brought him an apple! Traditionally, the giving of apples to teachers can be traced back to a time when teachers provided education to poorer children on a barter system with excess food from the harvest. There is also a link to the 'Tree of Knowledge and the story of Adam and Eve. So not only will Mr Green be very healthy but very clever too!

Have a good half Term

Simon Billings



As it is British science week next week, we thought a science quiz would get you in the mood! Complete all 20 questions correctly for a chance to win a science prize! All entries will receive a reward for taking part! You have until next Friday to enter. Please hand in entries to Miss Salmon's door at Abbey site and Mr Green's door at Town site.

1. What is an omnivore?
2. An egg is laid, a caterpillar is born, the caterpillar turns into a chrysalis. What is the next stage?
3. What is a tree's stem called?
4. Jupiter is what number planet from the sun?
5. How many teeth does the human adult have?
6. What is the boiling point of water?
7. How long does it take the earth to orbit the sun?
8. When water is a solid state, what is it called?
9. The fear of what animal is known as 'arachnophobia'?
10. Which part of our body other than our eyes, plays a big part in helping us keep balance?
11. Match the living thing to the environments:
Polar bear Desert
Whale Arctic
Cactus Ocean
12. When water from the sea evaporates what does it form in the sky?
13. How many bones are there in the human body?
14. What makes up 80% of the human brain?
15. What is the largest organ of the human body?
16. What is the word used to describe how loud or quiet a sound is?
17. What bird is born from the largest egg in the world?
18. What is an animal that only comes out at night called?
19. What is the main purpose of eating food?
20. What is the main job of the lungs?