

Safer Internet

This week saw a whole school focus on e-safety as part of the UK Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February. Although we regularly discuss safe internet use as part of our computing curriculum both schools and parents are facing ever greater challenges as our children and young people have increasing access to, and use of internet in their daily lives. Internet access has revolutionised the way we operate as a society and is impacting both positively and negatively on our children. Our children need support and guidance to ensure that they are using the internet positively and safely.



Do you know what sites your child visits and what social media accounts they have?

Despite the legal age for many social media accounts such as Instagram being 13, we are aware that some children are running social media accounts, often with little understanding of privacy settings or occasionally to engage in unkind behaviour which they would not feel able to do in person. Where we become aware of such instances we will contact parents, even though the interaction is happening outside of school.

Attached to this week's newsletter is an information leaflet for parents wanting to support their child in using the internet safely and positively. There are also additional resources available on the [UK Safer Internet](#) website.

There have been some interesting discussions taking place in school this week regarding the impact of online activities, the digital footprint you create and how the perceived anonymity of being online can influence our behaviour. We hope that this will provide a great opportunity for parents to continue these discussions at home.

We wish you all a wonderful half term.
Nikki Brown

Vision and Values

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parent/Carer consultations this week. We hope that you found them useful and had the opportunity to see some of the great learning being celebrated around the school.

Thank you also to Nicky and Jonathan, our governors, for setting up the activity in the foyer enabling everyone to have input into deciding the values which will underpin the work of the school over the next 3-5 years.

We will be carrying out similar activities with staff and children next half term.



Class of the week

Indigo



This class has been extremely enthusiastic and committed to their learning throughout the entire half-term, whether that be when writing extended stories set long ago or dealing with new poetry ideas. They have impressed the wide range of adults in the class with their deep thinking and ability to use lots of practical equipment in science and maths. Their approach to their learning is vibrantly vicious and they finished their topic with a superb debate in which they argued extremely persuasively. Miss Thompson and Miss McHugh will really miss the class but will take with them many happy memories of their experiences with this class. Well done Indigo class!

Beat the 2017 Blues with the Morley School Quiz Saturday 11th March, 7.30pm

The ever-popular Morley Quiz returns and this year the focus is on fun. For those of you who have missed this event so far, it is an evening of brain-tickling teasers and practical shenanigans, all to raise funds for Friends of Morley. Feel free to bring along food and drink to keep your concentration levels up (anything from posh nibbles and prosecco to a banquet with candelabra), and special prizes will be awarded for the best team theme. The most difficult part of the evening may well be the availability of babysitters, so get in quick! Tickets will be on sale after half term at £30 for teams of six. More details and reminders to follow.

Update:

The proposal to introduce a resident parking scheme to Blinco Grove has progressed to the next stage. Further information is available on the [CCC website](#)

On the celebration tree this week...

Scarlet: Juliet, Eleanor
Crimson: Raewyn, Olly
Burgundy: Hamish, Emme
Topaz: Emilia
Turquoise: Stefan
Jade: Jacob, Josh
Sapphire: Luca
Indigo: Ramiro, Ben
Amethyst: AJ, Katie
Violet: Robyn



Check out the calendar on our [website](#) for events throughout the year



February

13th - 17th - Half Term

24th - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day

27th - 3rd - Book Week

27th - Theatre of Widdershins visit to school

March

11th - FOM Quiz Night

13th - 17th - Science Week

21st - Year 3 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum

31st - Last day of term