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Another busy half term has come to an end and the year is flying by. Thank you all for your continued support and I hope you all have a restful week away from school.

Bug Club

We have recently purchased a new and exciting reading scheme for school called 'Bug Club'. The books can be accessed online and pupils can not only read the texts but answer questions about what they have read. We hope the scheme will not only improve reading ability, but also raise the enjoyment of reading for everyone. I have attached a letter about the reading scheme to give you more information, as some children have already started using it. We are hoping to hold a session for parents to learn in more depth about the scheme and how it works shortly. In the meantime Year 2 has had a sneaky look at the texts on offer. This is what a few of the children said;

'The books are really interesting.' Ryan.

'I enjoyed the comics because they were funny.' Harry

'There are a lot of different titles.' Phoebe

'It's nice to have good non-fiction books.' Martha

'The fossil book has lots of actual photographs.' Lucas

Parking

You may have noticed two signs on the railings outside of school have recently appeared. In our attempt to make it safer outside of school we are asking for parents not to park on the zig-zag yellow lines and also to avoid blocking the staff car park. Also I am aware of some parents and grandparents with disabled badges finding it difficult to get into school. Therefore the first space after the zig-zags is reserved for disabled badge holders. This space is indicated by the sign on the fence. Thank you for your cooperation.



Valentines Disco

All the children (and staff) had a wonderful time at the Valentine school disco this week. Who would have thought 'The Macarena' would still be so popular? A big thank you goes to all of the staff who supported the event and the PTFA who organised the food and balloons.



(You might just be able to make out Mrs Strawson and Mrs Godson 'cutting some shapes'.)

Emergency Contact Details

Please could you ensure that the school office has up to date emergency contact details. This week alone we have tried to contact two parents unsuccessfully. It is extremely important we have a point of contact in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

Head Lice

Just a reminder that we have had several KS2 children with head lice; it is an issue that all schools have and often leaves us scratching our heads about what to do. It is import ALL the family is treated to prevent reoccurrence. The link below has some great advice about lice.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

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Safer Internet Day

This week the children have been learning about how to stay safe when using the internet. This type of event always highlights how vulnerable our children are in a technological world and often as parents we don't understand the risk our children are at. Many games the children are playing on their computers at home involve interacting with complete strangers and we have seen and heard some frightening things from the children about this. Hopefully from their learning, they will be more aware of these types of dangers themselves and avoid potentially unsafe situations.



Blue Badge Recipients

Blue Badges were awarded this week to the following children;

- Reception: Lottie for size ordering penguins
Archie for super writing using his sounds
- Year 1: Lucia and Luke for fabulous comprehension of guided reading book this week
- Year 2: Jessica and Savannah for excellent control in gymnastics
Keira for super reading
- Year 3: George for creating excellent calligrams in Literacy
Thomas for fantastic work in Science when learning about forces
- Year 4: Aaron and Toby for their gymnastic routine in PE
Lily Tomlinson and Sam for their Safer Internet poster
- Year 5: Fathima and Niamh for their Victorian poems
- Year 6: Alex F and Harry N for creating an excellent poem about Internet safety
Eddie for his involvement and ability in Frisbee, he excelled and showed a real sense of fair play

Well done to all of you. We are proud of the work that you produce and the effort that you put into all areas of school life.

It is a pleasure to give out the blue badges to the children each week, celebrating their successes both in and out of the classroom. It has been great to see the children wearing their badges with pride this week.

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Year 6 Book club



Following a kind donation from the PTFA, Year 6 was able to purchase a class set of the book *Wonder* by R J Palacio. For the last 10 weeks the children have studied the book together at school and with parents at home. We have been enjoying, analysing and reflecting on the many social dilemmas this story throws up. Book club will be back next term with a new book!

Landscape Gardener Request

Following a successful bid for a grant from the Ministry of Defence we have given some money to regenerate our pond and outdoor area including a new garden. If you or anyone you know is a landscape gardener or designer we would be extremely grateful for some help to design the new area to allow us to buy supplies and start work as soon as the weather improves.

Year 6 End of Key Stage Assessments Meeting

Thank you to all those parents who came out in the cold last night to the Year 6 End of Key Stage assessment meeting. If you were unable to attend, your child will be bringing home an information leaflet tonight with the highlights from the evening. If you would like a full copy of the PowerPoint presentation please send in your email address to the Year 6 team and they will send it to you.

PE clothing

Please ensure your child has the correct PE clothes in school. The PE uniform for all children is a navy blue sweatshirt with the school logo on, a white polo shirt also with the school logo on, plain navy blue shorts and plain navy blue jogging bottoms, trainers and plimsolls. Thank you.

PTFA news

Valentines Disco

We are extremely excited to announce that not only did all the children have a monumental dancing experience we also raised £254.28p

Calendars

We have some Calendars left, these are now a bargain £3 each, if not sold by the end of March they will be destroyed.

100 Club

If you are intending on entering the 100 Club, please return your application form by Monday 20th February at the latest. Applications after this date will not be included in February's Draw.

Glass Workshop

The lovely Liz of the Glass Room will be running an adults workshop on Friday 3rd March 2017 at 5.30pm in Millview Hall. You will have the opportunity to cut glass and be more decorative than the children as more materials will be provided for you. You can create one wall hanger or 2 tiles. The cost is £20 per person. We do need a minimum of 8 people to carry out the workshop. We have 2 confirmed attendees so far. Please return your completed slip with payment by Friday 24th February 2017.

Prize Squares

A few of the PTFA and friends of, are selling prize squares, we have a few prizes of chocolate and alcohol etc., as they say you have to be in it to win it! They cost £1 each and are available until 22nd February after which we will tally up and sort the final list of prizes.

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Chocoholics

We have a pile of Chocoholics brochures; they have beautiful chocolate gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter and general. An event has been set up on the PTFA Facebook page with all of the gorgeous products. If you would like to order please contact the PTFA either via our Facebook page or school reception. All orders count towards free items for us to use in future fundraising. Our cut-off date for orders is 20th March at 10:00am. Payment is in advance and can be made in cash, card or BACS.

PTFA dates for your diary:

Family Quiz - 17th March

Bag2School - 23rd March

Pre Loved Uniform - 24th March

Race Night - 28th April

A reply from Professor Brian

Evolution, light waves, fabulous scientists ... led to a scientific discussion in class between Mrs Robertson and I about the workings of Steven Hawking and Professor Brian Cox. Mrs Robertson suggested I wrote a letter with some questions to Prof. Brian Cox, which I did. Thankfully he replied soon after and here is what he said.

By Jack Pemberton

