



School Newsletter

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023 *Headteacher:*
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MESSAGE FROM MR LAMORTE - HEADTEACHER

As always, it's been a very busy few weeks in school. Year 1 enjoyed a **trip** out into the local area as part of their Geography learning. They enjoyed spending the afternoon looking for the natural and man made features of the local area, including the train station, shops and petrol station, both evergreen and deciduous trees, as well as the River Rea. We were so proud of the children's behaviour and it was great that they enjoyed learning so much about their local area. The Y1 children will now be using their new knowledge to create maps and develop their geographical skills further.



The Year 4 children also enjoyed a trip on 16th November, where they visited Princethorpe Junior School (one of our other Multi Academy Trust schools) to participate in a 'Poetry Slam.' Children from across our Trust joined together to share the poems they had written to perform them to one another. The Head of School at Princethorpe Junior School contacted me today, to let me know that they did an wonderful job, behaved excellently and she stated that the children represented Wychall Primary School brilliantly. As a reward for a job well done, they were given certificates and a little extra playtime at the end of the week. A big thank you to all the staff who supported the events, ensuring that they were purposeful, enjoyable and most of all safe.

The Eco Team have met twice recently and had a great time making plans and being creative with Mr Owens, who is a member of staff from Hob Green, one of our other Trust schools.

Mr Owens was very ably supported by Mrs Foulds, who is leading the development of the Eco Team at Wychall. They had a wonderful afternoon creating reindeers using reclaimed natural materials. A big thank you to the Eco Team for being so brilliant, and to Mr Owens and Mrs Foulds for doing such a great job.



We had really good turn out for parents' evening on and it was lovely to see so many parents and children sampling the delights created by the kitchen staff at Wychall. Mrs Parry (School Chef) and Mrs Isaacs (Chartwells) gave out free samples of recipes from the school menus and they were enjoyed by all. It was also great to see the enthusiasm within the KS2 hall as both children and parents enjoy perusing the book fair. The quality of the books was impressive and we were amazed that a grand total of £750 was raised in sales. Because of this school will be gifted £300, which we will put towards new books in school, that will be used to develop reading for pleasure. A HUGE THANK YOU to Miss Flavell for organising the book fair, and to Mr Singh and Mr Jones who supported her during these events.

There has also been some **amazing DT work** completed by children in Year 3, who are using Knex to both create their own designs and also follow instructions to create a range of working models. The children have been so excited during the DT lessons and produced some amazing work. Great explanations were given and their enthusiasm has been palpable. Take a look at the amazing crane that some of the children made.



Other well attended events over the last few weeks include the Reception and Year 1 Phonics workshops and the Year 4 Multiplication workshop. Thank you to all those parents who have supported these very important events, and to Mrs Mitchell and Miss Taylor for organising them.

LET'S TACKLE ILLEGAL PARKING TOGETHER

Parking continues to be a concern around school at the drop off and collection time. We have received a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate, illegal and dangerous parking, along with further concerns from parents. The public is now being encouraged to contact Birmingham City Council directly at the link below, to report vehicles that are parked illegally. Please [CLICK HERE](#).

Parent Voice Group

We had a really good PCAF - Parent, Community Advisory Forum on meeting on Friday 24th November 2023. At this meeting we decided to change the name of the group to the **PARENT VOICE GROUP**, which is much more snappy and says exactly what it is. We discussed attendance, the new behaviour curriculum, communication and looked at the data for the last academic year, which shows how well our children are doing. All feedback from parents will be shared with the Trustees, to help aid governance and school improvement. We'd love to see more parents there next time to enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat.



Key Dates and Information

- **Friday 1st December at 2pm - Year 3 Multiplication Workshop**
- **Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Meal and Jumper Day**
- **Thursday 14th December - Christmas Fair**

If you would like to volunteer to help with supporting the organisation, wrapping, or helping to run a stall, please see Mrs Jones by the KS2 door at the start of the day, or email enquiry@wychall.drbignitemat.org.

We would appreciate the following donations:

Monday 27th November - chocolate (chocolate bars, boxes, hot chocolate etc)

Monday 4th December - bric-a-brac, wrapping paper



- **Monday 18th December at 2pm - KS1 Christmas Production**
- **Tuesday 19th December at 9:30am - KS1 Christmas Production**
- **Wednesday 20th December at 9:15am and 2pm - KS2 Carol Concert**
- **Please take a look at our Christmas Dinner Options here: [CLICK HERE](#)**
- **For this Half Term - our Friday morning assembly certificates will focus on our Behaviour Expectations - Showing Empathy**
- **Bring it on Brum - Holiday Clubs is back! [CLICK HERE for more information](#)**
- **DRB Ignite is consulting on its Admissions Policy to take effect from September 2024. Find more information [HERE](#).**
- **Would you like some more information about Autism and SEND voluntary services? Take a look [HERE](#).**

(Odd Socks day)



Anti-bullying week

Work from 3SD

DO you know what the word "bullying" means? It means when a person is doing a wrong thing like kicking you over and over again.

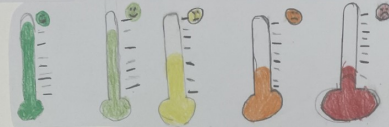
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NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING



RESPECT

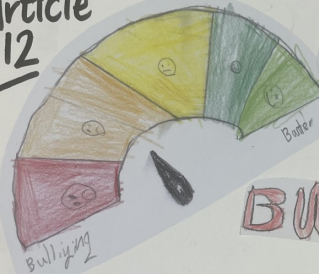


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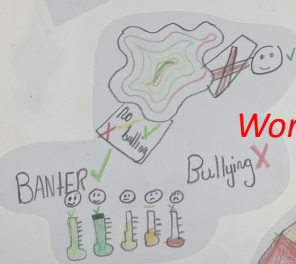
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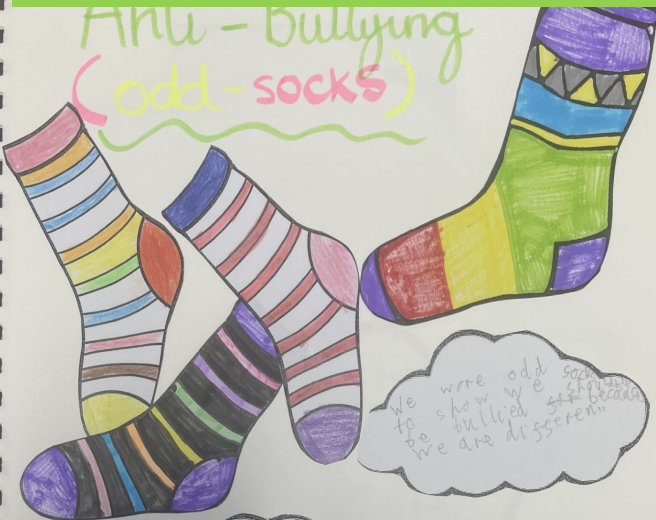


Work from 4DN



Take a look at the work we did to raise awareness about ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying
(odd-socks)



Work from 5FK

Anti-bullying week is a week to think about how we feel about why we wear odd socks!



"Make some noise"

Georgina

Bullying or banter?
Banter is a joke with someone you're close to like a family member or your mate but when it becomes bullying it becomes a problem. It's something that the victim isn't comfortable with and it turns into a push to the door.

Banter

When Banter is Good:

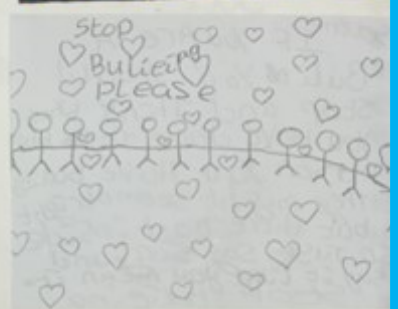
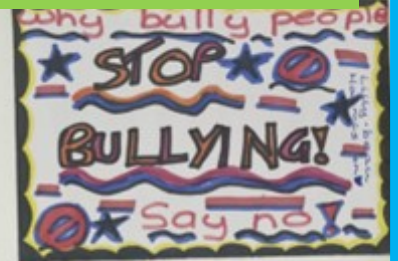
- Make you feel closer to each other
- Show someone in a friend
- Be a better way to get on

Article 19
Section from
and abuse

Banter when bullying

- Repetitive
- Targeted
- To do with a relationship

Work from 6JF



Would you like to be in with the chance of winning a...
7" HD Display Android Tablet

For your chance to win then you must make sure you have
97% attendance or more.

If you are unsure of your attendance, then please come and see Miss Porter.

Make sure you are in school, on time, everyday!



The draw will take place on
Thursday 21st December 2023



Internet Safety

There is a real and growing concern of how many young people are sharing images online. It is leading to so many becoming vulnerable to potential exploitation, blackmail and harm from a young age, leaving a lasting digital footprint. If you share it, you are involved. Please see the poster here that serves to reinforce online safety practices and encourages open conversations among parents and caregivers on this sensitive issue. Its presence can serve as a constant visual reminder of the significance of online safety.

For more useful tips and information please see the link below:
www.skipsafetynet.org

Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

THINK before you send!

You think you're sharing a funny picture with a friend...

...but your Mum could see it

...but your Gran could see it

...but your neighbour could see it

...but a stranger could see it

...but a burglar could see it

...but a cyberbully could see it

...but a policeman could see it

...but your teacher could see it

...but your classmates could see it

Anyone in the world could see your butt!

scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with

Home Office
BUILDING A SAFE, JUST AND TOLERANT SOCIETY

West Midlands
Violence Reduction Unit

West Midlands
police and crime commissioner

Skips

www.skipssafetynet.org

Household support Fund 4.2 reopened for new applications 23/11/23 and will run until March 2024

Wychall Primary can now make an application on your behalf.

If you would like school to process your application, please send an email with your contact details to enquiry@wychall.drbignitemat.org or pop into the school office and leave your contact details.

Appointments will take place over the telephone on the following dates. Please have your bank details ready and income details to hand.

Wednesday 6th December 2023 1:45pm-2:45pm

Thursday 7th December 1:45pm-2:45pm

Further dates will be released.

There are Five categories of support that can be applied for which include:

- Food
- Gas/Electric/water
- Essentials linked to gas/electric
- Wider Essentials
- Housing Costs

Eligibility

To be eligible, households must be in receipt of the following benefits:

- Council Tax support
- Housing Benefit
- Income based JSA
- Income related ESA
- Income support
- Tax Credits (working and child)
- universal Credit
- Pension Credit
- Free School Meals
- Social Funds (cold weather payment, Sure start ,Maternity Grant ,funeral Payment)
- Healthy Start Vouchers



Please be advised if you have made an application within the last 12 months you will not be eligible to reapply.

Food Support

Food Aid If you are in a position whereby you are struggling to provide meals for yourself or children, please come and see us. We are a food bank referral agency. The B30 foodbank operates from Friends Meeting House in Cotteridge on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly.

If you feel this service would benefit you please come and speak to Miss Stanley or Mrs Jones in

What to do if you are worried about a child

We are very lucky that we have such a supportive community, whereby families often contact us directly if they have seen or know something of concern relating to any of our pupils. We appreciate that families and the community are the eyes and ears for vulnerable children so please see below organisations that you can contact directly if you have genuine concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any child.

West Midlands Police - 999 (if the child is in immediate danger) -

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000 - Report child abuse | NSPCC -

Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 or cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk.

[#YouveBeenMissed resources for young people](#) | [Birmingham Women's and Children's \(outlook.com\)](#)