

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



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Youth Summit

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On Tuesday 29th January, the Year 5 and 6 School Councils were invited to take part in the Inner North East Youth Summit at Leeds Civic Hall to understand how democracy works. As part of the visit, we met with local councillors who represent our area including next year's Mayor. We also visited the Council chamber where we had the opportunity to ask the mayor questions and took part in consultation activities to show how we would spend money on youth services in our area. It was an excellent day out and an unforgettable opportunity to see how our city is run.



This month's Message from Our Digital Ambassadors (Year 5 and 6 Children Supporting Better Online Safety Practice):

'Don't be a bystander. If you know cyber-bullying is happening or you receive an unkind message about somebody then report it to a trusted adult.'

February certainly felt like the shortest month of the year given the frenetic pace at which we have cracked on with learning at Talbot Primary this month. The month began with our first 'National Number Day' celebration on the 1st February. We had dice, cards, footballers and 'actual' numbers on the day to help us to raise the profile and role of numbers in our lives. It was brilliant talking to the Key Stage One children in assembly, on Friday, about which numbers were special to them and why. Answers varied from the date their little brother or sister were born, to the number of days left to a birthday and even how they had conquered how to write a number the right way round! Those pesky 2s, 3s, 5s, 7s and 9s!

Last week was also national Safer Internet Week. Our Digital Ambassadors were at the forefront, as they led assemblies across the school supported by Miss Ambler and Miss Marsden. They shared some key messages as to how children can protect their identity online and ensure that they feel safe and secure to report anything that makes them feel uneasy. The ambassadors have also been tasked with choosing a suitable digital 'learning hero' from the entries provided by the children as part of raising awareness. Watch this space for confirmation of this 'learning hero' in the next newsletter.

As parents and educators, it is very important that we remain ever vigilant on how we can remain both informed on latest developments, but also how we can broach this important subject to support our children. With that in mind, **each monthly newsletter will contain a link to support parents**. These are designed to provide practical advice to parents. This month, we will focus on **NSPCC Net Aware**. This is a useful, bite size document that will help you to keep up to date with the latest games, website and apps. It also provides information on privacy settings and an opportunity to sign up for your own alerts. The website is: <http://www.net-aware.org.uk>. Please do take five minutes to keep yourself informed. Copies of Miss Ambler's parent/carer presentation are also available on our school website: www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk

Thank you for working with us to ensure that no dogs enter the school playground before or after school. This is very important in securing the Health and Safety of all those on the school premises. It would be very helpful if, when tying dogs to the school railings, due consideration is given to entrances to the school site for all parents. On occasions, dogs have been tied to both sides of the school gate, making entrance quite tricky and daunting if you are not comfortable around dogs, or have to manoeuvre a buggy or toddlers in and out of the site. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please can I request that **children do not play on the school field after school**. Not only is the field extremely muddy at this time of year, but often children have been left unattended to play after school. This is a Health and Safety concern. I appreciate your co-operation.

Regards,
Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

Additional Information

Sports Summary Report

Welcome to the half-termly Sports Summary Reports from Miss Ward and Miss Gilbert. We hope this provides an ongoing overview of our sporting achievements in school and in inter-school competitions.

It has been another busy sporting half term at Talbot! Year 4 have welcomed Mr Rooney from CDA Yorkshire, who has introduced them to Gaelic Football. It has been a fantastic opportunity for the children, and they have really thrown themselves into what is a brand new and very interesting sport.

Last term's Year 5 and 6 Hockey club played against other schools at an event at Allerton High. All the children played extremely well and had lots of fun!

Four children went to the Leeds Cross County Finals and represented Talbot against some of the best cross country runners in Leeds. All four children did extremely well, all placing in the top 100 out of 200 runners which is very impressive. A special well done to Rafael in Year 4 who placed 12th; we are eagerly anticipating news on the next round for him! This half term's sport will conclude on Thursday with the Interclass Dodgeball Competition.

The Year 6 Sports Ambassadors enjoyed a trip to the Climbing Lab for some team building and as a reward for their hard work. It was a brilliant opportunity and they were all excellent climbers. Well done!

Reminder About Cough Sweets And Lip Balms In School

As stated in our [Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy](#), **please do not send children to school with cough sweets or lip balms**. Not only can these become a health and safety concern (for example choking), but staff are not aware of any broader medical needs which may be relevant to your child. The policy, which is available on the website to view, states that: *'Non-prescribed medicines will not be administered or supervised on a regular basis and can only be by arrangement with the Headteacher. These include cough sweets, cough medicines, pain killers and skin creams (this list is not exhaustive). If a parent/carer considers non-prescription medication is a requirement for their child they should contact the Headteacher directly, for their request to be considered.'*

Teachers will take in any cough sweets from children and contact parents at the end of the day for collection. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



Hello Hip-Hop

Phil Tang, from "Hello Hip-Hop" visited us this week to teach the children about hip-hop culture. Phil explained that Hip-hop is not just about music, but a positive lifestyle choice, that he has followed for more than 20-years. Hip-hop culture is made up of four elements: Turntablists (who DJ with turntables), Graffiti Artists (who are talented graffiti artists), EmCeers (who beat box) and Breakin' Boys and Breakin' Girls (who perform break dance). He demonstrated each art form in turn.

Although Phil practices all elements of Hip-hop, he is particularly keen on being a Breakin' Boy. Phil demonstrated his incredible skills to the children, which caused tremendous excitement. In fact, the children were buzzing with excitement. At the end he answered questions, explaining that it took years of training to develop his skills but he just kept going. This was a brilliant example of a Growth Mindset. Overall, the assemblies were positive, motivational and inspiring; we hope it gave the children an appreciation of this exciting culture.

Mr Jude Rivers, Deputy Headteacher

School Meals

Just a quick reminder that if your child would like to change from a packed lunch to school meals (or vice versa), during the term, we will require one week's notice in writing. Thank you for your support with this.

The new school menus will start from week commencing Monday 25th February and will be rotated until the end of the summer term. Please find them attached with this newsletter.