



Newsletter 12th February 2021

Safer Internet Day 2021 - Tuesday 9th February

This Tuesday, the whole school took part in Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was: **An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.** Safer Internet Day 2021 celebrated the amazing range of information and opportunities online, and its potential to inform, connect and inspire us, whilst also looking at how young people can separate fact from fiction. The campaign focused on how we can decide what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world for the better. It explored how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online.

The day also looked at the emotional impact navigating a misleading online world can have on young people and why it is important to create a supportive, critical and questioning culture online that encourages debate and discussion. We want to give young people the skills to support one another, and the strategies to spot and speak out against harmful and misleading content online. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

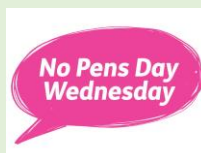
We also hope that all of the children found time to watch the production on Captain Wonderweb and the Cyber Patrol. We sent the details home how to access this but if your children didn't watch it this week, then why not encourage them to watch this during the half term holiday. It's a fun and interactive show with some very serious safety messages being taught. Your children can watch it as many times as they like between now and the end of February.

<https://vimeo.com/508997414/dd3501a445>

Password: Wonderweb

No Pens Day

This Wednesday, we had our half termly no pens day and the children working remotely as well as the children attending school, enjoyed lots of different and practical activities across the curriculum. Many of you sent photos into school and these have been included in the gallery at the end of this newsletter. We have seen wartime cakes and rock cakes being baked, magical trees being created, photography projects taking place and lots of practical phonics and maths lessons.



Parent/Teacher virtual meetings (changed dates)

Due to the current situation, we have decided to move the dates of the parent and teacher virtual meetings to:

Tuesday 23rd February (4pm - 7pm) and Wednesday 24th February (3.45pm - 5.45pm).

These meetings will be an opportunity for a virtual face to face conversation with the class teachers about how the remote learning has been for your children and to see if there are other ways that we, as a school can support you and your child until schools are fully reopened. The teachers will also reflect back on the next step targets that were set for your child in the autumn term (these were shared with you in the autumn term virtual meetings). However, please be aware that some children may not yet have achieved all of their targets as the time they have spent in school since the next steps were set has been limited.

All of the meetings will be held virtually and this week you were sent an email with details about how to sign up to the parent meetings. The meetings will be exactly 10 minutes long and will cut off after the 10 minute time allocation has expired. Please be aware that this is the design of the system and not something that we as a school have control over. To book your appointment with your child's class teacher, please follow the link that was sent to you in the parents evening letter which will take you to the booking site.

Thought Of The Week

"If you can stay *positive*
in a *negative*
situation you *win*."
- Virat Kohli



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Keeping in contact with us

Thank you for staying in touch with us either via email, phone or text. This helps us to know how you and the children are doing and to provide any support you may need. If you have not yet made contact with school either via online learning or through direct contact with teachers you may receive a welfare check visit from the class teachers or teaching assistants.



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Stars of the week

We know how hard the children are working both in school and at home during the lockdown and we have been really pleased with the work that is being returned to teachers. Every week, the teachers will choose 2 children from every class who have just amazed them with their participation, engagement and fantastic work. Teachers will be sending out Star of the week certificates and badges via our Marvellous Me and Tapestry platforms.

	Stars of the week	
Pre Sch	Arthur A - he has been amazing at completing the home learning tasks and putting them on Tapestry for me to see. He has been on all of my live lessons and joins in like a star! Well done Arthur, I'm so proud of you	George A - he has been a star in school, he is keen to join in and takes part in everything with a smile on his face. He has also been a fantastic friend playing with them and making them laugh. Well done George, I'm so proud of you.
Nur	Joseph for joining in so positively with his live Zoom lessons this week.	Riya for her constant practicing of her phonic sounds. She has really enjoyed finding things that begin with each letter sound that she knows.
Rec	Ethan S - for reading to the chickens and really trying with his writing skills on Zoom	Bettie-Sue - for reading a bedtime story to her cuddlies so beautifully, and for all the amazing work she is uploading to Tapestry!
Year 1	Jack B - for trying his best, showing a love for learning and pushing himself to meet his English target.	Cait S - for always engaging and contributing her ideas during the zoom sessions and putting a huge effort into the home learning tasks.
Year 2	Noah - for his lovely story writing and presentation.	Isabelle - for always working to the best of her ability.
Year 3	Lewis B - for his excellent work during lock down (especially in English) and good progress with reading.	Megan M - for fantastic engagement with remote learning (especially in her reading and maths sessions) and for starting each live session with a smile and cheery greeting for all.
Year 4	Beau C- he has been a complete superstar. He is always working to the best of his ability and producing some amazing art work as well as showing great resilience to the changes in our school day.	Ethan S - he is going above and beyond in his learning especially in his maths where he is trying the next chilli challenge up. He should be very proud of himself.
Year 5W	Eva M- super contributions at school and continues to work hard at home, she even completes her work when experiencing internet difficulties.	Lillie-Mae W- working her hardest and even logging in whilst in the car and sending in excellent work!
Year 5B	Sarah M - for working well and helping others within the bubble.	Harry O'B - for working to the best of his ability at home and actively joining in during zoom lessons.
Year 6	Poppy - she has been working with such focus and dedication and I have been so pleased with everything she has achieved. I have seen significant progress in her writing this year in particular. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning continue to shine through. Well done.	Sadie - she has achieved so much during this very difficult time; she has impressed me with her commitment to her learning. Marking her written work has been a joy. She puts a lot of value on being the best she can be and I am very proud of her.

Children engagement

We are so proud of how many children are engaging with their remote learning during this lockdown. For the next few weeks we are going to celebrate the classes who have the highest % of children returning work to their class teacher to be marked (either by email, Purple Mash, Tapestry or leaving work in the drop off box). We know the children will be keen for their feedback and teachers have been asked to provide children with feedback on 1 literacy and 1 maths task per week. It will not be possible to give feedback on all the work that they send in to their teacher.

- 1st place - Wonders class (Year 5)
- 2nd place - Attenborough class (Year 6)
- 3rd place - Donaldson class (Reception)
- 4th place - Darlings (Year 1)
- 5th place - Da Vinci (Year 3)

Keeping Active - some further suggestions

The Joy of Moving Winter games is a pack of fun activities designed to suit the current lockdown restrictions and is suitable for children in both KS1 and KS2.

I have attached the Joy of Moving Winter Games Pack Booklet for you so that the children can keep active whilst learning remotely from home.

The booklet is split into two parts, the 30 day challenge and then a list of the games. This is completely free to do and is not compulsory for anyone, this is just another resource for your children to utilise during these trying times.

World Book Day 2021 - 4th March 2021

This year the £1 book tokens are available electronically so click here to get your free book or get a £1 discount!

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

The token is valid from 18th February to 28th March. Watch out for more news about how we plan to celebrate this year.



New Website Pages

We know that you are all looking at the school website regularly at present to access the children's remote learning resources each week. We have been updating the rest of the website too last week and have added some new pages including support for parents and wellbeing pages. Why not find 5 minutes in the half term break to take a look and see if the resources can support you and the children.

Contact Tracing

During half term, if your child tests positive within 48 hours of attending school, please email me direct at covid19@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk so that we can assist NHS Track and Trace in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Where pupils or staff test positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) during the holidays having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, school are not required to take any action. Thank you for your support.

Dreams and Resilience.

Poppy wrote a fantastic poem this week.

I'm going to get to my goal,
I'm going to get to my goal,
I won't let sadness break my soul.
I'm not going to let worries touch my face,
Or I'll find it, that I'm a disgrace!
I'm going to put positivity on my shoulder,
But if I don't, I will be sad as I get older.
Come on, I can do this,
I'm NOT going to find myself foolish!

Written by Poppy Smith Year 4

Lockdown birthdays

Wishing all the children who have celebrated their birthday this week a very happy birthday.



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No Pens Day Gallery

Early Years



Years 1 and 2



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Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



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Darcie in Year 3 wrote a potion on no pens day

Ingredients

A drop of dragon scales.
3 spoonfuls of sand from a deadly beach.
A sound of a whale swimming in the sea.
2 flowers.
A pair of grandma's shoes.
A wooden hat.
2000 dragons
3 hairs from a unicorn's mane
One spoonful of butterfly glitter



Method

- Start by adding a drop of dragon scales to a large cauldron.
- Add 3 spoonful's of sand.
- Gently stir in a sound of a whale.
- Sprinkle in 2 flowers and stir anti-clockwise.
- Put a peg on your nose and through in grandma's shoes.
- Chop up a wooden hat and put it in the cauldron.
- Quickly add the dragons leave to boil for 10 minutes.
- Whisk in the unicorn hair slowly add the glitter.
- Stir together for 5 minutes until it turns bright pink.
- Leave to cool and add to potion bottles.



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Dates for your Diary

February

15th - 19th - Half term

23rd - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm

24th - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm

March

2nd March - Parent Forum Meeting (2)

4th - World Book Day

8th - 12th - Science week

12th - Comic relief/sports relief

15th - 19th - Assessment Week

22nd - No Pens Day

26th - Last day of spring term

April

12th - INSET Day 3

13th - Children return to school

23rd - St. George's day

May

3rd - 7th - Geography fieldwork week

21st - No Pens Day

31st - 4th June - Half term

June

7th - INSET Day 4

10th - Sports Day

17th - Reserve sports Day

30th - Book fair arrives for 1 week

July

2nd - Enterprise Day

5th - 9th - Assessment Week

12th - No Pens Day

14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers

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21st - Last day of summer term

22nd - INSET Day