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Spring A - Week 3 - Friday 26th January 2018

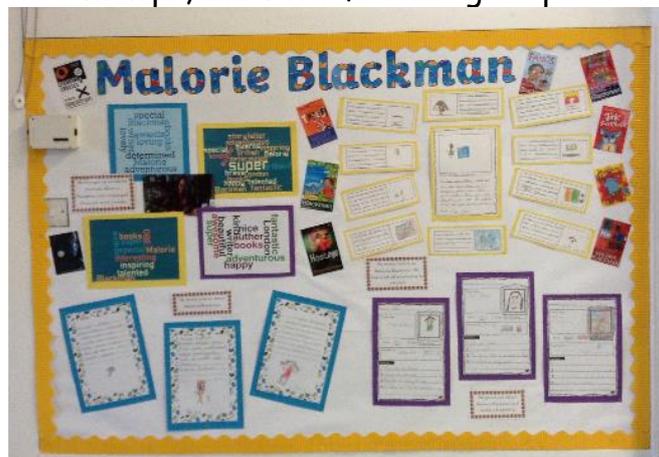


'Born to be Brave Day'

You may have seen on Tuesday, lots of teachers looking like suffragettes....



..this was to launch our 'Born to be Brave' Day. We started with an assembly where we shared with the children the history of the suffragette movement. We talked about how a government is formed and how women were not allowed to vote until 100 years ago. This is to link in with the hundred year anniversary in February of this important milestone. Afterwards the children went to four workshops, each one focussing on 'pioneering women'.



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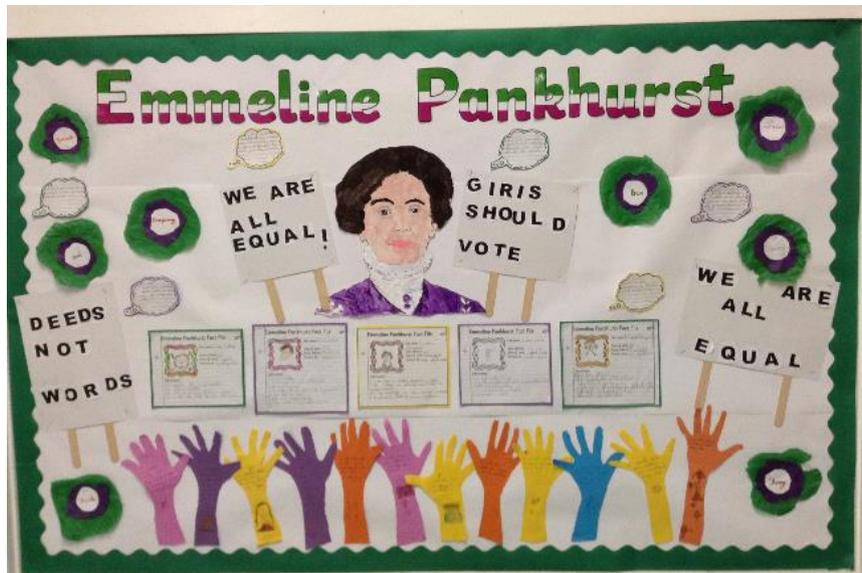
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Please ask your children about their learning from the day...many were visibly moved by the bravery and resilience of Rosa Parkes and are now even more aware of the importance of equality and fairness in our world today.



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Parents Maths Workshops



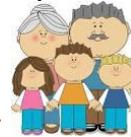
On Wednesday 31st January at 2.15pm we will be running our annual Parents Maths Workshop. The teaching of early (reception, year 1 and year 2) maths is fundamental in ensuring key skills are embedded before moving onto more challenging mathematical concepts and research shows us that getting parents involved in their child's learning is key....

"The more parents are engaged in the education of their children, the more likely their children are to succeed in the education system." (Goodall and Vorhaus, 2011, p. 16)

Last year our workshops were all about the new maths games that are sent home each week, this year the focus will be on sharing the 'key skills' that children are taught at High Meadow. Our maths teaching is based on sound research and the approach created by the White Rose Maths Hub. We will share this approach with you at the workshop and make the presentation available online afterwards. We really do hope you can make it!



Grandparents Concert



On Friday 2nd February the children are really looking forward to performing a range of songs and poetry to their grandparents. The performance is always a really popular event and is always PACKED! Please can I remind everyone that this is JUST for GRANDPARENTS. Mums and dads have lots of lovely opportunities throughout the year to see their child performing so we do keep this one exclusively for grandparents.

Please remind them to arrive at the school office between 1.45pm and 1.55pm as we will start at 2.00pm prompt. As always, we are happy for your parents to take your child home after the performance, however if you **DO NOT want them to, then please let THEM and US know**. It can feel a little insensitive if **we** have to tell a grandparent that they can't take their grandchild home because there has been a breakdown in communication. Please let Mrs Eling know on admin2569@welearn365.com if you DO NOT WANT your parent to take your child home. We will assume you are happy for them to go home with your parent if we do not hear from you. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Parent Consultations



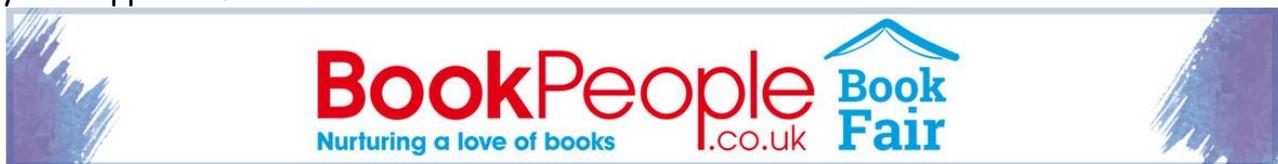
These will take place on Wednesday 7th February from 3.30pm - 6.00pm and Thursday 8th February from 3.15pm - 5.00pm. The 'sign up' sheet will be positioned outside the classroom doors on Monday 29th January from 8.50am. To make the process as fair as possible, the sheet is available to Larks and Owls parents FIRST for the **October** parents evening and then for other parents FIRST for the **February** parents evening. More details about the agenda for the consultation will be emailed out next week.



Book People Book Fair



Our annual Book Fair will be open during parents evening. It will be clearly sign posted when you arrive at the school office. This year, to offer much better value for everyone, we have chosen The Book People Book Fair. They offer amazing value whether you are after a single book or a set of 10! Any commission we receive as a result of book sales will be used to purchase more new books for the school library. Maybe you could encourage your children to save their pocket money over the next couple of weeks, ready for the Book Fair! Thank you for your support of this.



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Our High Meadow Superstars!



Here at High Meadow we know the importance of rewarding and recognizing the fantastic efforts your children go to, to be the best they can possibly be. The awards shown below were awarded today. So.....drum roll please...

Bees Knees Award 26/01/18



Our 'Bee's Knees' award is awarded weekly to one child in each class who has behaved in a way in which we feel exemplifies our school code of conduct.

RECEPTION Millie	YEAR 1 David	YEAR 2 Ava
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Cats Whiskers Award 26/01/18



Our 'Cat's Whiskers' award is awarded weekly to one child in each class who has produced a piece of work which shows they have worked to the very best of their ability.

RECEPTION Theo	YEAR 1 Lucas	YEAR 2 Ethan A
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Our Weekly STAR WRITER award



Achieving a very high standard of writing takes a lot of hard work as it involves first of all thinking what to write, saying it out loud to make sure it makes sense, actually writing it using the correct spelling and punctuation and then checking it all to make sure it make sense....gosh it's exhausting! Our fantastic STAR WRITERS for this week are...

Year Group	STAR WRITER
Reception Robins	Oscar R
	Amelia
Year 1 Blackbirds	Archie
	Lola
Year 2 Barn Owls	Amelia R
	Felicity



Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'



Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification.

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved 98.0% well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time will not be granted.

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Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	98.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
SECOND PLACE	98.3%	Y2 Barn Owls
THIRD PLACE	97.0%	YR Robins

School Events and Activities

January 2018

Date	Time/place	Activity
Wednesday 31 st January	2.15pm High Meadow Infant School	Parents Maths workshops

February 2018

Date	Time/place	Activity
Friday 2 nd February	2.00pm High Meadow Infant School Hall	Grandparents Concert
Tuesday 6 th February	High Meadow Infant School	IEP review day - by invitation only
Wednesday 7 th February	3.30pm - 6.00pm High Meadow Infant School	Parents Evening
Thursday 8 th February	3.15pm - 5.00pm High Meadow Infant School	Parents Evening
Tuesday 13 th February	4.45pm - 6.00pm High Meadow Infant School	PTFA Valentines Disco
Wednesday 14 th February	All Day Tamworth Castle	Y2 class visit to Tamworth Castle

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We listen; we don't interrupt'

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In PSHE this half term we are learning about



Dreams and Goals



We are learning that to achieve our Dreams and Goals we need to...

- Stay motivated even when something is tricky!
 - Persevere and never give up!
 - Work well with all of my friends
 - Always have a positive attitude!
- Help others achieve THEIR goals!
 - Always work hard!

Kindest regards

Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

Mr Jonathan Smith - Chair of Governors governors2569@welearn365.com

Keeping our children safe, every day, in every way.

Keeping your child safe from sexual abuse -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMIKUsZjirA>



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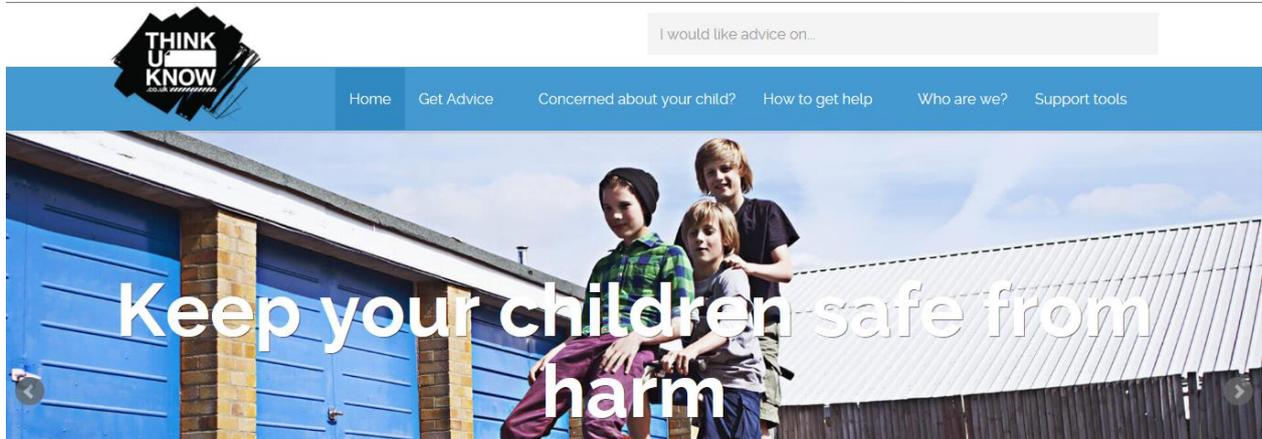
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Keeping your child safe on-line -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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