

The Blue Letter: 11th February 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. We marked Safer Internet Day 2022 on Tuesday and explored the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Children in Years 2 to 6 considered various scenarios that might occur online and talked about whether or not messages that could be sent to one another online were respectful to others and would make a situation better or worse. They also talked about the importance of telling an adult if something online upset them.

If you want support as a parent or carer to negotiate the tricky online world there is advice available on the safer internet centre website <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

For children in Key Stage 2 who were paying for swimming in instalments, the deadline for payment is next week. If there are any problems, please let us know.

We stop for half term next Friday with a normal finish time. We return on Tuesday 1st March. Monday 28th February is an INSET day. Our remaining INSET day this year is on Monday 6th June after the May half term holiday.

The Spring Term Parent Consultation evenings take place on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March. Further details about signing up for these will be circulated next week.

Year 6 SATS week takes place from Monday 9th May.

Next Week in School

Monday 14th February	Past Presents Egyptian workshops for Owl Class - nothing special needed.
Tuesday 15th February	Owl Class PE Fencing Club 3.15pm-4.15pm
Wednesday 16th February	Hockey taster sessions Fox Class PE
Thursday 17th February	Swimming for Owl and Fox Class Year 3 Outdoor Learning session 5- wear outdoor learning clothes to school and bring an extra layer and change of footwear Squirrel Class PE
Friday 18th February	Squirrel Class Alien day - see note sent home in book bags Squirrel Class PE

Happy Birthday Oakley!

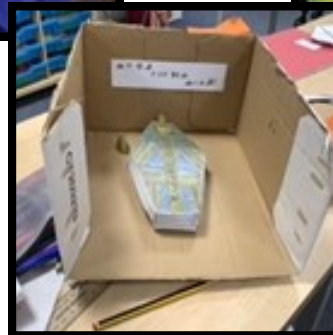
We are so excited to be celebrating Oakley's first Birthday. He has made such a difference to our school since he joined us. Popping to the office for a quick stroke or playing with him on field is a highlight of the day for some children. For other children, the chance to spend a bit of quiet time with him, makes a huge difference to how they are feeling.

We invited Oakley to worship this morning, so that we could sing Happy Birthday to him. We gave him some presents and the cards made by each class.



Owl Class innovate

Owl class have made Egyptian Mummies from silver foil and Modroc. They then used their knowledge of the nets of 3D shapes to make a sarcophagus. First they made a prototype before creating and decorating the final thing.



Outdoor Learning

This week we made pictures with natural materials. We made mini dens for bugs to go into. We did a smelling test using leaves and flowers from Mrs Scott's garden. We tried mint tea, some of us liked it but not all of us! - *Lucas and Iris*

Next week is the last outdoor learning session for year 3. You will have received a parent-mail with details of what to bring for the last session.

After half term outdoor learning sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons for year 5.



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Well done to Mollie, from year 4, who won a competition with her cheerleading group at the weekend.



Squirrel Class: Alice, Georgia, Elisia, Hugo and Isla

Fox Class: Gully, Iris, Gracie and Jaci

Owl Class: Summer, Luke, Isabelle and Maddie