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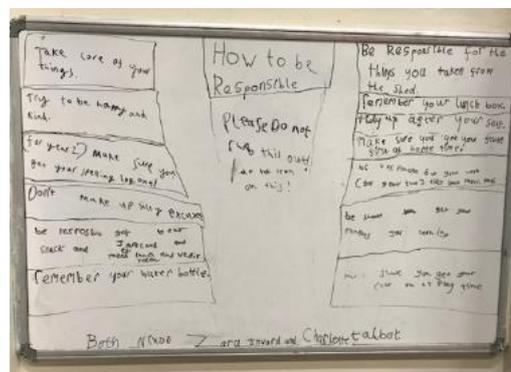
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8.2.19

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday morning is always a struggle especially when it is pouring with rain! The school breakfast club is always a cheerful way to start the day, so I usually start there. The atmosphere in the school hall is such a positive one and genuinely demonstrates all the values that we have introduced to the children. Last Monday was no exception and gave me a reason to feel very happy. On the hall whiteboard I saw this! Well done to Zara, Charlotte and Beth.



EDP

Books for Schools – unfortunately not one of the big winners but we will be receiving £100 of books.

NEW initiative LEGO education

Following the success of the Sports Equipment and Books for Schools campaigns in 2018 the EDP are launching a new partnership with CreativeHut and Lego® Education.

This new promotion launches in early February and will give us the chance to share in over £10,000 worth of Lego® Education resources supplied by CreativeHut.

The school has registered and every school that collects a minimum of 1,000 tokens will receive £50 worth of Lego whilst the top three (as a ratio to registered pupils) will win £1,000 worth each.

Every day there will be tokens in the Eastern Daily Press (two on Saturday) and Norwich Evening News whilst weekly titles will also hold one token (Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, North Norfolk News, Dereham Times and Fakenham Times). Watch out for bonus tokens days!

The first token is Saturday, February 9th, 2019 with the final token on Friday, May 3rd 2019. As previously there will be a collection box in the foyer. Please can you count the tokens and then place them in an envelope with the total number of tokens stated on the outside.



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
 Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock



Karate Taster Day – Tuesday 29th January 2019

All classes had a wonderful day experiencing the ESKA karate sessions. We learnt lots of moves, the importance of self-discipline and had great fun at the same time. A big thank you to Matt for coming in and spending the day with us!

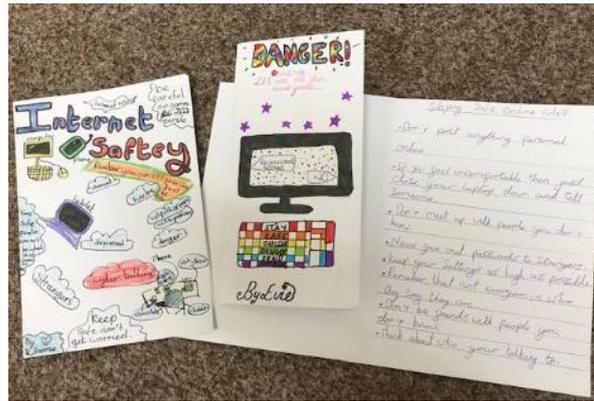


Thinking Bubbles

On Monday 4th February we welcomed Simon Firth from 'Gripping Yarns' to help launch Safer Internet week to Lapwing, Kestrel and Kingfisher. A drama entitled 'Thinking Bubbles' was performed and during the production the children could indicate how safe they thought the character was by displaying red, amber or green decision cards. The story was of a primary school student trying to settle in at a new school and make new friends. He struggles to fit in and keeps in contact with his old friends via email and online games, so he still has someone to share with. Confident of his ability to stay safe when surfing, playing and communicating online, he supports a new friend experiencing difficulties when playing games and he is keen to explore social media networks. New problems presented by 'likes', blogging, peer to peer and group messaging arise, before he eventually accesses support from a trusted adult. The story identified key safety messages for self-protection in established and growing online environments and aims to establish core patterns of understanding which will help to keep students safe online.



Please ask your children what they learnt during this session and as a family create your own thinking bubble.



Year 4 learn about a Mountain adventure

Lapwing had a very exciting visit from Charlie's dad (Pat), telling them all about his trips up Mount Kilimanjaro. He shared some of his experiences, problems and achievements! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about a real-life experience of a climber they knew trying to get to the summit. The pictures were amazing and the children asked very thoughtful questions. Lapwing Class would really like to thank him for giving up his time to share his knowledge with them.



Swift Class visit Norwich Cathedral

On Thursday 7th February Swift Class visited Norwich Cathedral where they met Mistress Matilda. She was an assistant in Thomas Farriner's bakery during the Great Fire of London! They acted out some of the story; made clay "ship's biscuits" and tried on different costumes worn by fire fighters at the time. Then they had a tour of the Cathedral; were lucky enough to hear some of an organ recital and dressed up as monks!

They learnt so much and asked some brilliant questions too.



Chinese New Year

On Tuesday the children in Wren Class had got to experience a wonderful Chinese afternoon of crafts and tasting Chinese food. They made pig masks for the Year of the Pig, played with chopsticks, noodles and vegetables to improve their fine motor skills, tasted noodles and prawn crackers and made lanterns to take home. They also looked at Chinese numbers and attempted to draw their own. A huge thank you to Mrs Talbot who kindly spent her own time resourcing the activities and then spent the afternoon with the children too. We couldn't have done it without her kindness and organisational skills! They all seemed to enjoy the afternoon and went home smiling as they took home their own little red envelope filled with a treat.



New Chair of Governors

Mr Peter Meacock has been our Chair of Governors for the last 14 years and has helped us to move the school from strength to strength during this time. At the recent Full Governor's meeting Mrs Talbot (mum to Charlotte in Swift class) was elected as our new Chair of Governors. Congratulations to her. If you would like to know a little bit more about who the Governors are and their role and responsibilities within the school please look at the school website.

<http://www.wicklewoodschool.co.uk/governors/>

Celebrating our children

"Zach Pocock was lucky enough to be a mascot for Norwich City when they played Sheffield United on Saturday 26 January. The day started with a tour of the grounds including the dressing room where the players have the most enormous bath! He then met all the players when they signed a football for him and found out they had fish fingers, chips and salad for lunch followed by bananas and jelly babies at half time. Just before kick-off he walked out with Max Aarons and shook hands with all the Sheffield United players and even managed a quick kick about on the pitch. He now wants to be a professional footballer more than ever!"



The Car Park

Please remember to turn off engines when waiting in the car park. An idling engine can produce up to twice the emissions of a car that's in motion. These include chemicals such as sulphur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide to name a few. All of these contribute to asthma, heart disease and even lung cancer. These chemicals also have a negative effect on the environment by contributing to poor air quality.

100 Club – January winners

Vickie Gibson - £15

Alexis Cameron - £10

Sharon Bird - £5

A couple of reminders

Nowadays there are some beautiful hair bands and accessories available. We appreciate how the children enjoy wearing these, but please can we request that plain and not ornate hairbands are worn in school.

We are more than happy for children to bring their own footballs in to school, but please can we remind you that these are not allowed to be played with on the playground at the beginning of the day (8.40 – 8.55am).

Coming Up!

12.2.19 Friend's meeting

This will be at the White Hart in Hingham starting at 7.30p.m If you would like to find out a little bit more about how you can help the school please do join us. You will be made to feel very welcome.

14.2.19 Valentines Biscuit Sale

The next Friends' biscuit sale will take place on 'Valentines'  day, Thursday 14th February.  It will take place at break time and after school if any are left (which there normally are because of everyone's generosity!)

Please bring in some biscuits on the day of the sale in a named container and put your tub in the staff room. These can be collected from the outside classroom after school.

The children love a biscuit sale and as it's on the day before the start of the half term holiday too, it will be an exciting treat for them all! Biscuits will be 30p each and we suggest a maximum of two per child.

7.3.19 World Book Day

We would love the children to dress up as their favourite book (not film or television) character. Put your thinking caps on and have fun! 'West End in Schools' will also be in school to enhance our enjoyment of books.

Dates for your diary

SPRING TERM	
18.2.19	Half term
1.4.19	Learning reviews 3.30 – 7. 00p.m
2.4.19	Learning reviews 3.30 – 5. 30p.m
5.4.19	Last day

SUMMER TERM	
23.4.19	New term starts
8-10.5.19	Lapwing residential - Holt Hall
13.5.19	KS2 SATs week Kestrel residential - Peak District
27.5.19	Half term
3-6.6.19	Kingfisher residential - Hilltop
13.6.19	Kingfisher bell ringing
19.6.19	Sports Day (same format as last year)
2.7.19	KS2 dress rehearsal
3.7.19	KS2 play evening
4.7.19	KS2 play evening
24.7.19	Last day

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks