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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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What a delightful way to welcome spring with our Year 3-5 singing concerts on Thursday! It was heartwarming to see so many parents join us and share in the joy of the children's performances. The children clearly had a great time preparing and presenting their songs. A big thank you to all the children who participated and to the staff for organizing such a fun and memorable event. Well done, everyone!



Road Safety Assembly

We started our week with an assembly all around road safety. As part of our school value of NATURE we always encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible so we felt it is important to have regular reminders around road safety. We discussed the stop, look, listen and think process along with other safety precautions we can take such as wearing a helmet and crossing in the correct places. With our annual Walk and Wheel event starting on Monday it would be great for families to also discuss this at home.



Celebration Assembly

During our celebration assembly this morning, we had the pleasure of recognising many students for their hard work and achievements. A large number of Bronze awards were handed out to children who have reached an impressive milestone of 50 green points. Congratulations to Kai R, Elliot S, Piper-Louise P, Issac B, Scarlett M, Oliver C, Alfred D, Alfie G, Tyler G, Kyle B.



A silver award was also presented to Albert HM for reaching 100 green points.

Well done to all the award recipients! Keep up the great work, and continue striving for excellence.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

This year we are taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to school challenge in March. The Challenge runs from Monday 24th March until Friday 4th April 2025.

We are hoping that the challenge will inspire children to actively travel to school not only for the 10 days of the challenge, but every day after that! The challenge links really well with our school nature values and school ethos. Actively travelling to school is good for the environment and reduces our carbon footprint, lets children connect with the environment around them, eases congestion outside the school gate, boosts mental health and well-being and builds physical activity into the whole families routine, these are some of the many reasons we want as many children to participate in the challenge as possible.

Football v SMUPS

On Thursday our Year 5/6 mixed football team played SMUPS in a league fixture finishing with a 6-0 win, with goals from Santi, Ollie and Reggie.

Well done to all involved.



Girls Football

A big well done to our Year 4 Girls football team who attended the North Devon U9 Football Finals held at Kingsley School on Wednesday. All the players performed fantastically and enjoyed playing football in the sunshine. Thank you for representing our school so well.



Reflective discussion visual prompts

We felt it would be beneficial to share with our families a little bit more information about the restorative and reflective conversations that happen. When difficult situations arise in school and a child is required to reflect on a decision they have made, a restorative conversation is scheduled and carried out with an adult. We use carefully considered language to ensure we all develop and maintain positive relationships based on mutual respect and kindness. We also use visual resources to support the children's understanding. We have attached copies to the newsletter of some of the resources we use to guide these conversations. They allow the child to explore what happened, how they felt and how they can move forward next time. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like a copy of this to use at home. Using a consistent approach across school has had an incredible impact on the children's understanding of emotions and how we impact each other.

Head Lice

Head lice are prevalent in school again. Please check your children and treat if necessary to help stop the spread. Please see links below for advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/head-lice-pediculosis#treatment-and-prevention>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/#:~:text=Treat%20head%20lice%20as%20soon,if%20they%20have%20head%20lice.>

End of term art exhibitions

At the end of term, classes will be hosting art exhibitions to celebrate the children's art journeys so far this year. These will be held in individual classrooms on either Thursday 3rd April or Friday the 4th April from 3:10 - to 3:30. Please check Google Classroom and the newsletter next week to confirm which day each class will be hosting this event. We look forward to seeing you for this art and design celebration.

I hope you all have a restful weekend
Mr Parkin.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 27th March Non Electricity Day
Friday 28th March Easter Disco
Friday 4th April Non Uniform Day
Friday 27th June PM Ks1 Sports Day
Friday 4th July AM and PM Ks2 Sports Day
Friday 11th July 2-3PM Race For Life
Please see our website for more details



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