

ST WILFRID'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

A message from the Mr North.

The children have made a great start to 2024, with a great deal going on in school currently.

Today we held our second Golden Box event to which parents and carers of recipients of awards were invited - I am sure those able to attend enjoyed the service.

Please find included in this newsletter further information about the launch of an anti-racism programme that will be running across all year groups. This programme aims to foster a culture of inclusivity, empathy, and respect within our school community. Through various activities, discussions, and workshops, we will be encouraging the children to embrace diversity and stand up against racism in all its forms.

The theme of a new beginning is not only significant for the start of a new year, but it also resonates deeply with our values as a school community. It reminds us of the power we have to create positive change in the world around us.

I am incredibly proud of our school community for embracing this anti-racism programme, and I am confident that it will have a lasting impact on our students' lives. Together, let us foster an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and appreciated for who they are.

Parents and carers will be invited to find out more about the children's work in this area in a forthcoming assembly - details can be found below.

Have a great weekend.

UPCOMING DATES

January

29th F2 & Year 6 weight & weight check

February

2nd Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop

5th Children's Mental Health Week

7th F2 Dress up day for end of 'People who help us' topic

8th Year 5 (group) Nott Alone mental health event

9th Break up for half term

19th Spring 2 begins

26th AREP assemblies for parents this week

27th Year 5 boys basketball event

29th Year 4 swimming starts

March

1st Secondary school offer day

7th World Book Day

13th Year 5 theatre trip

15th Comic Relief- wear red/ cake sale

26th Parents Evening

28th Year 5 church service

28th Parents Evening

29th Bank holiday- school closed

April

15th School reopens

24th Year 3 Mayan workshop

Remember to check out our social media pages for updates



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AREP

We would like to share what we have been learning in the AREP (anti racism education programme) with parents and carers so are holding a series of assemblies for different year groups during the week beginning 26th February.

These will be held at the end of the day outlining what we have learnt during the programme.

Tues 27th Feb:F2 and KS1 (Y1 & 2)

Wed 28th Feb: Y3 & 4

Thurs 29th Feb:Y5 & 6

All assemblies will start at 3.00pm



GOLDEN BOX

We are changing the way we run our Friday Golden Box assembly for this term. During this assembly, we celebrate children who have stood out to teachers during the week – this could be an outstanding piece of work, significant act of kindness, or any other positive action, noticed by staff. Usually, staff choose 1- 2 children each week for this recognition.

We would like to invite parents / carers to be able to attend these assemblies in future. Therefore, on Fridays, parents / carers will be notified via dojo if their child has been chosen. You will then be able to attend the assembly the following Friday, beginning at 3pm (please aim to arrive at school for 2:55pm).

There is no need to notify us of your attendance – just turn up at the allotted time.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Children's Mental Health Week begins on Monday 5th February. Children have put forward ideas to our school council; here are some of the things we will be doing throughout the week: At the start of the week children are invited to bring a cushion to school for their classroom chairs (this is optional, please do not feel the need to go and buy brand new cushions) Friday will be 'Wear slippers in the classroom day'. Children will come in their school shoes and bring slippers to change into if they would like to for the indoors (slipper socks can be worn, though traditional slippers are preferable) There will be optional indoor board games during some of the lunchtimes. We will remind children of the 5 steps to wellbeing throughout the week and make links with these and our everyday learning.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

On Thursday 7th March 2024 we will be celebrating World Book Day. We encourage your child to dress as their favourite book character on this day.

We will also be running our very popular book exchange. Your child can bring in up to 6 books that they have finished reading or no longer want and exchange them for something new to read. This is a perfect time to have a sort out! Also, if you see on local social media pages that people are giving away old child appropriate books around Calverton, please keep us in mind. The more books we can get the better.

During this week, we will also be visiting the library, class to class reading and of course... The Masked Reader!



COMIC RELIEF

On Friday 15th March, we will be encouraging children to dress red for Red Nose Day. We will be holding a cake sale at afternoon break for which we are appealing for donations of cake from parents.

The sales of these cakes will go directly to Comic Relief.

In the afternoon, at the request of our School Council, we will be holding a house gurning competition to see who can pull the funniest face!





SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we have a new School Crossing Patrol person. Her name is Heather Howieson. Heather is new to the job and our patience whilst she is undergoing her training would be appreciated. Heather would like the children and parents/carers to call her Heather and she is looking forward to getting to know the school community

COURTEOUS PARKING

Shortly before Christmas, we received a call from a local resident who was incredibly upset that an ambulance wasn't able to access their property due to a car parked opposite preventing the ambulance from getting off the drive once it was on. We have made several appeals to our parents to walk where possible to school to drop off and collect your children. Unfortunately, we still continue to receive emails and phone calls of this nature telling us that parents have blocked drives or parked at local businesses which they are not authorised to.

We have an agreement with The Admiral Rodney pub which allows parents to park and walk the short distance to the school. We do not have any other agreements with local businesses. The main road at the bottom of the school drive is narrow and due to parked cars in this area, it reduces the road to one lane for a section. Add a bus to the mix and it can be chaos. Therefore, we ask you once again to consider if you do need to use your car for the school run. If you do, please can you consider parking away from school.

I really don't want to report to parents that a child has been knocked over outside school. This has happened to me previously and it was devastating to staff, parents and children. Thank you for your cooperation.

FEEL GOOD FAMILIES

Shortly after half term, we will be hosting 'Feel Good families' sessions for parents and carers. The sessions, run by the Life Education Centre in Nottingham, will provide advice around managing children's behaviour, an opportunity for a little pampering and a chance to meet and chat with other parents / carers over a cup of tea. Please see the flyer printed below and complete the reply slip, available from the office, to reserve a place. Places are limited, so please do act quickly.



SPRING TERM ONE CLUBS**Monday****Basketball with Mr Devivo**

£3.00 per session, per child. Total cost is £15.00 to be paid in full, in advance. Please speak to the office if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals.

Tuesday**Yoga with Claudia**

Paid pupils - <https://stillnessinmotion.as.me/?appointmentType=56118136>

If your son/daughter is eligible for a Free School Meal (not a Universal Free School Meal which the children in Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 are entitled to) please use this link.

Pupil Premium - <https://stillnessinmotion.as.me/?appointmentType=56118158>

Thursday**KS2 Writers Club**

This club is now full however if you wish to be added to the waiting list please speak to the office.

KS2 Table Tennis

Mr Devivo will be running an Table tennis After School Club for Years 3, 4 5 & 6. 3.30pm - 4.30pm every Thursday for 5 weeks. 11th, 18th & 25th January and 1st & 8th February. £3.00 per session, per child. Total cost is £15.00 to be paid in full, in advance. Please speak to the office if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals.

Minecraft Club

running from 3:30- 4:30 every Thursday for 5 weeks from 11th January 2024. The club is open for Years 3-5. The club costs £3.99 per child per session and is paid for half termly in advance. Please use the link to book a place. <https://www.milittlepad.com/>

Friday**KS2 Choir** with Mrs Wood & Mr Clapham

Choir has now moved to Fridays. Please speak to the office if your child wishes to join.

CLASS NEWS**Foundation:**

We have started our new People who help us topic with a visit from Arnold Fire Station. We loved looking at the fire engine and all the equipment they use and found out lots about what fire fighters do. We also looked at their protective clothes and learnt about different ways of staying safe. This week we had a visit from Sergeant Roper. It was a jam-packed visit: sitting in the police car, pressing the 999 button to turn the lights on, trying out the leg straps and wearing the different helmets, all of which the children loved. Our next visit is from the ambulance service.

**Year 4**

Over this half term, Year 4 have been experimenting how to turn solids into liquids and back again in our science. We have loved the investigations!



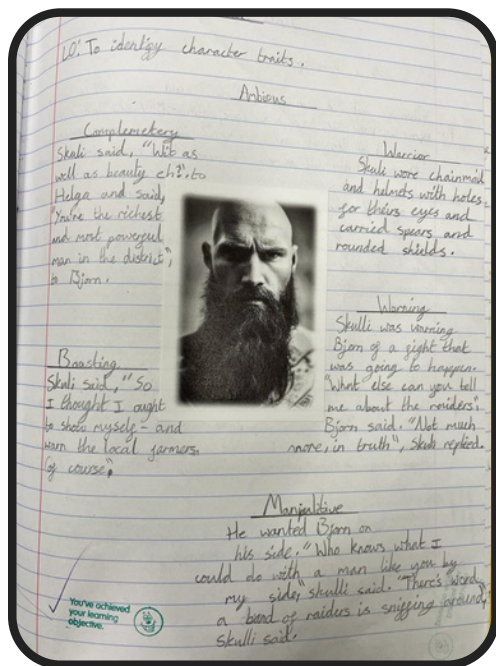
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Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard on their phonics and impressed our visitor Rachel (from the English hub) with our sentence work. She commented on how so many of us remembered our capital letters and full stops. We are enjoying our new Science topic on Everyday Materials and had fun talking about what different objects in the classroom are made of.

Year 2

Year 2 have been working with Miss Knight to learn the traditional fan dance. They have worked so hard to make their movements in synchronicity and with grace and elegance!

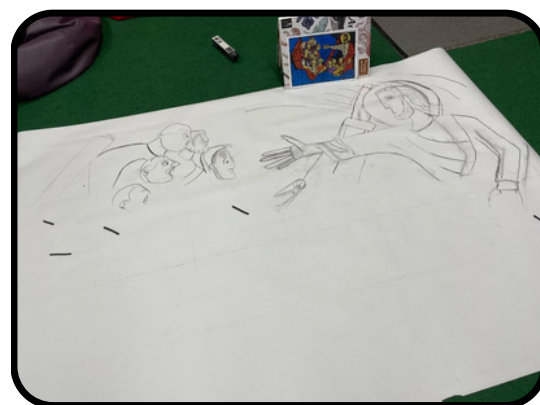
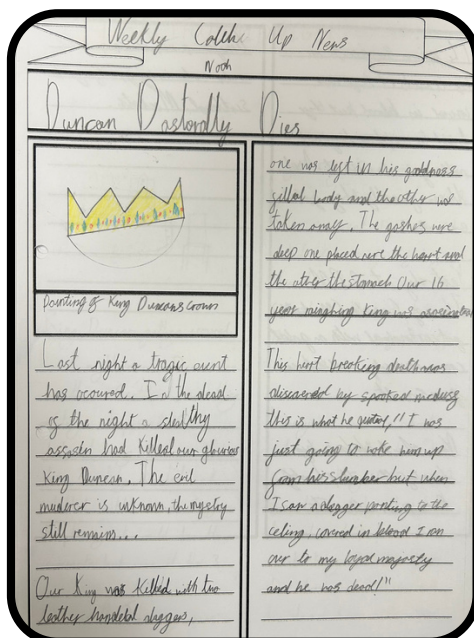


Year 6

We have begun to work on descriptive writing in English using the book Viking Boy. We have been magpie-ing great vocabulary in order to write a description of a Viking town as well as exploring using the text to find out more about key character. In maths so far this term we have had great fun working on ratio and proportion - especially scaling up shapes and solving recipe related reasoning problems. In addition to our curriculum learning we have begun to work collaboratively on a large (scaled - up from those maths lessons!) piece of art to go in the school hall based on Jesus calming the storm.

Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed reading Macbeth and creating bias journalistic reports on the murder of King Duncan. The children have also had good fun role playing different characters.





Nottinghamshire Healthcare
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Parent and Carers Involvement Group

Do you want to make a difference to Children and Young People's health services?

Why not join our Parent or Carer Involvement Group?



Our first online meeting will be via MS Teams on:

Tuesday
6th February 2024
10.30 - 11.30am

Help shape Children and Young People's Health Services

Share your feedback and real-life experience of services



For more information and to register, please scan the QR code or use the link below:

<https://involve.nottshc.nhs.uk/involvement-opportunities>

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WITH LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

FEEL GOOD FAMILIES



Find out the 10 secrets of successful and enjoyable parenting.

Help your children make healthy choices.

Have a bit of time-out with a cup of tea and a chat.



Pamper yourself with some Aromatherapy.

Talk to other parents about the joys and pains of parenthood.



HAVE FUN!

All mums, dads, grandparents and carers are welcome!

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Come join us on Wednesday's at 9am.



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What it's all about...

Session		
1	21.02.2024	Introduction - 10 secrets of enjoyable / successful parenting - Ignoring undesirable behaviour
2	28.02.2024	Desirable Behaviour - Positive things about being a parent - Giving positive attention, awards and praise - Understanding behaviour / reinforcement and using rewards
3	6.03.2024	Undesirable Behaviour - Solving problems behaviours (ABC of behaviour) - Giving effective commands - Time out / withdrawal of privileges
4	13.03.2024	Behaviour Management - Discussion of physical punishments - Thoughts / feelings / behaviours and managing anger
5	20.03.2024	Stress Management - What is stress and what are its coping strategies - Changing thoughts and living a balanced life
6	27.03.2024	Aroma-therapy - Introduction to Aromatherapy and its benefits - Hand massage and making a blend / bath infusion

If you would like to come and join **Feel Good Families**, please return this completed slip to your child's class teacher:

Please provide us with your email so we can send you course information.

Sessions will take place at **St Wilfrid's Primary School** Wednesday's at 9am.

Child's Name:	
Child's Class:	
Parent / Carer Name:	
Telephone:	
Email:	