



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 1st March 2024

Scam Awareness Session - Emerald Class

On Monday 26th February, Emerald Class were visited by Caroline and Katie from East Sussex Trading Standards who delivered a workshop all about being Scam Aware. The children learnt a lot about the different types of scams - both digital and 'real world' - that they may encounter on a day-to-day basis and how best to avoid being tricked. The class were also able to share a lot of their own knowledge about scams and we all finished the session feeling enlightened and a little safer!



Football

The year 6 football team recently played their first match in the Jarvis Kenrick Trophy Competition against Ancey Primary. As part of the competition we will be playing matches against other local schools over the next couple of months.

Having lost every match in last year's competition we didn't know what to expect, but the team were fantastic and won 4 - 2. Mrs Fitzgerald said the team were brilliant, they worked together and were so supportive of one another, she was so proud of them.

Ruby Class Flower Walk

Ruby Class enjoyed being detectives on a flower walk this week. They braved the rain to identify and name a variety of common garden and wild plants, not forgetting the weeds! They discussed the structure of the plants, looking at the stem, leaves and flowers that they saw. They then returned to class to observe roots up close and talk about what they do. The children were excellent spotters and found all of the plants on the identification sheet!

Morning Club

We have been running our morning club for the past two weeks. Although the children have been really enjoying themselves, numbers are still a little low. We are keen for this club to continue but need numbers to increase a little to make it viable for Skiltek.

The club starts at 7.45am, and costs £4.50 per session. During the sessions, children do a mixture of sports and crafts. The sports focuses on a range of different activities and fundamental movements. For example, throwing and catching, and will include sports such as dodgeball, cricket, basketball, yoga and football.

If you would be interested in your child attending, please book them on using this link to the Skiltek website - <https://skiltek.classforkids.io/term/126>

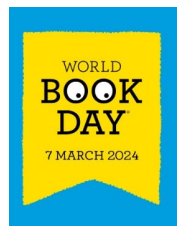
Absence Notification

If your child is absent from school please ensure you telephone the school office on 01323 870203 by **9am** on each day they are absent. It is vital for safeguarding that we know where children are and that they are safe.

Thank you.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite storybook character. It is always lovely to see how they interpret their favourite characters, but we do appreciate that some may prefer not to, so dressing up is optional! However, please note that dressing up doesn't have to mean fully from head to toe; an added accessory (eg. hat, headband, wings) or one/two different pieces of non-uniform clothing can also represent a character. We also appreciate that families may be under significant financial and time pressure - we do have some costumes at school so if your child would like to borrow one, please let us know in advance. We want to ensure that any child who wants to dress up is included.



Cyber Choices Parent/Carer Training

Choices is a programme that supports children at risk of committing computer misuse offences, such as hacking. These risks are far more real than most people recognise, with around 1 in 4 young people admitting to committing low-harm cybercrimes, perhaps without even realising what they were doing was illegal. The sessions introduce the Cyber Choices programme, led by the National Crime Agency, and are delivered locally by SEROCU (the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit). These sessions are ideally suited to parents/carers of children from Year 3 and above, all the way up to college. The sessions will help parents and carers to understand what computer misuse is, what the risks to young people are, to recognise some of the indicators that young people may be involved in committing cybercrimes, and how the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.

You can sign up for the training Follow the links below to sign up:

- [4th March at 11am](#)
- [4th March at 8pm](#)



If you experience any issues with booking on to any of the sessions, please contact: cyberchoices@serocu.police.uk

Each newsletter we will be taking a closer look at what is going on in various curriculum subjects/areas in our school. This edition.... Online Safety

Online Safety is taught and enforced across the school in a variety of ways. Every child learns the importance of staying safe online and how to make safe choices while online through teaching that is incorporated into the Computing curriculum and the PSHEe curriculum, including Relationships and Sex Education. We use the 'Education for a Connected World' framework to incorporate Online Safety teaching into our computing curriculum with links made in our NCCE Teach Computing curriculum planning. As well as our regular lessons and the use of assemblies and workshops throughout the year, we marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February and used this as a valuable opportunity to reinforce the importance of Online Safety.

It is a chance to think about any worries we might have about using technology and the internet, but it's also about celebrating all the fantastic things technology can help us with.

The Safer Internet Day poem

Going online can be so much fun,
You can play, and chat, and find out.
But when things change and you feel unsure,
Then that's when it's time to shout...
"Something has changed, and I need some help,
What's happening doesn't feel good."
Things will get better when a trusted adult knows,
And your feelings have been understood.

Dates for the Diary 2023-2024

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

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| 7th March | World Book Day |
| 11th - 15th March | Science Week |
| 12th March | Sapphire Class Trip to Brighton Museum |
| 18th - 21st March | Year 6 Bikeability |
| 19th March | Mid-year reports & parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings where relevant) |
| 20th March | Open classrooms (after school) |
| 21st March | Class photos |
| 21st March | Mid-year reports & parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) via telephone (including APDR meetings where relevant) |
| 25th March | Year 6 SATs parent meeting (after school) |
| 27th March | FoAS non-uniform day |
| 27th March | Mid-year reports & parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings where relevant) |