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Our School Community Newsletter!



Spring B - Week 3 - Friday 15th March 2019



Thought for the Week

A simple line painted with the brush
can lead to freedom and happiness.

—Joan Miró



The Lost Words Arts Week Exhibition



WOW! What an amazing week we have had once again here at High Meadow. This week the children have worked with two artists (Mary and Kate), Sarah from Forest Schools and all of the staff to create a range of beautiful artwork which has culminated in our Arts Week Exhibition.

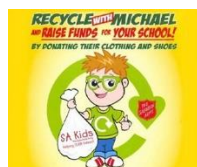
We chose to be inspired by the Lost Words book as it was gifted to us (and all Warwickshire schools) through a crowd funding initiative. The book was beautifully written and illustrated in response to the fact that lots of words relating to the natural world were being actively omitted from children's dictionaries! When this was shared through twitter and Instagram people were horrified and worried at the same time and so The Lost Words book was created. Vocabulary, as we all know has a huge impact on children's academic achievements so we recognised the importance of embracing this initiative and creating our own response to this through our artwork and exhibition.

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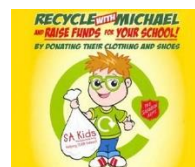
Every day,

In every way.

The staff have shared lots of pictures throughout the week on Homeroom of all of the creative learning happening in the classes, but here's a few more for you to enjoy. Next week I will be sharing photos from the exhibition today.



[Recycle with Michael!](#)



As part of our continued eco-drive, we are working with The Salvation Army to launch a new re-cycling initiative. We have attached a leaflet for your information but in a nutshell, last week you will have received a 'Recycle with Michael' plastic bag in your child's book bag. Please fill it with unwanted clothes and shoes. Please then bring it to school on **Friday 29th March** and place on the grassed area at the front of the school. Please DO NOT bring it into school before this date as we have nowhere to store it. The bags will then be collected and the Salvation Army will find a new use for all of the goods. The school will also benefit through a cash donation too. Spring is a great time for a clear-out so let's all go for it!

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Easter Visit to Coventry Cathedral



On Tuesday 2nd April, we have booked to take the Year 1 and Year 2 children to Coventry Cathedral. This is a new visit for us which I have now added to the Events and activities list at the bottom of the newsletter. During the event the children will work their way around the cathedral going to different station to examine different parts of the Easter story. Palm Sunday, the last supper, garden of gethsemane, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The trip will last all morning and the children will take a picnic lunch to enjoy at the Cathedral. The cost of the event will be subsidised by school and will cost £5.50 per child. Please pay via School Gateway by Sunday 31st March.



Children's Easter Eggstravaganza



Can you believe it...our Easter Eggstravaganza is just 3 weeks away!! It is on Friday 5th April from 1.00pm - 3.00pm in the school hall. So, with this in mind, we will be asking for donations of prizes over the next few weeks.

Our first request is for donations of Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Tombola please. Any size and type of eggs would be gratefully received; however, they do need to be chocolate... ha, ha, ha! Please send your donation to your child's classroom next FRIDAY 22nd MARCH.

This year, for our Easter competition, we would like children to decorate a wooden spoon! Please bring them into school on the day of the Eggstravaganza where they will be placed on display. There will be prizes for each category in each year group. Here are a few ideas to get the creative juices flowing...



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This weeks 'Wonderful Words'...for each class!

Vocabulary relates to social class...



Findings of the Hart and Risley landmark study:

- Over four years, researchers recorded that an average child in a professional family accumulated experience of almost 45 million words; in a working-class family, 26 million words; and in a family receiving welfare, 13 million words.



Hart, B., & Risley, T. R. (1995). 'Meaningful differences in the everyday experience of young American children'. Paul H Brookes Publishing.

Reception Robins	Year 1 Blackbirds	Y2 Barn Owls
Conker	Dandelion	Kingfisher
Ivy	Heron	Adder
Acorn	Acorn	Bramble
Oak	Magpie	Magpie
Bluebell	Ivy	Ivy



Educational Events and Activities



Date	Time & place	Event
Friday 22 nd March	Afternoon	Toscana Strings music concert
Tuesday 26 th March	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Year 2 Mother's Day tea party
Wednesday 27 th March	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Year 1 Mother's Day tea party
Thursday 28 th March	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Reception Mother's Day tea party
Tuesday 2 nd April	9.00am - 1.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Easter experience at Coventry Cathedral
Friday 5 th April	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Children's Easter Eggstravaganza!
Friday 12 th April	Last day of term	

Easter holidays from Monday 15th April 2019 - Friday 26th April 2019

Teacher training day - Monday 29th April 2019

Children back in school - Tuesday 30th April 2019

Important note - please be aware that these dates and times are subject to change. Please read the weekly newsletters for most up-to-date information. Class trips and visits will be communicated separately.

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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 **97.5%**, well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

	Class	Percentage
1st Place	Y1 Blackbirds	99.0%
2nd Place	YR Robins	98.6%
3rd Place	Y2 Barn Owls	95.0%



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are honest, we don't cover up the truth'

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Our Value for this half term is 'Forgiveness'

FORGIVENESS

Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.

Colossians 3.13

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to forgive. (Anon)

Forgiveness is a funny thing, it warms the heart and cools the sting. (William Arthur Ward)

As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison. (Nelson Mandela)

When you forgive you don't change the past, but you do change the future. (Bernard Meltzer)

Have you ever found forgiving someone very hard to do?

What do you think these words of wisdom mean?

Why do you think Nelson Mandela's example of forgiveness has inspired so many people?

Can you think of a time when the future has been changed by an act of forgiveness?

Our Personal, Social and Emotional 'Jigsaw' theme for this half term is

'Protective Behaviours'

We are learning that...

- We all have the right to feel safe all the time
- We can talk with someone about anything even if it feels awful or small
- We will learn about the NSPCC PANTS campaign and how it helps keep us safe from abuse

As part of this half term's focus on 'Protective Behaviours' we are once again reminding your children about the NSPCC Pants Campaign. They have really enjoyed learning the PANTASOURUS song and actions again in assembly and will continue to re-visit the key messages throughout this half term. To find out more about how you can support your child in keeping themselves safe from sexual abuse, click here. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>



These are the key messages that we will be focusing on



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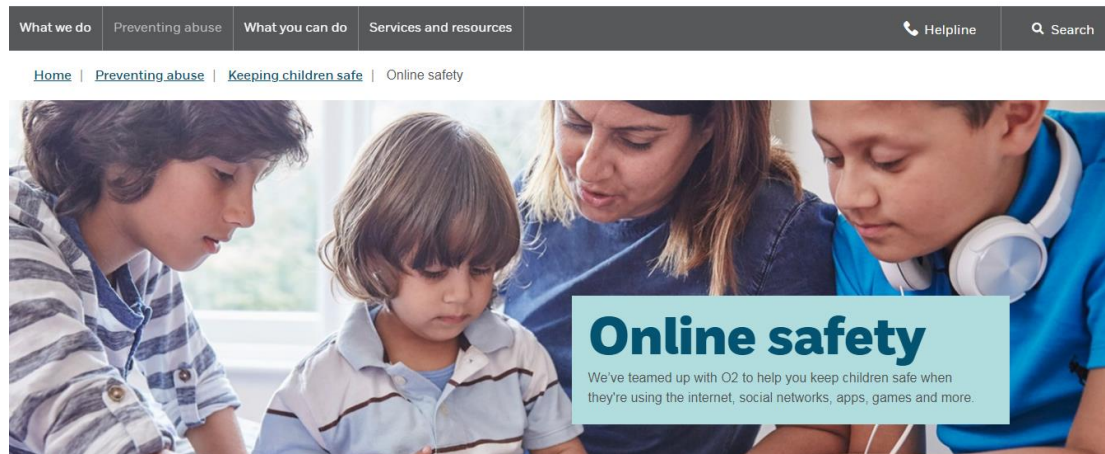
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Kindest regards

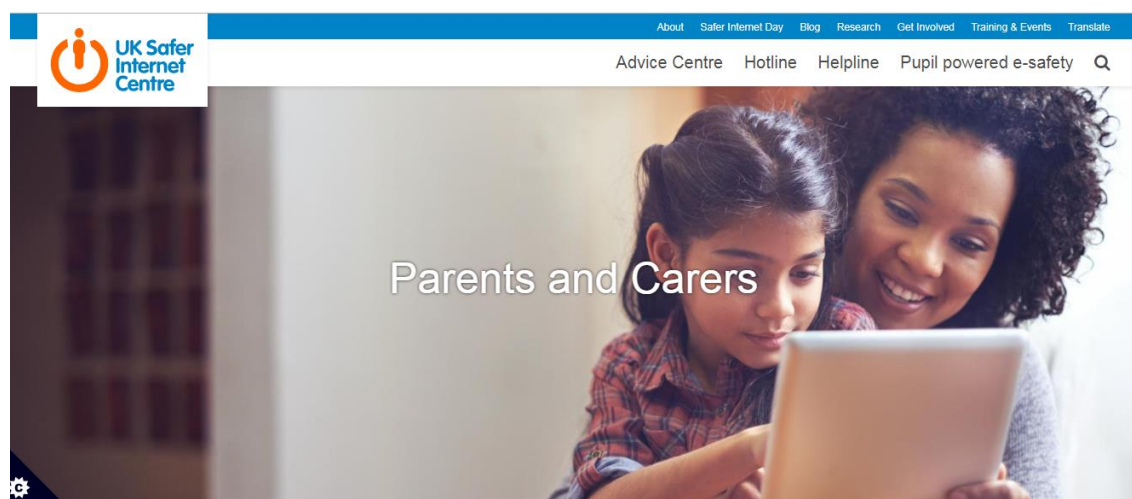
Mrs Debby Hughes - Headteacher head2569@welearn365.com

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

[Find out more about how to keep your child safe on-line](#)



The screenshot shows a website header with a dark grey navigation bar. The navigation bar contains the following items: 'What we do', 'Preventing abuse', 'What you can do', 'Services and resources', 'Helpline' (with a telephone icon), and 'Search' (with a magnifying glass icon). Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home | Preventing abuse | Keeping children safe | Online safety'. The main content area features a large photograph of a woman and three children looking at a tablet. A light blue text box is overlaid on the right side of the image with the text: 'Online safety' in bold, followed by 'We've teamed up with O2 to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.'



The screenshot shows the UK Safer Internet Centre website. The top navigation bar is blue and contains the following items: 'About', 'Safer Internet Day', 'Blog', 'Research', 'Get Involved', 'Training & Events', and 'Translate'. The UK Safer Internet Centre logo is on the left. The main navigation bar is white and contains: 'Advice Centre', 'Hotline', 'Helpline', 'Pupil powered e-safety', and a search icon. The main content area features a large photograph of a woman and a young girl looking at a tablet. The text 'Parents and Carers' is overlaid on the image. A small gear icon is visible in the bottom left corner of the image area.

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