



SPRING 1 ROUND-UP...

What another busy and eventful half term this has been. We have provided the children with an outstanding array of varied opportunities over the last few weeks.

One of the stand-out highlights for me has been the Year 5 children attending the Young Voices concert at the start of February. Despite them being a little tired the following morning, when I asked them if they had enjoyed it, their faces lit up with joy and words like 'amazing' and 'wonderful' were used; a memory they will never forget.

A highlight for Year 6 was their visit to watch the Oakwood High School children perform this year's pantomime, Peter Pan. It was great to see some past Sitwell pupils performing and for some of our budding actors to be inspired by their performance.

Year 3 and 4 particularly enjoyed their visit from Ryan Hammond, a local author, who came to deliver an assembly about being a writer and illustrator. He was an inspiration to the children. His book, Villains Academy, is available to purchase here: <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/products/Villains-Academy-9781398514614>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20.02.23 FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 2

- 21.02.23 5ZN SCIENCE AFTERNOON AT OAKWOOD
- 24.02.23 2.00-3.00PM Y4 WITH ME IN MIND PARENT WORKSHOP
- 27.02.23 WORLD BOOK WEEK - DRESS UP DAY
- 01.03.23 3.30-6.00PM PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- 02.03.23 3.30-6.00PM PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- 07.03.23 5TS SCIENCE AFTERNOON AT OAKWOOD
- 08.03.23 9.10AM NHS COFFEE MORNING
- 09.03.23 Y3 CANNON HALL FARM TRIP
- 13.03.23 BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
- 14.03.23 5MC SCIENCE AFTERNOON AT OAKWOOD
- 17.03.23 RED NOSE DAY/COMIC RELIEF
- 20.03.23 9.00AM DR BIKE IN SCHOOL
- 21.02.23 5TS SCIENCE AFTERNOON AT OAKWOOD
- 28.03.23 Y3 PUPIL OF THE TERM ASSEMBLY
- 28.03.23 Y4 BASKETBALL COMPETITION
- 29.03.23 Y4 PUPIL OF THE TERM ASSEMBLY
- 30.03.23 Y5 PUPIL OF THE TERM ASSEMBLY
- 31.03.23 Y6 PUPIL OF THE TERM ASSEMBLY
- 31.03.23 BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY**
- 28.04.23 EID AL-FITR CELEBRATION
- 01.05.23 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- 05.05.23 KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATION
- 08.05.23 KING'S CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- 09.05.23 Y6 SATS WEEK
- 10.05.23 9.10AM NHS COFFEE MORNING
- 11.05.23 CLASS PHOTOS
- 15.05.23 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
- 22.05.23 WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
- 23.05.23 Y3 EXPRESS DAY
- 25.05.23 BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 29.05.23 HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 05.06.23 INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)**
- 06.05.23 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 1**

YEAR GROUP NEWSLETTERS

Today, your child will have received their year group newsletter for this half term – please keep this safe as it details useful information regarding your child's learning.

Also, your child will have received a home learning letter for this half term. If they have started a new topic, these will be new projects. If their topic is continuing from last term, this will include a list of the same projects and your child will need to choose a different project from the list to complete.

Year 6 Parent Workshops

Our final Year 6 parent workshop, led by Mr Berkshire, will run this half term on the date below. His apologies for not being able to host the 2nd workshop on fractions. However, if all goes to plan then, on Wednesday, there will be a series of arithmetic videos posted onto our school YouTube channel. These will cover all the key four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages methods for Y6 children (some of them will also be relevant to children in years 3-5). On top of the videos on decimals and percentages, there is still the face-to-face Y6 parent workshop on decimals and percentages. If you would like to book a place, please click on the link below:

Thursday 23rd March, 13:20-14:50 - decimals & percentages - click [here](#) to sign up

Safer Internet Day

This year, Safer Internet Day took place on 7th February. The theme was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'

Safer Internet Day provides us with a great opportunity to have a conversation with our children about their online lives as well as provide us with an opportunity to brush up on our own knowledge of all things online with lots of resources and online activities available.

How can I get involved?

The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, quizzes, how to talk about difficult topics and what to do if something goes wrong. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

Let's Chat

The NSPCC provide fantastic advice on how to start conversations about Online Safety with your child, including how to tackle difficult conversations. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Create a Family Agreement

LGFL have created a Digital Family agreement to help you set ground rules such as how much time your child can spend on devices. Find out more here:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement>

Community Events

NHS Coffee Morning - The School Nursing Team will continue running coffee mornings on a monthly basis in school. The next session will be held on Wednesday 8th March and will be based around healthy eating.

World Book Week - During week commencing 27th February, the children will be invited to come into school dressed as a non-fiction hero. There will be a parent and child reading event during this week. More information will follow after the February break.

Y4 Worry Monster Session - On the 24th February, the With Me in Mind team will be running a worry monster session with the Y4 children. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend! The session will begin at 2pm.

Red Nose Day - On 17th March, we will be raising money for this nationwide charity. More information to follow next half term.

Dr Bike and Sustran's Bike and Wheel - On Monday 20th March, Laurie Butler from Modeshift Stars will be running a Dr Bike session. Children are invited to bring their bikes to school for a health check. Further, Laurie will be helping us to launch Sustran's Big Bike and Wheel event. Children will be encouraged to travel actively to school and will be rewarded for doing so. More information on both events will follow in the coming weeks.

