



14 February 2020

Dear Parents

And Whoosh another half term is over!

Art Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the 'Bee Art' competition. There were so many amazing entries that Mrs Robson and the staff couldn't choose a winner. The children in school all had a chance to vote and the Arts Ambassadors counted the results yesterday. The winners are - 1st place Bella, 2nd place Lexi, 3rd place Lucy, joint 4th place Mila/ Hannah and Mina. A big well done to everyone who entered. It was clear that the bees are very important to a lot of you and we will leave the display up as it looks so lovely when people enter the school. Article 4, 29.

Safer Internet Day 2020

This week in school, we have taken part in Safer Internet Day. The Year 5 and 6 Digital Leaders spent the whole morning, on Tuesday, working in every class throughout school, informing them on how to stay safe on the internet.

It was wonderful to see every child passionate about staying safe online and we are sure they can show some of the things they with people at home.

This includes;

- Children talking to adults about what they use apps and games for.
- Using digital devices in a shared area, so adults are aware of what they are doing online.
- Limiting screen time - Technology can be amazing but it can also be very unhealthy if it is used for long periods of time!

Melva

Year 5 and Year 6 participated in interactive workshops today with actors and practitioners following on from a theatrical production called Melva. The school hall was transformed into an amazing theatre. Check the website for photographs.

Basketball

Congratulations to our Year 4 basketball team who finished 3rd last night in the Gateshead games. Well Done!

Clubs

Tuesday - Jazz Dance (This is our normal dance club but with a new name) (Y1-Y6) - 10 spaces available. Please pay on Sims Pay to secure your place.

On **Friday 28th February**, we will be providing a **free taster session** for children in KS1 and KS2 children for Tennis after school (3.20pm - 4.20pm). If your child attends the taster session and would like to continue with Tennis please make payment on SIMS Pay.

Year 5

Do you remember a Walkman? A teletubby? A cassette? Year 5 explored objects from the 1990's to help them think of objects they would place into a time capsule today. We are taking part in Chase Park celebrations, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and will be involved in planting a time capsule on 15th July. If you have any ideas of what to include please let us know.

Year 6

Parents are invited into school **Friday 28th February** at 9am to take part in activities with their children

Readers -If any parents/carers are able to offer reading support on a Thursday in school, the Year 6 teachers would be extremely grateful. It will be from 9am until around 11am. We need readers for our weekly SATs papers for the next 6 weeks. Teachers will provide training and advice for readers. If you can help, please speak to the Year 6 teachers.

Kingswood - Final payment of £60 is due please ensure this is paid on SIMS Pay if you have not already done so.

Coronavirus

As you will be aware, the government is monitoring Coronavirus and taking action at home and abroad. The risk to individuals remains low. Please see the link below for information we have received from the DFE.

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5e35b25740f0b609169cb52a/coronavirus-public-info-poster-2.pdf>

Please do not be alarmed there is no outbreak at Front Street all schools have been asked to display the poster.

Reminders

Friday 6th March - World Book Day at Front Street. Children dress as a word

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March Parents Evenings - details to follow.

I look forward to seeing everyone after half term on **Monday 24th February**.

Yours sincerely

HJ Gladstone

Headteacher