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Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents

I am delighted to report that despite a rise in our COVID-19 cases, learning at school has remained largely undisrupted this half term. Staff have worked hard to cover absences and provide remote education for absent pupils who are well enough to engage in their learning. As you are aware year groups have had to be 'bubbled' to mitigate the risk of infection; I am proud of the way children, parents and staff have remained resilient and supportive throughout this.

COVID-19 UPDATE

When we return to school, after half term, we will end the year group 'bubbles' and children should come into school as normal. However, this will be under constant review at our daily meetings to monitor absence and illness. Staff and visitors will continue to wear masks in communal areas of the school.

Please continue to inform us if your child tests positive for COVID-19 over half term, this will support us to monitor our infection rates.

To report a positive case please email:

parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

PARENT MEETINGS



Yesterday you should have received booking information about **Parent Consultations** for after half term on **Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th February**.

The virtual meetings can be booked [here](#) : bookings will **close on Monday 21st February at 5.00pm**.

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You do not need to book another appointment if you had an IESP meeting this week.

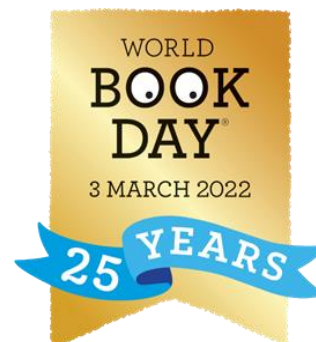
We will be organising a **Share My Learning** evening on **Thursday 24th March**, where parents can come into their child's classroom and look at the children's work. Please put this date in your diary and we will send more information nearer the time.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March** this year and is celebrating 25 years since it first started.

This half term we would like the children to start thinking about a project for World Book Day 2022. As well as a return to dressing up as their favourite character, we are posing the question: *'If you could spend a week in a book, which book would you choose?'*

Over half term and the weeks leading up to World Book Day, we would like the children **to turn a shoebox into one of their favourite story settings!** We will then have an 'exhibition' of shoebox settings set up in the hall to share with the classes. [For more details please follow this link.](#)



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday this week and the children had a special assembly all about being safe online. They also did some work in class and have been invited to take part in an online safety film or poster competition. The closing date for this is Friday 25th February [and you can find details of it here.](#)

The Recipe for a Safer Internet

Firstly, get a pot made of internet,
After that, put over a flame of being nice,
Next, dump in a cup of age restrictions and on that
Sprinkle a pinch of knowing what not to look at.

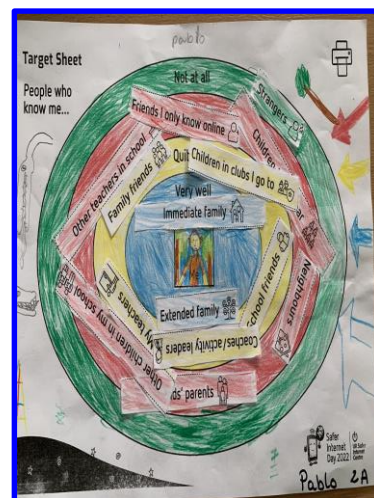
Once you have done this, lightly dust 3 cups of
Only using trusted websites using a sieve,
Then, get a separate bowl made of video games
And in there, put a gram of never chatting with
Strangers, add this to the pot.

Finally, take off the heat and remove the now
formed dough, spread this out and bake it in
An oven of having fun. ENJOY!

By Alexander Hart 6B



Here is an example of some work produced by the children.
Mrs Sankey also ran a parents **Online Safety Workshop** last Friday. If you were unable to make it but would like to see the slides [they can be found here on our website.](#)



YOUNG ARTISTS ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER SHOW 2022

Just a quick reminder that children may want to enter the **Young Artists Royal Academy Summer Show** which is now open for entries. Parents can submit their children's work by creating an account and selecting Wimbledon Chase School. [Please follow this link for more information.](#)



OUR ECO TEAM



Our **ECO team** at school has been working very hard this term encouraging us all to ensure that we continue to try and be as environmentally friendly as possible. The team recently **shared in assembly** what they had been doing around the school and what their priorities are for the next year. [You can see their assembly slides here.](#)

We also have an **ECO Newsletter** for you which is below (and on the school website) [here.](#)

PUPIL WELLBEING

This week has also been **Children's Mental Health Week** and we chose a focus of **'Get Active Daily!'** We know how being active daily is good for our mental health. The children took part in many activities such as running, skipping and dancing.



You can find our **Wellbeing Newsletter** below as well as on our school website [here](#) which includes some photos from this week.

DATES



Just a quick reminder that you can find the term dates **on the school website** [\(please click\)](#) as well as on the Parent SIMS app. The first week back will focus on one of our school values of kindness and we will be having a **Random Acts of Kindness week.**

FINALLY



You may be interested in a new free app called '1-Minute Maths' which looks to be really useful for the children across the school (particularly KS1 but all children may enjoy it). We have installed it on our school ipads, but you may also like to download it at home. For more information please follow this link. <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

We have told the children that Moon balls are not allowed at school - they are quite hard and can cause injury.



Have a great half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 22nd February**.

Best wishes

Mr. K. Ellis
Headteacher

Things children could do over half term

- [World Book Day shoebox activity](#)
- [Royal Academy of Arts entry](#)
- [Online safety competition film or poster](#)

For further information and guidance:

How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)

Please keep children at home if they are at all unwell, even if they are not displaying typical covid-19 symptoms.



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Wellbeing Newsletter

Spring Term 2022



You will never speak to anyone more than you speak to yourself in your head.
Be kind to yourself.

At WCPS we'd like to launch our first Wellbeing newsletter and share some of the wonderful wellbeing activities that are happening throughout the school, from Nursery to Year 6.

Meet the WCPS Wellbeing team



Mrs Lowhagen



Mrs Dumont



Mrs Nicholas

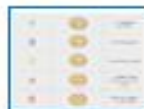
Mrs Warwick is the school Mental Health Lead



Ideas, thoughts, worries and solutions can be aired using the stress-less box.



Musical Mondays set the tone for a calm and relaxing learning environment.



Teachers can check in to see how the children are feeling using the number register.



Breathing and mindful exercises help children to recognise and reflect on their own feelings.



Sharing jokes and funny stories can bring a class together in laughter.



Half-termly Wellbeing Wednesdays enable children in different age groups to mix across the school and form friendships.

Parents' Toolkit: Wellbeing



Check out BBC Bitesize for their wellbeing tips designed for parents to help you support a healthy, happy childhood – with advice on food, sleep, mindfulness, as well as ways to look after you and your child's mental health.
Click on the icon above.

WCPS Mental Health Week 7th-11th February

"Get Active Daily"

Our Daily Wellbeing Workshops were a tremendous success, enabling the children to see for themselves how being active daily, boosts all the lovely, happy hormones and reduces nasty toxins that cause brain fog, tiredness and irritation. Getting active can reduce anxiety and stress, combat low mood and increase self-esteem.

Please see photos below



Our Eco Reps have been busy this term! The Eco Committee have decided to focus on three main areas this year:

- **Recycling**

Ways to recycle more paper and plastic, and other school items such as glue sticks and whiteboard pens

Reinstate fruit and veg snack recycling



- **Healthy Living**

Encourage healthier snack and packed lunch choices

Promote more outdoor learning and playground games

Whole school wellbeing events



- **Biodiversity**

Create a wildflower meadow for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Create more insect and small animal habitats



Here are our Eco Reps starting to renovate our Bugmill insect hotel by creating lots of spaces for insects to shelter.



Half Term Eco Tips!

Why not make a simple insect hotel in your garden or even a windowsill?

Cut the ends off a used plastic bottle and poke natural materials such as sticks, pinecones, moss and dried grass into it. Even piles of sticks and leaves in corners of your garden will provide shelter for insects.

