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**Relationship Education Consultations**

We've had some really excellent discussions so far. THANK YOU to those who have given up their time to discuss these important issues. These are some things we've discussed:-

- Children need to know how to make a 999 call
- Emphasis on mental health with the same importance as physical health
- Understanding that smoking is harmful
- Basic First Aid knowledge for children
- Emphasis on care & love in a family
- Online 'friends' may not be friends at all
- Understanding age ratings & limits for games, films etc
- Hobbies & interests outside of schools are really important for health & fitness
- The importance of rest & good sleep for good health
- The NSPCC PANTS rule for all children (Google it - it's so simple & so good)
- What sort of boundaries are appropriate in friendship
- Families are all different and are about love & care
- Sometimes people behave differently online e.g. people pretending they are someone they are not.
- Children need to know about difficult times in families too e.g. when someone dies - grief & loss and how it affects us all.
- Some children are very friendly & want to talk to everyone. How to keep the balance with being friendly & cautious.

**Lost Property**

Please, if your child has lost some items of clothing, book bags, P.E kits, coats etc come and look in the Saffiyah Khan Suite (Children's Centre) as we now have lots of items that have been collected. There is also a rail of nearly new school uniform and PE kits that is there should you need it.

**NEW 'Curriculum Project'**

Last week we started the NEW half termly 'Curriculum Projects', which are replacing the BGfL projects as they aim to be a bit broader. The titles of these projects are below and they relate to the topics children are learning about each half term in class. Children have until the Monday of the last week of every half term to complete their project. So the date projects need to be completed this half term is **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Children might choose to complete it on BGfL, produce a booklet, make a model or sculpture, write a story or create a poster... whichever way they would prefer! Remember this is a project so time can be taken to complete it. The winner of each year group will get announced in the last Wednesday assembly of each half term.

YG	Project Title for this half term
Nurs	What can I do on my own & with others?
Rec	Who helps me in my community?
Y1	What makes me marvellous?
Y2	What can we learn about the Great Fire of London?
Y3	Design a robot that could help at Anderton Park School.
Y4	Who was your favourite Tudor monarch and why?
Y5	What would it be like to travel in space?
Y6	Tell me about electricity.

**'I'm a Sparkhill...' - Homework**

We all come to school, live or work in Sparkhill. Let's celebrate what a great, busy and vibrant place it is. Create a poster with a title such as 'I'm a Sparkhill kid' or 'I'm a Sparkhill mum' or 'I'm a Sparkhill dad' and I ...' and show us who you are or what you're proud of.

**Black History Month**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October marks the beginning of Black History Month. BLM is an annual observance originating in the US, where it is observed in February. Black History Month was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987 & was organised through the leadership of Ghanaian analyst Akyaa Addai-Sebo, It began as a way for remembering important people and events in the history of black people.

**Merchant of Venice**

Tomorrow afternoon Y4 classes are going to Nelson Mandela School to watch a performance of The Merchant of Venice. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch a Shakespeare play. We all love Shakespeare!

**Jeans for Genes**

We raised £109.90 on Jeans for Genes Day last week, for the charity Genetic Disorders UK. Have a look at their website ([jeansforgenesday.org/our-work](http://jeansforgenesday.org/our-work)) to see all the good work they do with the donations given to them.

**Want to hire our Sports Hall?**

Our Sports Hall is available to hire from 3.30 - 6.00pm, on weekdays. It can only be used for sports or arts purposes. So if you know any aerobics, Zumba or karate teachers, who are looking for a space, please let them know about our Sports Hall. It may be possible to let the hall later in the evening. Please contact school if you are interested. The rates are as follows - £20 per hour, £50 per session (am or pm) or £100 all day. See our website for further details - <https://www.andertonparkschool.org/school/job-vacancies-hall-hire>

**Year 4 Times tables workshop**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Small Hall 2:55-3:25  
All year 4 parents are kindly invited to a workshop which will provide information about the new Multiplication Tables check at the end of Year 4. There will be information, ideas for games as well as free resources to support your child at home with learning their times tables. More details to follow.

**Adult English Classes (speaking & listening)**

There are currently spaces in the English classes (speaking & listening) that are run here at Anderton Park, through the WEA. There are spaces on the Level 1 & Level 2 classes, which take place on Monday mornings & afternoons, Tuesday afternoons & Wednesday mornings. If you would like to join or like more information, come along at one of the above times & speak to Mrs Azra Rasool, Class Tutor.

**Nursery places - is your child due to turn 3...?**

If you or anyone you know has a child that is due to turn three years old soon, come and find out about a nursery place for them here at Anderton Park. Speak to the nursery staff or Mrs Bi at the front office.

**Y5 Thinktank - Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

Y5 classes will be going to Thinktank, the Science Museum on Thursday next week. They'll get a chance to experience loads of hands-on displays on science and technology as well as looking at & learning about steam engines, talking robots and a chocolate wrapping machine!

**Celebration assemblies**

Weekly celebration assemblies for Years 1 - 6 take place at 1.45pm on Wednesdays. Y1 & 2 in the Sports Hall, Y3 & 4 in the Small Hall and Y5 & 6 in the Large Hall. Parents are invited to attend. Nursery and Reception will have their first assembly this Friday at 11.00am.