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**Newsletter 18 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Class News**

- Nursery - have loved making potions outside using colour!
- YR - have been exploring the large apparatus in the hall by slithering like snakes and climbing like monkeys!
- Y1 - have been working hard at controlling rolls and balances in gymnastics
- Y2 - enjoyed finding all about hot and cold climates in geography
- Y3 - have been learning some very trick maths this week involving long division and have shown some fantastic resilience
- Y4 - have loved writing their own play scrips inspired by the text, The Great Kapok Tree
- Y5 - have made excellent progress in their grammar skills this week
- Y6 - really enjoyed Fresh Air Club on Monday, learning about the process of filtering water to make it safe to drink

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the Girls football team who won their game this week which means they are now through to the semi-final. Also, well done to the Y5/6 netball team who played at Poole High winning 2 games out of 3. Finally, well done to the Athletics team who took part in the PEDDSA Indoor Athletics competition. Some excellent performances all round.

**School Council**

The school has chosen RSPCA as our new charity to support in 2024. We will be running some fundraising events over the next year to raise money for the charity and the first one we will be leading is a **sponsored read-a-thon!** On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**, we will be working as a whole school from Nursery to Year Six to read continuously from 8.50-3pm! We will be doing this in a relay style where we cannot leave the reading chairs in the hall unattended at any time! The children will be coming home with sponsorship forms over the half term to collect their sponsors. Please return these to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Thank you for your support.

**SISA**

- SISA's got Talent final – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Deadline for entries is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please find attached entry form.
- SISA are seeking a volunteer to run the second hand uniform – please contact Holly Burns for more details

**Value of the week: Unique**

Our picture news discussions have centred round the debate of 'will self-driving vehicles change our lives?' The introduction of driverless cars by 2026 sparked an interesting debate from all children.



## **NSPCC Number Day**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we will be supporting the NSPCC's Number Day. The children are invited to come into school wearing clothes that have a mathematical theme, e.g. displaying numbers, shapes, repeating patterns, etc. The children will be spending the day taking part in mathematical challenges and activities and will also be using their maths skills to do some baking. We will be asking the children to bring in a donation to support this very important charity.

## **Online Safety**

MyLOL claims to be the number one dating website in the world, which offers 13 to 19-year-olds the chance to rate each other's pictures, send private messages and contact strangers online. If that sets your alarm bells ringing, you're far from alone: law enforcement agencies and schools in several countries have seen fit to issue warnings about the platform.

Among the main issues is the fact that MyLOL doesn't have a reliable age verification method – meaning there's no foolproof way to stop anyone outside the platform's intended 13–19 audience signing up for an account under a false age. This week's guide also highlights potential concerns around in-app purchases and the use of geolocation for sinister reasons.

## **PE Days**

YR – Tuesday & Friday

Y1 – Tuesday & Friday

Y2 – Tuesday & Friday

Y3 – Thursday & Friday

Y4 – Thursday & Friday

Y5 – Monday & Thursday

Y6 – Monday & Thursday

## **Dates for Diary**

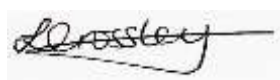
### **February**

2<sup>nd</sup> NSPCC Number day  
7<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Bee Netball event  
8<sup>th</sup> Y2 Dodgeball event  
**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half term holiday**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Bags2School  
27<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March Scholastic Book Fair in school

### **March**

W/C 18<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations

Yours sincerely,



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