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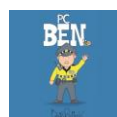
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On Wednesday, **Year 6** celebrated National Numeracy Day by writing their own mathematical raps, guided by Harry Baker, who is a poet, mathematician and one of the ambassadors for this year's National Numeracy Day. In his rap, Harry rhymed 'addition' with 'magician' and Year 6 children were challenged to write their own rhyming rap. The most important thing when writing a rap is the rhythm (who knew that music was so mathematical?!). Each line of our raps were 1 bar long and our words for the rap fitted the beat with rhymes coming on the fourth beat of the bar. Here is an example written by Eva: 'Algebra, subtraction, let's all write a fraction. Maths is the main attraction, get rid of all distractions'. And a rap written by Ollie: 'Add isn't bad - don't get mad. Divide a number and share a cucumber. Find out the sum whilst you chew some gum. With your money buy bears that are gummy and want some lime, oh it's that time'. *Year 6 Team*

On Thursday, PC (which the children learnt stands for 'Police Constable') Mike Dix visited **Year 6** to talk about appropriate communication and social media use. It was an informative visit and the children were surprised to learn that from their age (10) and above, they can be arrested and prosecuted for breaking the law. Children also learnt about anti-social behaviour and how swearing in public can get you into trouble with the police. Children were told to 'trust your gut instinct' and that if something feels wrong, it probably is and to inform a trusted adult. *Year 6 Team*



Year 2 had visits from the Police yesterday as part of their 'PC Ben Book' initiative. Click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vt8MRfGz5fy> for further information.

Year 1 had the first of their two themed days this week, with a dive into the world of fossils and how they are made. Unfortunately our talk was delayed, but it has already been rescheduled, to next week. The children still got involved with making their own fossils and were inspired to write fossil facts, with diagrams, in literacy and exploring time. Amazing writing Year 1, well done! Weather permitting, our posters will be on display in the courtyard at some point ahead of the end of term. *Year 1 Team*



COMING UP.....

As mentioned above, we welcomed four Thames Valley Police officers to school yesterday for a pre-planned visit to Year 2 and 6. In Year 2 they used a new storybook called 'PC Ben' and in Year 6 they talked about how to act responsibly online. PC Dix of the **Neighbourhood Policing Problem Solving Team** led the initiative and we are the first school in Thames Valley to be involved.

Year 4 Hill End: Last week we were able to finalise the Year 4 Hill End trip. All Year 4 parents will have received a letter with a link to a powerpoint giving the outline of the trip. There will be more information to follow. The 2 days per class will involve all the elements of the normal residential but without the overnight stay. I visited Hill End to assess the activities and the site; it left me feeling hopeful and excited for the trip ahead. The cost of this revised trip is reduced and refunds will be administered in due course to parents who have already paid the original amount. The deadline date to pay the balance for this trip next Wednesday 26th May. Please ensure medical forms are returned to school before the end of this term.

Year 6 Residential: Today Year 6 parents will receive a letter with full detail about the Year 6 residential. We will be talking to the children about the plans today. Wales remains under more strict measures than England and Kilvrough staff cannot offer the overnight stay so they have made the decision to move their offer and equipment to Hill End as 2 and a half days of day trips. This is a disappointment for us all but also an obvious and appropriate safety measure. The added value for Year 6 is that they will have the specialist Kilvrough staff working with them and they will be undertaking almost all the same activities as they would have at Kilvrough, including kayaking and rock climbing with Kilvrough's equipment. The instructors will be sharing their knowledge and skills including aspects such as bush craft and fire building. We have also booked a site called the Cookhouse to give us extra classroom space and kitchen facilities.

Furthermore, to ensure Year 6 get a good overall end of year experience we have added a brand new Year 6 Leavers' Games Day which will take place on the school field in the last week of term. We've worked hard to make sure this is a good replacement offer and the total cost is half of the price of Kilvrough, so refunds will be made to parents who have now paid too much. We believe that the line up of experiences are a good replacement for the normal residential and, in some places, an enhancement.

Year 6: Reminder to parents – virtual transition meetings with SBS and DGS will be held this coming Monday (24th May) at 9am. Letters were emailed via ParentPay on 7th and 8th May respectively with further information and letters have been emailed again yesterday to you as a reminder.

Year 3 VE Day: On Wednesday 26th May, Year 3 will be having a World War 2 VE day celebration in school.

The children will need to come into school that day dressed as a school child from the 1940's. This can be a very simple costume, such as shorts and a polo shirt or tank top for boys, and a dress and cardigan for girls. We intend to have a VE day style celebration on the field (within our class bubbles). The children will also be required to bring in an individual snack or picnic item (such as a piece of cake) to eat on the field together. We will not be sharing food with each other, but thought an individual treat might be a nice way to celebrate!



Class Photos: Proofs for **Year 6** class photos went home on Monday (17th May). Deadline date for ALL orders for photographs is 26th May 2021. Please visit Tempest's website to place your order.

NOTICES

KS1 took a step forward to a new normal this week, as they returned to the play equipment near the KS1 playground. Classes 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be taking it in turns to use the equipment a week at a time, and then allowing it to decontaminate over the weekend. This week was Class 4's turn and they absolutely loved it! There were so many good choices for turn taking and a growing confidence in having a go on the equipment. There are reminder signs on the equipment for which class is using it in any week. Parents and guardians, please ensure children and siblings are not tempted to use the equipment before and after school, now that the tape is down. Thank you.



The Witherslack are the leading provider of specialist education and care for children and young people with social, emotional and mental health needs, communication difficulties (autistic spectrum disorder; Asperger's Syndrome; speech, language and communication needs), ADHD and complex learning needs. On their website they have many free webinars and resources to support parents.

Our conference will offer a broad range of advice and support that will allow you and your child to celebrate and succeed together. Presentations will include:

- **Making a positive difference to the health, wellbeing and happiness of our children.** Professor Sean Duggan, Chief Executive of the Mental Health Network and Clinical Advisor for Witherslack Group
- **A child centred approach: Building positive outcomes for your child.** Chris Williams, Regional Director of Education for Witherslack Group
- **Communication, making friends and socialising.** Dr Tony Lloyd, CEO of the ADHD Foundation
- **Therapeutic approaches to support your child's behaviour.** James Ffitch, Occupational Therapist for Witherslack Group Clinical Services.

Our conference is free to attend and all presentations will be recorded and emailed out following the event so that you can watch at your own pace.



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Reception 9am drop off 2.50pm pick up	Years 1, 3 & 5 8.40am drop off 3pm pick up	Year 2, 4 & 6 8.50am drop off 3.10pm pick up
After School Club finishes at 5.15pm		

Term 5 finishes at normal time (as above) next Friday 28th May. The final term (term 6) for this academic year starts on Monday 7th June. Staggered start and pick up times remain as above.

Andrew Markham and the school team

PALS:



REQUEST FROM OXFORDSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ROAD SAFETY TEAM

We want to continue to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so we are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide.

If you are a parent / carer of primary school aged children, please provide us with your feedback by answering the questions in this survey. We would be grateful if you would encourage other parents / carers you know to complete the online questionnaire. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive will guide our future Road Safety work.

To take part in the survey please visit

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Footsteps/consultationHome>

The survey will remain open until 30th July 2021.

Thank you from the Road Safety Team.



Full Circle Sports will be running their Sports & Activity Camp at Wallingford Sports Park (OX10 9RB) during May Half Term and for 5 weeks in the Summer Holidays.

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