



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

February 2024

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING



We have had a variety of visitors into school this half term, enriching the children's learning and bringing our curriculum to life.

Year 3 had a visit from the Fire Service who taught the children about fire safety and what to do in an emergency situation, before they each enjoyed a tour of the fire engine. The visits from the emergency services did not stop there though, as Reception have been learning about 'People Who Help Us' and so were visited by the police and two paramedics with an ambulance. Thank you to all our visitors.



Year 3's History topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt' and to celebrate they took part in an Egyptian enrichment day, making canopic jars, mummifying tomatoes and learning an Egyptian dance. Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, Year 2 have been developing skills to prepare fruits and vegetables, including peeling and slicing before designing and making healthy pizzas. I was lucky enough to try one and can confirm they were delicious!



Egyptian Day
2024



CURRICULUM AND LEARNING CONTINUED

As part of their PSHE curriculum, our Year 6 children had a lesson in First Aid this week, learning all about the recovery position, CPR, the dangers of choking and the importance of the defibrillator. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for coming in to deliver this incredibly important life lesson and for supporting our learning.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents/ carers. It was such a fantastic turn out. We hope you found it useful and have taken away some strategies that will help you in supporting the children's Maths learning at home. The children absolutely loved showing off how they learn and having you all in school. We look forward to the equivalent Year 1 and Reception events after the half term break. Please see below for the dates – we hope to see you there.



SPORTS FIXTURES

We have had great sporting success in this short half term, competing in a range of events. Our netball team remains undefeated, winning all their fixtures and congratulations go to our girls indoor athletics team who won their competition and go onto the finals!



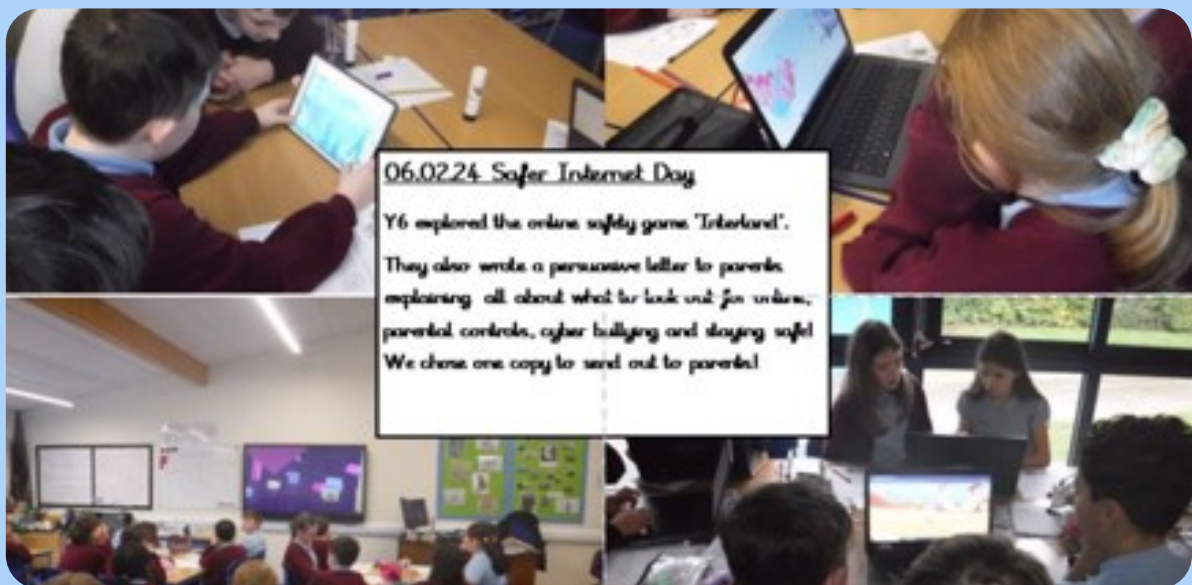
EVENTS



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AND SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024

Children across the school thought really carefully about their right to have their voices heard and it was lovely to see them all expressing themselves on our non-uniform day at the end of the week.

On Safer Internet Day the children were incredibly reflective and able to recognise the dangers we face online and what we can do to keep ourselves safe. Reception read the story of Smartie the Penguin and learned to Stop, Think and Tell if we see anything we are unsure about online. In Year 1 and Year 2 the children read Digiduck and Chicken Clicken, learning how to protect our passwords and personal information and the 'SMART' rules for staying safe. In Key Stage 2, the children were able to recognise and explain all aspects of online safety, including cyberbullying, digital footprints and digital contracts. Our Year 6 children also wrote persuasive letters to you the parents/carers to highlight the importance of online safety and what we can do as adults to support the children. You will have seen one of the letters come home for you to read and we will put a selection on our website – their writing is fantastic!



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Half Term – Week beginning Monday 12th February
- Year 1 Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers – Tuesday 20th February
- Reception Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers – Tuesday 27th February
- Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 1st March
- World Book Day – Thursday 7th March (See letter for details)
- Parent/Carer Consultations – Monday 11th March
- Parent/Carer Consultations – Wednesday 13th March
- Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 21st March
- Last day of Spring Term – Friday 22nd March

TERM DATES 2023/2024


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Autumn 1st Half	40	days
Autumn 2nd Half	33	days
Spring 1st Half	28	days
Spring 2nd Half	25	days
Summer 1st Half	34	days
Summer 2nd Half	35	days
Staff Total	195	days
Pupil Total	192	days

(Pupils are required to attend for 190 days)



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The full calendar of events, which is updated throughout the year, is available on our school website. Have a lovely half term everyone – we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 19th February.