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our learning



St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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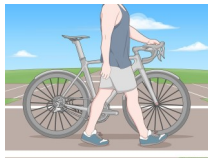
Please don't forget that next week is Half Term and the school is closed.

Accident on Eagle Drive

Yesterday, after school at approximately 3.20p.m., there was an accident on Eagle Drive, which is just off Roberts Road. A young child was knocked over by a car and was last night having an operation on their leg. Many parents will have seen the Air Ambulance which attended the scene on the cricket pitch behind the AF site.

Please could I take this opportunity again to remind **parents who are walking:**

- To keep your children firmly with you when crossing the road and especially when crossing between parked cars. This also applies to the zebra crossing between our two sites as we have had reports of children running straight onto the crossing and of children not getting off their bikes.



Parents who are driving:

- To be especially aware and to park sensibly. It is not acceptable to mount the pavement to park as this curtails access for pedestrians.
- At AF, please resist the temptation to pull onto the AF at the bottom and then drive up on the grass. At the end of the day, children are running and playing on this area.

As I have said before, a child's life is not worth it and it could most definitely happen to you. Please walk, drive and park sensibly. Many Thanks.

New Librarians (Town Site)

This week, Mr Payne has appointed our Year 4 librarians for Town site. They're keen to support Mr Payne in the library and their own love of books will help them in their new roles.



Safer Internet Day



Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and every class in the school spent part of the day both thinking and learning about ways in which we could stay safe when on-line.

Miss. Witzenfeld has popped together a summary of the day which is on page 2 of the newsletter. Please have a quick read and look at the links.

Awards

STAR— Ben (MLM), JUMBO— Lexie (RREX), CHARIOT— Veronika (RREX).

EAGLES— Charlton (MLM), CIRCUS— Samuel (RROX), ROSES— Zachary (RROX).

MERCURY— Jack (MM), CLAUDIUS— Jack (MLM), ROMANS— Amelia (MM)

DUTCH— James (MM), ICENI— Leyre (MM), PAXMAN— Eva (MM).

CASTLE—Riley (RREX), CAVALIER— Alicia (RREX), GARRISON— Jani (MM).

OYSTERS— Millie (MM), MAGNETS — Niamh (RROX), RAEDWALD — Talisa (MLM).

CYMBELINE— Prinesh (RROX), TRINOVALES— Sonny (RROX), LATHES— Jay (MLM).

ATTENDANCE— Castle

The Big Question for this Assessment Period— Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Dreams and Goals

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:
The Great Outdoors.

PRIORITY 7. 100% of pupils and staff can talk about a physical or outdoor activity they enjoy regularly outside of school and make at least one journey a week by foot, bike, scooter or bus.
Governors' Priority

St John's Green
Parent & toddler drop in.
Everyone welcome!

Every Wednesday
(term time only)
Abbey Fields Site
9am – 10am

Come along for a chat and play.

Breakfast Club and/or MDA Vacancy

The school still has a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Assistant.

Daily hours: 1 hour and 15 minutes
Monday – Friday

Hourly rate of pay: £9.43
Annual salary: £2,552.81

This role is for term time only excluding non-pupil days.

Women in Science Day

Every year on February 11th, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science seeks to promote full and equal access for women and girls to participate in science. It's also a day to recognise the role that women and girls play in science and technology.

Only 35 percent of all students enrolled in fields pertaining to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are women. Recent studies also show that women in these fields are usually paid less than men. Even though there may not be as many women in science and technology, their discoveries and research is just as important.

Tiera Guinn - this young scientist from MIT is an aerospace major who is helping to build a rocket for NASA.

Mae C. Jemison - She was a medical doctor and astronaut, who in 1992, became the first African American woman in space.

Gertrude Elion - Born in 1918, she was a Nobel winner who developed drugs to treat leukemia and prevent kidney transplant rejection.



St Helena came into school this morning to do some experiments with our Year 6... 'Rainbow Mixing' and 'Ethanol in a plastic barrel. Best ask the Year 6—I have no idea!

Term Dates
Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.
Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April
First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

Diary Dates
Friday 4th March. Non Uniform Day for World Book Day—Come to school dressed as a Book Character. Parents too if you'd like.

Monday 21st February. 7.30p.m.—9.00p.m.—PTA Committee Meeting @ AF. All parents are invited to come along.

GET OUT THERE AND WALK!

WALK This week's walk is Cudmore Grove, which is on Mersea. As always the walk is on the school website in Colchester Walks. More than enough walks here to keep you going over HT!

Children's Mental Health Week

All parents will have received an electronic letter this week talking about 'Children's Mental Health Week.'

The letter referred specifically to the fact that we all experience a variety of emotions in any one day, myself included and sometimes those emotions can leave us feeling anxious, stressed or overwhelmed.

We also signposted parents to the acronym **STAR**—**S**top, **T**ake a breath, **A**nd, **R**elax as a potential strategy.

One of the things we have done this week, as mentioned in the letter we sent, is taken the children for a walk—nothing more complicated than that.

Five benefits of walking and talking:

- 1, Great exercise and good for the human body
- 2, Can make you calmer, happier and reduce stress levels
- 3, Can build self-esteem, trust and relationships with friends and family members
- 4, A great way to get fresh air and see natural environments
- 5, Boost energy and concentration levels for the rest of the day.

With HT next week, this really can increase our anxiety levels as our children are at home with us—I would be a huge advocate of it and I can assure you, we will most definitely be taking our children out, both of mine need daily walks, akin in many ways to walking a dog!



Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.



Safer
Internet
Day 2022



ALL FUN AND GAMES



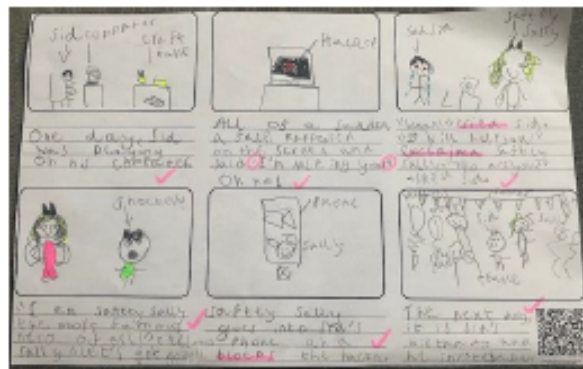
Exploring respect and
relationships online



Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. The day provides opportunities for children to reflect on their online lives and the issues affecting themselves or others. We foster a safe, supportive environment in the school where children can feel confident and secure to share ideas and opinions and ask questions without fear of judgement or negative feedback.

The key messages we want to embed in learners from EYFS to Year 6 are:

- The internet is a wonderful resource that offers numerous of opportunities for fun, communication, creativity and education
- We must all be respectful and responsible online users
- Never share personal information online – full name, age, address, birthday, phone number, email, school, passwords, location
- Report anything that makes you worried, anxious, scared or upset to an adult. Use any report and/or blocking features on the apps and websites being used
- Never react 'in the moment' – take time to consider the appropriate response to any negative comments or behaviours; copying these only make the situation worse
- Remember avatars are not always a true reflection of the user
- Behave online as you would behave in person and hold other online users to that same expectations



Useful links:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

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

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>