Newsletter 14 – Autumn Term

This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 4th January		
Tuesday 5th January	Y4 Forest School	
Wednesday 6th January		Epiphany
Thursday 7th January		
Friday 8th January		
Advanced Notice:	Clubs will start wc 10th January 2022	
Polite Notice:	**Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.**	

We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Leo, Robyn, Tom

KS2: Harry, Natalia, Adrian, Alfie, Neo

The Hub

The Hub children have taken part in lots of Christmas activities this week. The have modelled and painted Christmas decorations, made cakes and Christmas cards and packed up their own bags of magic reindeer food. As much as getting messy was lots of fun, some of the children seemed more excited about helping to clean up!

Nursery

This week we have been very busy doing lots of different Christmas activites. We have made Christmas cards, tree decorations, candy canes and some very special food for Santa's reindeer. We have also been learning some lovely new Christmas songs which we will be sharing with you via Tapestry!

Reception

This week the children had a walk to the post box to post their Christmas cards. They have also been rehearsing some Christmas songs ready to perform in front of the Nursery children on Friday, these will be shared with you all via Tapestry. We certainly ended the term on a high by going on our first school trip to the Pantomime, the children laughed and danced throughout!

Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been learning about rules in different situations as part of their PSHE lessons. They discussed the rules we have at school and why we need them. We then learnt the special rules to follow when crossing the road and how to keep safe at home.
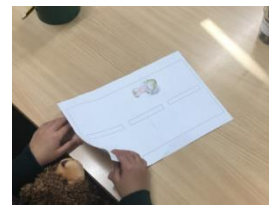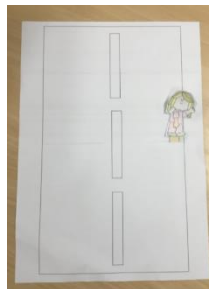
Year 2

This week, the Year 2 children have been having lots of fun coding the Beebots. They were given different algorithms to follow and had to work out which house it took the Beebot to.

Year 3

This week in Geography, Year 3 wrote postcards as if they were in Alaska experiencing the summer or winter solstice. We wrote them on PurpleMash and stuck them into our books.


Dear Brooke, it's the winter solstice and there's hardly any light right now in Alaska. Sunrise is at 10:50am and sunset is at 2:50pm. There's 20 hours of darkness and only 4 hours of light!I find it tricky to wake up in the morning because it's so dark. It's freezing outside and I can't continue playing when I get home.

from

Maya

Wistaston Academy

Dear Emelia
i'm writing you a postcard from Alaska. it's really cool here! At the moment, it's the winter solstice , which means it's has grey sky and its cold . There's barely any sunlight here!. The sunrise's at 10:50am and it sets at 2:50pm .it's only dark all day .In the morning's ,it's really dark outside my window but sometimes I get woken up late because the shew dosen't come until late and the sun dosen't vise that early. But I also get to stay out shorter because it's to cold to play with my friends outside .it's and start to go grey which is sad. hope you're well
from Ayesha and Emelia

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Year 4

Year 4 would love to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. In our RE lessons, we have been looking at Christmas. We finished our half term by creating a Christingle and looking at what it symbolises for all Christians.

Year 5

In maths this week, year 5 have been learning about perimeter. Towards the end of the week, the children enjoyed degigning a workshop for Father Christmas using what they had learnt.
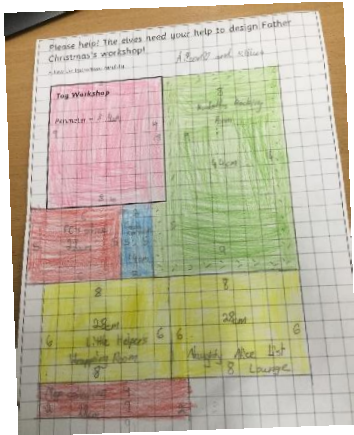
Year 6

Year 6 finished their history topic by learning about the Christmas truce in WW1. The children then reenacted what it might have been like.

Y1 Gymastics workshop at LS Gymnastics

As part of their gymnastics unit Year 1 have been invited to take part in a gymnastics workshop at LS Gymnastics Crewe Academy. Classes will be going during school hours and children will be transported to and from LS Gymnastics Crewe Academy by coach, accompanied by members of staff. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience specialist coaching in gymnastics and in a high-quality gymnastics setting.

Thursday 6th January-Thursday 20th January 1A Mrs Dean 1pm-2:30pm

Thursday 27th January-Thursday 17th February 1B Miss Nicholas 1pm-2:30pm

Year 5 Swimming

All Year 5 children will be going swimming after Christmas as part of the national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th January and will end on Tuesday 15th February.

The children will be travelling, by coach, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 5 team. Your child will need to bring in their **swimming costume/shorts and a towel**.

Year 4 Forest School
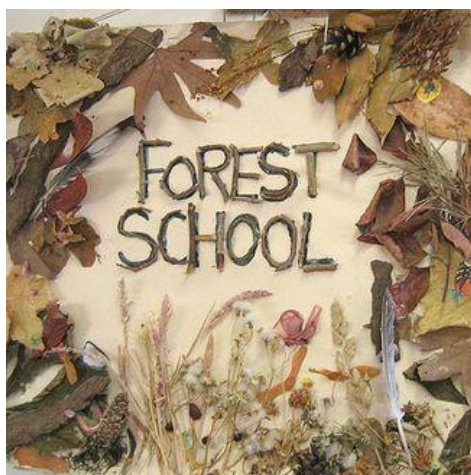
After half term Year 4 will be taking part in forest school activities. **Can Y4 parents and carers please send their children in with some old/warm clothes and footwear in a plastic bag for their forest school session which will take place on Tuesday afternoons.**

After school clubs

After school clubs will return from Monday 10th January-Thursday 17th February 2022. **All clubs are free of charge.** If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor from 4:30pm on Tuesday 4th January. Please note, children who were signed up for clubs in the Autumn term will need to sign up again for the Spring term. Miss Sophie, our dance club provider will be beginning her maternity leave after Christmas so Gymnastics is now available to our Y1 children and cricket to our Y2 children.

Our club days and times are:

Year 1 Gymnastics Club with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

Friday 3:05-4pm

Year 2 Cricket with Harry from Cheshire Cricket Coaching

Wednesday 3:05-4pm

Cricket with Harry is for boys and girls who would like to to develop their skills and who enjoy playing fun games with their friends.

Year 3 Dodgeball Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Friday 3:05-4:15pm

Year 4 Dodgeball Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Thursday 3:05-4:15pm

Year 6 Dodgeball with Mrs Adamczyk

Monday 3:05-4:15pm

Year 5 Dodgeball with Mrs Adamczyk

Tuesday 3:05-4:15pm

Dodgeball is a team sport in which players on two teams try to throw balls and hit opponents, while avoiding being hit themselves. Children will be active, enjoy playing with friends and will have fun!

Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception on time.

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What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ...
SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment: the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommended making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts "https" instead of "http". A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoKloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.

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The Dummy Elves are Coming to Town!

Children, the elves need your help! Lots of baby elves have been born this year and there are not enough dummies to go around! If you have a dummy that you are too grown up for now, please can you send it to the North Pole? Our Dummy Elves will be visiting very soon, please leave your dummies out for them to collect.

Brown paper bags
Widely available
E.g. Home Bargains

Decorate a gift box/gift bag Your child can use pens, paint, stickers and other craft materials to decorate a box/bag. Place the dummy inside before leaving it out for the elves to find.

Fill Your Own Baubles
£2 for 6
The Works

Dummy bauble - Place their dummy inside a hollow plastic bauble. Your child can use craft materials to decorate and fill. Or you could tie a ribbon to the dummy before hanging it on the Christmas tree.

Gift for Santa Use wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, string, labels, tape etc and support your child to wrap up their dummy beautifully to put under the tree for the elves.

Share stories Books are a great way to introduce an idea to children. The experiences of characters are inspirational and reassuring. E.g. Just like in 'The Last Noo-Noo' by Jill Murphy, children could plant their dummies in plant pots or the garden to see if they too can grow a Noo-Noo tree!

Stories to Share

THE LAST NOO-NOO — JILL MURPHY

No More Dummy for Piggy!

A Little Princess Story — I Want My Dummy! — Tony Ross

Ben gives up his Dummy

Florrie the Dummy Fairy

NHS Cheshire East Council

Talking Walk-in

Parenting Journey

Chat to a Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

Do you have concerns about your child's communication development?

Come and have a chat and get some tips from a Speech and Language Therapist. We will be available at the following Childrens Centres on

8.12.21	Sandbach	9:30 - 11:00
8.12.21	Oaktree	9:30 - 10:00
15.12.21	Oakenclough	10:00 - 11:00
16.12.21	The Brooks	10:00 - 11:00
21.12.21	Congleton	9:30 - 11:00

Receive useful tips on what you can do to help your child at home, tailored to their unique needs

Find out more about how to support your child's speech and language development - www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/cheshireeastchatters

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