



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - 'Make a Noise About Bullying'

Anti-bullying week is next week (13th -17th November) and as a school, we would like to mark the first day of Anti Bullying Week by taking part in '**Odd Socks Day**' on the 13th November (this coming Monday).

We encourage you all to join in simply by wearing odd socks! There's a serious message behind the fun - let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

During the week the children will be taking part in Anti-Bullying assemblies as well as Anti-Bullying PSHE lessons in their class.

For more information on this year's theme, visit: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

Whole School Assembly Theme

During our Monday assemblies this week, Mr. Commander continued to talk about our school value of Courage. He read the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson to get the children to think about 'leaning into the unknown'. They discussed how new experiences and opportunities can sometimes be daunting but the rewards can be huge. In the story, the tiny snail takes a risk by hitching a ride on the tail of a huge humpback whale and in doing so goes on an amazing journey around the world. We want to encourage the children to be confident and courageous enough to try something new and 'go for it!'

Myrtle Street Congestion

I have noticed an increase in the number of people driving to our Myrtle Street site and parking illegally while they drop off or collect their child and several parents and carers have also shared their concerns with me.

Please remember the double yellow lines and yellow zigzags in Myrtle Street both mean no parking is allowed. This means that parking safely and legally in Myrtle Street is pretty much impossible so I urge you to park safely and legally elsewhere and walk the remaining part of the journey.

The PCSO is aware of the issue and is intending to drop by at the end of the day to monitor and speak to parents individually about this where required.

Furthermore, the increased number of cars is making the final part of their journey to school dangerous for our children. If you are one of the people who are currently driving along Myrtle

Street at drop-off and pick-up time, please leave home earlier to park further away or consider walking, cycling or scooting to school.

I know parking around our school is a nightmare (just ask any of our staff!) but parking unsafely and/or illegally is definitely not the solution! Thank you to the families who are already taking these very helpful steps.

Curriculum Content Surveys

We have had some brilliant ideas shared via our curriculum content surveys. Thank you if you have added your thoughts and if you haven't yet done so the surveys will stay open for another two weeks. I am re-sharing the links and would love for you to dip into an area you have an interest in.

Everybody's ideas are welcomed - the more ideas we have to work with at this stage, the richer the experience for our children in the future.

These surveys are not about you volunteering to come in and lead assemblies or sessions with the children. I am just unashamedly looking to pick your brain for interesting or unusual facts, people, stories, plants, animals, places and anything else that will make our new curriculum surprising, engaging and inspiring.

All ideas are welcome, so please feel free to send any of the links to family or friends who have expertise to share.

History: <https://forms.gle/BpPPZzbodDwoxJt5>

Geography: <https://forms.gle/3EGhGWsTLnv5zR8n6>

Art: <https://forms.gle/PzKE4DFDP3GKXFYTA>

Design Technology: <https://forms.gle/KQywwji5a4r1kxch59>

Science: <https://forms.gle/kmMdUYfH7NSJcjt5>

Thank you in advance for your help!

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman