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Welcome

It's been a busy few weeks and it's great to see everyone in the academy working hard and enjoying themselves. I really enjoyed meeting some more parents at our coffee morning this week and received some very useful feedback. This week also saw the launch of our road safety competition where children can design their own parking ticket to use for anyone who parks on the zig zag lines outside the academy. Please encourage your child to take part and sign our parents' parking pledges.

We also had some brilliant Shakespeare workshops in year 5, which the children loved, I can't wait to see some of their fantastic writing now. I'm also very proud of our children who have been shortlisted in the Art for Ark competition and who may have their work displayed at the Saatchi Gallery in London. How fantastic!

Mrs Twort – Acting Head of School

Poetry Competition

Well done to all of the pupils who entered the poetry competition about 'New Beginnings'. The competition was judged by the author Liz Kessler.

There was a high standard of entries and this has been an excellent way for pupils to demonstrate their creative writing skills.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2017 is almost here! It will take place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with the theme of 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'.

All pupils within the academy are taught the SMART rules of e-safety.

Be smart on the internet

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

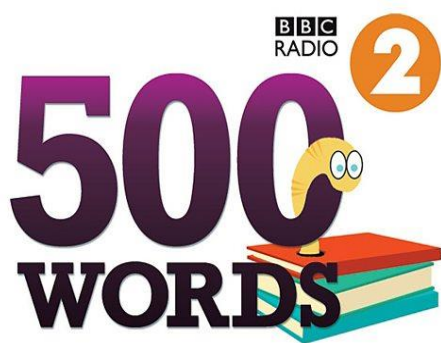
www.kidsmart.org.uk

Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

Kidscape

On Monday 23rd January Kidscape came into the academy to visit pupils in Years 5 and 6. They came in the afternoon to talk about bullying and internet safety.

Radio 2 '500 Words Competition'



Year 5 are taking part in the national Radio 2 500 words story competition.

They began by watching a live lesson hosted by BBC presenters and famous authors including Malorie Blackman. Children will be writing their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk. This will be an original short story of less than 500 words. These will be then be sent off to enter the national competition.

The top 50 entries nationally will be read and judged by a guest panel chaired by Chris Evans.

The entries from the 6 finalists will be performed by an actor or well-known figure and broadcast on Radio 2. An anthology of the top 50 entries will also be published. All children can enter.

Look on the BBC website for more details of how you could enter!

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will take place this term.

- Monday – British Sign Language, Chamberlain Chronicle, Volley Ball
- Wednesday – Football (Year 5 and 6)
- Thursday - Rounders

The clubs will start at 3.30 p.m. and finish at 4.30 p.m.

Academy Nurse

Our School Nurse is offering friendly, confidential advice and support for any parents who have concerns about their child's health. If you are worried about any condition your child may already have, or any undiagnosed problem or issue then our Academy Nurse will be happy to meet with you.



He will be in school from 9.00 - 10.30 am on the following dates:-

- Friday 10th February 2017
- Friday 24th February 2017

Dates for Your Diary

- 20th – 24th February 2017 – Half Term Week
- 17th March 2017 – Teacher Training Day
- 20th – 27th March 2017 – Travelling Book Fair
- 5th April 2017 – Musical Production
- 10th – 21st April 2017 – Easter Holidays