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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week it is **Children's Mental Health Week** and we will be taking part in an **Inside Out Day** on Thursday 6th February. This is to help us remember that how someone feels on the inside can be very different to how they look on the outside. The children can wear any item of non-uniform clothing but it must be inside out!



MATHS HOMEWORK

Please remember that the maths homework for **Years 3, 4 5 and 6** has changed and we are now asking for the children to carry out five minutes of times table practise on the *Times Tables Rock Stars* app every day.

Our analysis of the children's standards in maths shows that the lack of knowledge of times tables is the biggest factor in limiting rates of progress. Times table facts have to be committed to long term memory if they are to be secure. The only way that this will happen is by very frequent practicing. We are addressing this in school by spending more time on multiplication facts in maths lessons, but we need your help with homework. Just five minutes each day will consolidate the work in school and make it far more likely that the knowledge will stick. Without a thorough knowledge of times tables, children struggle with a wide range of mathematical concepts including division, fractions, percentages, ratios, area, data handling and problem solving.

Please encourage your child to work on their times tables for just five minutes each day. Thank you for your support.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Applications for a place in our Nursery for the 2020/2021 academic year, must reach us by 1st March 2020. We will send out confirmation of offer letters by 1st April. The application form is available on our website and from the school office.

Our next Nursery show-round for prospective parents is on Thursday 27th February at 3:45pm. If you would like to come along, please contact the office.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Sprite**, **Hippogriff** and **Hydra** classes! Well done, children!

GOODBYE MRS HEALY

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Healy who will be leaving us at the end of this half-term. She has been a fantastic member of our Early Years team for nine years. We will miss Mrs Healy and we wish her the best of luck.

ANTI-BULLYING STRATEGY

This week, our Anti-Bullying Rainbow Ambassadors presented a great assembly to introduce themselves to Key Stage 2. They explained why they wanted to be a Rainbow Ambassador and the things they learned on the *Diana Award* Anti-Bullying training, such as – what bullying is and isn't and how it might make you feel. They explained words such as *stereotypes*, *gender*, *equality* and *diversity*. They gave the powerful message that no-one should be left out and that they want to help and support everyone in the school. Thank you, Rainbow Ambassadors!

DRAMA CLUB

There are a few places available in our Drama Club for next half-term. The club runs on Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for Years 3 to 6. If you are interested, please text Sue on 07929 400 678.

BIG HALF MARATHON – FOG FUND-RAISER



Our **Big Half Marathon** runners have just four weeks of training left until they will be running 13.1 miles through the streets of London in aid of the **Friends of the Gordon**. They are raising funds for playground equipment and computing resources. If you would like to donate some money, please follow the link below. Thank you for all your support and generosity!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gordonprimary2020>

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Tues 4 th	GSG perform at Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)
Wed 5 th	Prince Philip Maritime Museum Centre visit Year 3
Fri 7 th	Pegasus Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Mon 10 th	Open Evening (all year groups)
Tues 11 th	Year 3 Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Wed 12 th	Open Evening (all year groups)
Fri 14 th	Hydra Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm) Year 4 Ancient Egypt Workshop
17 th to 21 st	Half Term break
Thurs 27 th	Internet Safety Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)

MARCH

Sun 1 st	Big Half Marathon
Mon 2 nd	Year 6 School Journey Meeting (6pm)
Tues 3 rd	Year 2 SATs Information Evening (6pm)
Wed 4 th	Crown Woods Dance Festival (evening)
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day
Fri 6 th	Dragon Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Tues 10 th	Year 4 Parent Workshop (9:15am) Year 5 visit to Royal Observatory
Wed 11 th	Genie Class visit to the Tate Gallery
Thurs 12 th	Year 2 visit to Maritime Museum Griffin Class visit to the Tate Gallery
Fri 13 th	Damysus Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
16 th to 18 th	GSMA Music Festival
Fri 20 th	Phoenix Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
23 rd to 27 th	Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay
Wed 25 th	Year 5 Parent Workshop (9:10am)
Thurs 26 th	Year 1 visit to the Cutty Sark
Fri 27 th	Hippogriff Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm) Reception Spring Walk

APRIL

Wed 1 st	Gordon Day – celebration of music and singing
Fri 3 rd	Year 6 School Journey Assembly (9:10am)
Mon 20 th	Last day of the Spring Term – finish at 3:30pm First day of the Summer Term

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 717 Rochester 684 Dunvegan 714 Nesbit 697



Unicorn (N): Domantas & Reuben for being great “shape” detectives

Sphinx (R): Adam for fantastic listening in tennis sessions

Sprite (R): Avery for super writing about winter

Pegasus (1): Edith for great participation in all carpet sessions

Phoenix (1): Teo for a great imagination in all areas

Kelpie (2): Isabelle for careful shading in this week’s art lesson

Kraken (2): Omer-Ali for great independent writing

Hippogriff (3): Henry U for improved focus and effort in class

Hydra (3): Neve for using a variety of strategies to solve maths problems

Genie (4): Niamh for fantastic effort in maths lessons

Griffin (4): Gwendoline for being a kind and supportive friend

Damysus (5): Soraya for producing a wonderful diary entry

Dragon (5): Marcus for developing explanations when reasoning in maths

Centaur (6): Sadie H for awesome effort in all areas of the curriculum

Cyclops (6): Elana for writing a brilliant narrative based on the book *Stormbreaker*

OPEN EVENINGS

Our Open Evenings will be taking place on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February. Please either book your appointments online or return the reply slip to the office by **Monday 3rd February**. Thank you.

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