



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Dare I say, we appear to be over our COVID peak and are coming down the other side. The only thing which remains impacted by staff absences is Moles and we can only apologise for the continuing inconvenience this may be causing our families who rely on this provision.

We find ourselves rapidly approaching the end of another half term. However, there is much to look forward to over the coming weeks...

22nd February this year falls on a Tuesday...or rather a **'Twos-day'** as this year is the 22nd day of the 2nd month in 2022!

Did you know that:

- This is the first year to have three identical digits since the turn of the millennium (in 2000).
- It's the first time the year has included three two's for 800 years.
- It will be another 100 years before this it happens again.
- Splitting the year into groups of 2 digits, it turns out that the difference between the first 2 and the last 2 digits - is 2!
- Finally, 2022 squared is 4088484, while 2022 backwards is 2202, whose square is 4848804, which just happens to be 4088484 backwards!



I can't begin to tell you how excited Mrs Tubb, our Maths Lead, is about all of this! We would therefore like to invite the children to dress up in honour of this day with a theme of two...perhaps a sports kit bearing the number 2 or 22, alternatively wearing clothes of only 2 colours...I may even wear a tutu! We will immerse the children in activities throughout the day with a fun mathematical theme!

Friday 18th March

We are supporting Comic Relief by holding a Superhero Day! You are invited to dress up for a suggestion donation of £1 or more via our online payment system. Maybe your superhero is Batman or Spiderman, or maybe someone closer to home such as an NHS hero or maybe even an author or sportsperson.

Safer Internet Day 2022

Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet Day. Each year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores a new issue or theme which is impacting the lives of young people in the UK.

This year the theme for the day is focussing on the ways they use many of the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of, providing the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe in these spaces. We will be delivering assemblies to all of the children and undertaking activities in class, with the support of Mrs Blumire, our Computing Lead.

As parents, so much of this is new to us too. Therefore, to provide you with some support you may find useful to you to help your child(ren), please see below a couple of links to some incredibly helpful websites.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIjbmEs_Xl9QIVG-rtCh3VwQ65EAAYASACEgKYlvD_BwE

If you would like any further help or support with this at any time please do not hesitate to contact us via our Technology Support email address. home_technology_support@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk



Year 6 have been immersing themselves in their WW2 topic by undertaking 'Blitz Week'. They have each taken on the role of and experienced life as an evacuee. One pupil commented:

'History is so amazing but it was hard then. We really are very lucky.'

As their evacuee characters, quotes from the children regarding their experiences this week have included:

'This school has taken every evacuee in with enthusiasm. They have been so kind to us and tried to help us all. My time here has been great.'

'I thought all hope was lost before I came here, but after I arrived, a flicker of light started inside me and now I'm as full of life as a puppy!'

'We have to go under the tables if there is an air-raid; but we never know how long it will last. In class, our teacher is quite strict and has a cane on her desk (she hasn't used it yet though).'

Well done to everyone, for such a fantastic week!



Year 6 Boys Football County Finals

After winning the Dorking District Year 6 Boys Football Tournament, our Year 6 boys teams went on to represent Dorking in the County finals. A great achievement!

This took place at the Dorking Football Stadium at Meadowbank on Monday 24th January. Our team played 3 matches in their section losing their first game to St James 3-2, drawing the second 0-0 with The Greville and losing their final game 2-0 to Pyford. Well done to all the team - you did so well!



Congratulations...

To Mrs Cox, her husband Dave and big sister Darcey on the arrival of baby Arthur!

Such lovely news to end the week.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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