



Easter 2024

Platt Bridge Community School

Promote Belief Create Success

CEO & Executive Headteacher's Message



Dear parents and carers,

As the end of the Spring term draws near, I continue to be amazed by our children's efforts and enthusiasm for learning. It has been great to see so many children enjoying taking part in extra curricular clubs to further develop their interests and passions. Recently, a group of children participated in the annual Wigan Dance Festival, showcasing their talents as outstanding school ambassadors. We take immense pride in their accomplishments and commend them for upholding our school values of Promote Belief and Create Success!

In March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children had a fantastic time meeting authors virtually; sharing stories and developing a love of reading! It was great to see so many children celebrating the day by coming to school dressed as a character from their class novel or their favourite book.

It was great to see so many parents and carers visiting school during Parents week to discuss their children's progress in school. I'd like to thank you for your continued support with children's learning.

I wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April .

Best wishes, Mrs Darbyshire
CEO Executive Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Bingo
27/03/2024



A reminder that our popular Easter bingo takes place this Wednesday for children and families. Doors open at 5:30pm for eyes down at 6pm. Refreshments are available to purchase on the night. All proceeds will go towards supporting the staff's hike for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Y6 SATs
Week beginning 13/05/2024

Our Y6 children will be completing their KS2 SATs this week - if you have any questions, please speak to the Y6 team.

Half Term
27/05/2024 - 31/05/2024

It was World Book Day this term and the children came to school in their character costumes. They were given at £1 book token to use towards a book that they love reading.

Nursery

We have had lots of fun in nursery this half term learning about farms! We found out about the different animals that live on a farm and the jobs the farmer does to keep the farm running. We even had a visit to the farm where we got to see everything we had been learning about in real life. We have loved reading our books of the month: "A Squash and a Squeeze" and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff."



Reception



Reception have enjoyed our book of the month "The Little Red Hen" and have done a fantastic job retelling and innovating the story. We have made bread and all the children were much more helpful than the animals in the story! We were so excited when a delivery arrived from the farm and we discovered that we were to look after some chick eggs. The children were amazed to watch them hatch and have loved looking after them and seeing them grow into mischievous chicks!

Year 1

In year 1 we have been busy continuing learning all about our topic "Rail, Road and Rocket". We have created amazing watercolour art pieces of a train, inspired by Van Gogh. We have also designed, made and evaluated our own bridges - we worked so hard on them and they look amazing! In science, we have learned all about materials and we have done numerous experiments, including testing which materials would be best for an umbrella, where we had to investigate which material was waterproof.



Year 2



This term in our Design Technology lessons, year 2 have been designing, making and evaluating jam tarts. We learnt about seasonal fruits and vegetables, food groups and balanced diets before moving onto tasting different tarts and designing our own. We also made our own pastry, practising skills such as sieving, mixing and rubbing in. This term in science we have also been on a woodland walk to look for minibests and also took part in a tree planting session. In history we have learnt about the Great Fire of London.



Are you getting enough sleep?

Did you know that the average child between 5 - 12 years old needs between 9 and 12 hours sleep a night? Sleep is important to help our bodies to get the rest they need for the next day. Sleep also helps our brains to sort through and store information learnt that day! If children don't get enough sleep, they can feel moody and may find it hard to concentrate and pay attention.

1. Try to get up and go to sleep at the same time each day to help your body get into a routine
2. Aim for a calming bedtime routine: this might be reading/storytime or a warm bath.
3. Turn off all devices e.g. TVs, phones and ipads at least one hour before going to bed.
4. Avoid fizzy drinks and caffeine like tea before going to bed and in the late evening.

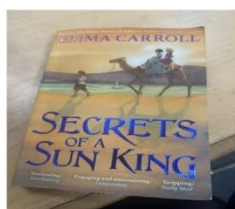
Comic Relief 2024: We raised a fantastic £256.15 for this worthy cause.
Thank you all so much!

Year 3

During the second half of spring term the children have continued to learn about the Celts, exploring where they settled in Britain and significant Celtic warriors like Boudica. In Science, the children have developed an understanding of the different types of skeletons, looked at bones before conducting an experiment on how muscles work within the body. The children especially enjoyed British Science week where we explored different lights, sources and how light can be reflected.



Year 4



Year 4 have been reading a new book in English. We have learnt more about Ancient Egypt, mummies, The Valley of The Kings and hieroglyphics. We have been further exploring the Vikings and using our knowledge from our York trip to support new learning and understanding. We have also been learning more methods for multiplication and division in mathematics; we are all brilliant at column multiplication now!

Year 5

Year 5 have had an amazing half term finishing off our topic of Dynasties and democracies. We have followed the journey of the Shang Dynasty and what led to their demise. We have looked at the geography of China and compared this to the UK. We took part in World Book Day where we enjoyed reading for pleasure and meeting a number of authors via zoom; we followed online tutorials to find out how to illustrate their characters.



Year 6



It's been yet another busy half term in Year 6 yet the children have tackled it with excellence! We couldn't be prouder of just how hard our Year 6 children are working. It seems at the moment that each piece of work they create is an improvement on the piece before. No one can ever ask more of them as they continue to strive for improvement. In English, we have started a new book "The Vanishing Trick" by Jenni Spangler. It is magical! I know summer term will be another successful one.



THINGS TO REMEMBER



Home Reading

Remember to encourage your child to read at home. Sharing a book for 20 minutes a day is a great way to support your child's development. If you want any support with this, please ask your child's teacher.

Attendance

Getting children to school every day, on time really matters. Please encourage your child to attend and if you need any support or have any questions, contact the school's pastoral team.



#WakeUpWednesday

Online Safety Tips For Children

Do's

- 1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE**
Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.
- 2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE**
Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.
- 3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE**
If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.
- 4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.
- 5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP**
This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.
- 6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DON'T LIKE**
This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.
- 7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS**
Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

Don'ts

- 1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.
- 2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE**
Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.
- 3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES**
The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.
- 4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS**
This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.
- 5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE**
Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.
- 6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME**
This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.
- 7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.

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