



TEAGUES BRIDGE PRIMARY

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Friday's Newsletter

9th February 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by and we are fast approaching half term. The children enjoyed the basketball day on Monday, they were all engaged and motivated. I received many positive comments from Mark, the basketball lead coach. He said the behaviour of the children was outstanding and the engagement and enthusiasm they showed was superb. Well done to all the children that took part. Please see some photos of the day further down in the newsletter.

The children have also been learning about online safety as part of the online safety day on Tuesday. They have designed posters about raising awareness online, keeping safe and to speak up if they are being bullied online. I also asked all children to complete a questionnaire regarding online safety and their behaviour when online or using devices. This was very interesting. I will share these results with you once I have collated all the bases. Online safety is absolutely paramount and parents must ensure controls are installed on their devices to aid with safety online. Some children have talked about games and apps they are using that are above their age. Such games should not be accessible to children as they are not mature enough to deal with the content. Could I just remind everyone, no child should be playing 'Call of duty', this is an 18, it includes violent content and young children should not be exposed to this type of game. Children accessing inappropriate games and apps online at home, could be deemed as a safeguarding concern and the necessary steps would be taken to ensure the child remains safe. It is our top priority to keep children safe and online safety is vital, so that children can continue enjoying games and apps in a secure environment.

On Friday 17th February, we will be having a non-uniform day; a charge of £1.00 would be very much appreciated. If you can make cash donations and NOT via Parent Pay. Please hand your £1.00 to the teacher on Friday 17th February. All donations will be sent to help with the devastation in Turkey from the recent Earthquakes.

Many thanks for taking the time to read the newsletter

Basketball Wow Day

On Monday 6th February, Mark Waters came into school and delivered basketball workshops with every class! It was a fun filled day and children learnt lots of tricks and skills.





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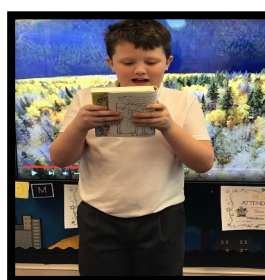
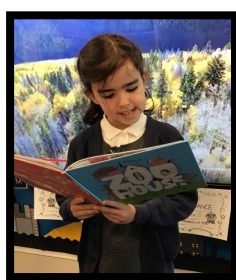
Dates for Spring term 2023

Date	Event	Who?
16.1.23	Martin Luther King Day	Whole school
20.1.23	World Religion Day	Each school to take a different religion and explore their festivals, food, and traditions.
20.1.23	Open afternoon for parents 2.30-3.00	Base 8 - Miss Goring Parents
23.1.23	Chinese New Year	Whole school
27.1.23	Open afternoon for parents 2.30-3.00	Base 9 - Mr Hale Parents
30.1.23	National Story telling week	Whole school
30.1.23	Maths Problem Solving day	Whole School
1.2.23	Value of the month - Patience	Whole School
2.2.23	Time to talk day	Whole School
6.2.23	Basketball day	Whole School
7.2.23	Safer internet day	Whole School
10.2.23	Open afternoon for parents 2.30-3.00	Base 1 - Miss Fowler Parents
16.2.23	Open afternoon for parents 2.30-3.00	Base 2 - Miss Bowler Parents
17.2.23	Random Act of Kindness Day	Whole School
17.2.23	Non-Uniform day for best attendance	One base - announced at the beginning of the week.
17.2.23	Break-up for half term	Whole School

This week in Base 5...

Storytelling Week

During storytelling week, some of the children bought in their favourite books to share with the class. They explained why it was their favourite book and shared some of the story with their classmates so that they could have an inside scoop of the story! The children were confident and proud to express their favourite stories, which demonstrated their enjoyment of reading.



Literacy

This week saw the children complete their 'Chance to Shine'. This is an independent write from the children, where they show off all the skills they have learnt during our narrative genre this term, based around our book 'Country Mouse, City Mouse'. The children were extremely confident and enjoyed taking the time to show off what they had learnt. Both myself and Miss Zafar are extremely proud of them.



Basketball with Mark



Basketball Day

During basketball day, the children learnt more than the skills they needed to use in the sport, they discussed how as a team they are able to defeat their opponents and how as a team they can take on things they didn't know were possible on their own.

Geography

In geography we have been learning about our locality and where we are in the world. We have zoned in on what's inside a continent and begun comparing our town with larger cities in readiness to look into what urban and rural means and whether there are differences between counties.

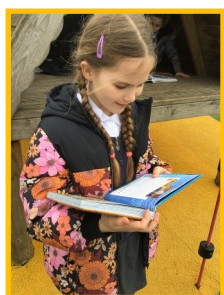


This week in Base 6...

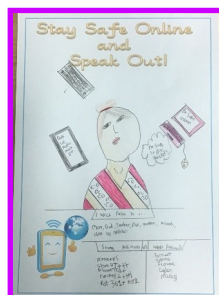
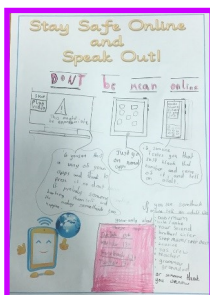
Monday 6th February was Basketball Day. Mark, a basketball coach, came into school to help the children develop their skills within basketball. The children dribbled, passed and had a go at shooting hoops into a basketball net. The children thoroughly enjoyed their session with Mark. At the end of the session Mark picked MVPs (Most Valuable Players), those were Koen, Dominic, Audrey, Michal and Tola.



As part of National Story Telling Week and Time for Talk Day, the children brought in their favourite stories. We then went out onto the playground to explore our stories. The children were then encouraged to talk about their favourite stories and explain to their peers why they were their favourite. The children really enjoyed this activity.



Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is 'Want to talk about it?'. Miss Bradley has encouraged the children to stay safe online and if something affects them or if they see something that they don't like, they need to inform a trusted adult.

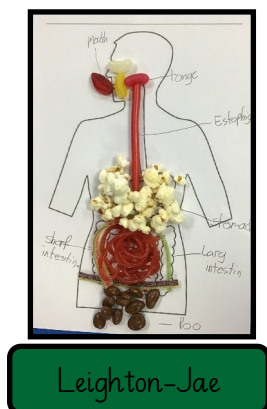


In maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide by 6. Miss Bradley created a carousel of different activities, to make learning more interesting and engaging. Each table had a different activity. We used the iPads to play recall games, we used arrays to write multiplication number sentences and we drew bar models to show the understanding of division facts for the 6 times table.



This week in Base 7.....

In Base 7, we have been learning all about the digestive system. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our topic, 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile'. In English, Base 7 have begun writing an explanation text on the digestive system. All of the children had the chance to create the digestive system out of sweets. Everyone was able to label each organ and spoke to their partner about the role of each one.



On Monday, all of the children were very excited to celebrate World Basketball Day. Everyone took part in a workshop with Mark. All of the children took part in games, had a chance to shoot in a hoop and Mark chose a few children to be his Most Valuable Players. Well done to: Archie, Amelia, Lucas, Amara and Britney!

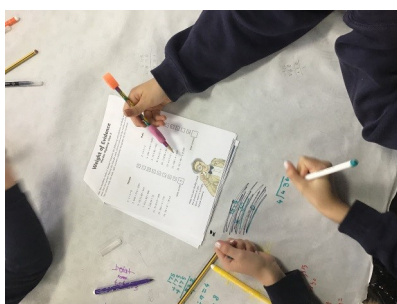
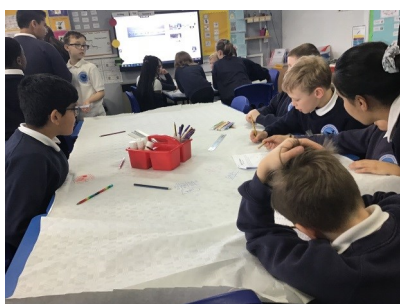
During this half term the children have enjoyed learning to play the violin's. Miss Jones is incredibly proud, as everyone tries their best and can all play different songs on the violin. During this week, all children used the bow to play the violin and learnt a new song 'Bow down Belinda'.



This week in Base 8...

Another fantastic couple of weeks here in Base 8! We have had an action packed couple of weeks and managed to fit lots of exciting activities in.

This included a maths problem solving morning, whereby the children worked in teams to solve a murder mystery crime investigation. The children were required to solve a range of problem solving questions including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, algebra and fractions in order to reveal clues. These clues ultimately helped them to solve the murder mystery and reveal the culprit!



Furthermore, we have also learnt about internet safety week and made posters to display around the classroom to emphasise the importance of internet safety and spread awareness of the risks that we can encounter online.

Additionally, we explored a range of different texts and shared our favourite books for national story telling week. We also discussed and completed a range of activities in support of children's mental health week.

Finally, we participated in a basket ball work shop. We had a fantastic time practising our dribbling, shooting, and passing skills throughout a range of team and individual games. Overall, we had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed our session!



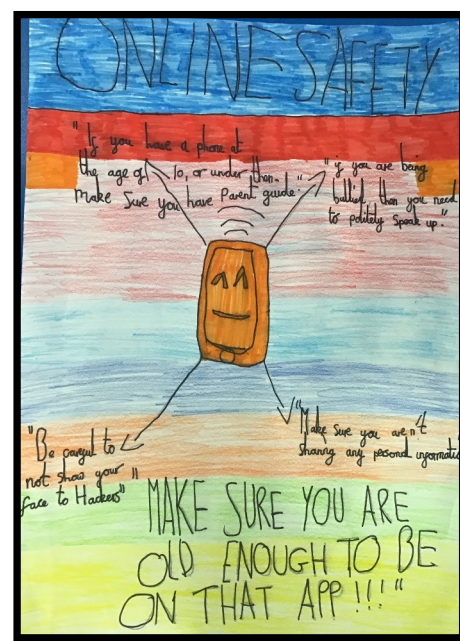
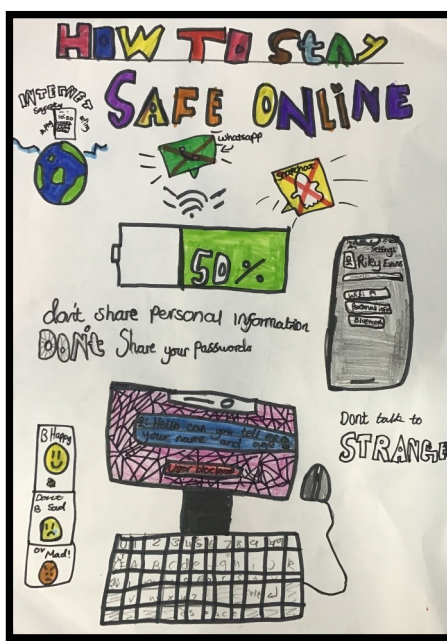
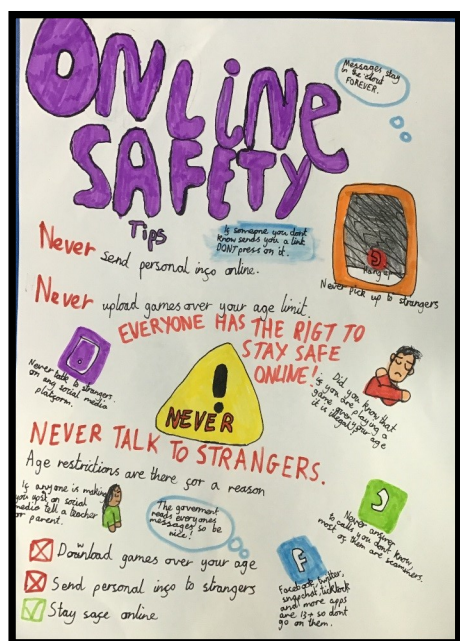
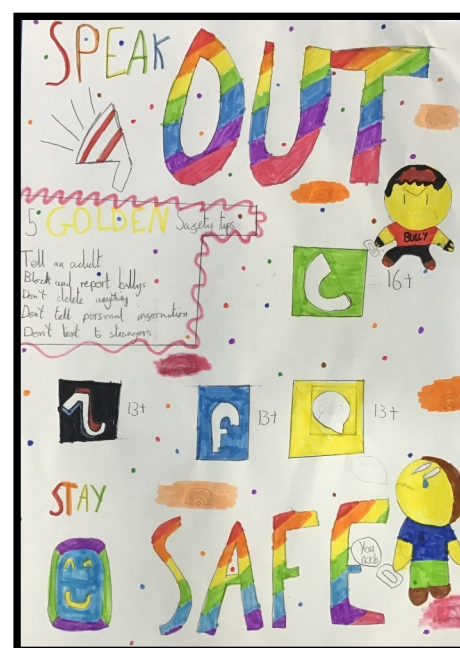
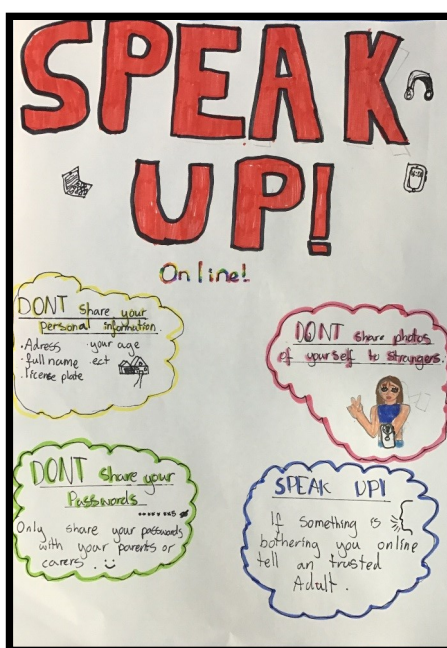
GIGGLE SEARCH-

1. Do not share your personal information with anyone, including the people you go into your school and talk to your personal information. Most people are able to get your friends and your family.

2. Use apps that are for your age and do not make you feel awkward. If you must make accounts then that is a criminal offense.

For more information visit

Common Sense Media

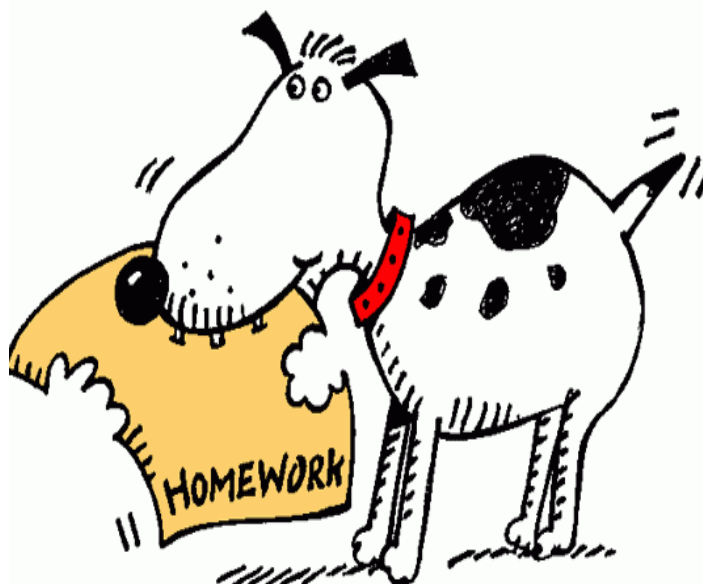


We have also been working really hard in maths, learning how to calculate percentages of amounts as well as percentage increases and decreases. We are also trying really hard to improve the speed of times tables recall. Get involved at home by seeing how quick your child is on times table rockstars. !

Homework of the week award

Each Base has nominated two children for this week's homework of the week award

Base 1	Willow	Arnesh
Base 2	Nathan	Elizabeth
Base 3	Max	Poppy
Base 4	Eloise	Harry
Base 5	Lilly	Saeed
Base 6	Koen	Tola
Base 7	Betul	Lucas
Base 8	Chase	Lilijana
Base 9	Jay	Priya



Friday Awards

We have reintroduced awards assembly on a Friday via Microsoft Teams. Children were awarded with their certificates in class. Please see below a list of the children who have received awards this week.

Base	Star of the week	Worker of the week	Whale Rules Champion	Respectful Rangers	Handwriting Heroes	Punctual Panda	Best attendance
1	Maya	Dosa Holly	Enzo Gunveer	Jaipreet Jasmine	Aniya	Theo	Leyla
2	Gabby	Ellie Brayan	Anastasia Luna	Thiago Dexter	Nicholas	Koray	Heidi
3	Alaya	Isla Joey	Macey Lewis	Corbyn Harry	Ishaan	Harriet	Teddie
4	Reegan	Prisha Simran	Annabelle Theo	Ismail Maya	Olivia	Rosie	Ella
5	Logan	Mason Leo	Harrison James	Luna Clim	Amaia	Freddie	Muham- mad
6	Elliyasia- Mae	Luke Darwin	Junior Kacey	Dominic Grace	Layla	Evie	Ajai
7	Lewis	Bella-Rose Amara	Phoebe Lucas	James Isabella	Daniel	Annie	Callum
8	Jacob	Aman Udham	Sanjot Oliver	Lacey Tomasz	Emilia	Ahmet	Kevins
9	Freya	Elektra Zahrrah	Maneet Millie	Molly Rajvir	Maya	Bluebell	Matthew

Best class attendance this week:

EYFS/KSI - Base 2 - 97% - FANTASTIC

KS2 - Base 9 - 96% - SUPER

Friday Awards

We have introduced a new award in school. It is the cleanliness award. This is to encourage children to take care of their classroom environment and the areas around it. It is to ensure that children are proud of their classroom and it is a welcoming and safe environment to work in.

Each class are given points every time a member of the Senior leadership team, goes into their classroom. They can get 20 points if their classroom is perfect, 10 points if there are some things on the floor and 5 points if it is tidy but a little disorganised.

The class with the most points at the end of the week gets a class certificate and the cleanliness trophy. The children have really embraced this new award and were excited to learn which class had won, this was announced in our Friday's award assembly.

The cleanest class this week went to:

Base 9





Picture News

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What is the most important form of communication?



In the news this week

Humans can understand other apes' common methods of sign language, scientists have just discovered. Researchers at the University of St Andrews in Scotland have found that people can comprehend the meaning of signals apes, such as wild chimps and bonobos, use to communicate with each other. The scientists' video-based study asked volunteers to interpret the gestures from clips of various apes and choose from a list of potential translations.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you make a list of all of the different ways that you communicate with others at home?
- > Were you surprised to learn humans can understand apes? Do you feel that you can communicate with animals, e.g., pets at home?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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