

PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Design technology project Automaton using cans Year 3



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REMINDERS

We marked 'safer internet day' on 11th of February with a variety of activities. The focus this year was how to spot offers that are 'too good to be true' that might pop up when they are online such as 'win an ipad'. We looked at this in our whole school assembly. Teachers then followed up with work in class reminding children how to stay safe online. Access to the internet and gaming can be a great resource and fun for children but we often find in school that our children tell us they are accessing games and content that is inappropriate for their age. It is so hard for families to monitor children's experiences online so, as per my letter on the day, there are lots of resources to support families in trying to navigate this ever changing world - please see opposite for the links again.

We also celebrated World Book Day as part of our positive reading culture at school. We were all delighted to see so many fabulous, creative costumes and marvelled at the hard work that children and families had put into it. We had a very exciting assembly with so many different characters attending. The staff all enthusiastically joined in too. Unusual Reading activities took place throughout the day with children mixing up year groups, having extra story times and buddy reading with younger children as well as reading activities within class. Building a positive culture around reading is so important and the buzz in school for the day was incredible.

Schools benefit from a lot of support and challenge to ensure we are providing the best education we can for your children. Our governing board provides that challenge and support through our meetings and also through regular subject visits, where they will talk to subject leaders, watch lessons, look at a sample of pupils' work and talk to the children. This ensures we are constantly moving the school forward and are held accountable. We are very grateful for the time and support the governors provide. We also had a visit from our Wessex Mat Trustees which enabled them to see our wonderful school during a normal working day.

We are always keen to find ways to engage our children with the outdoors and nature and I am pleased to announce that we will be working with 'Seedlings' to improve our outdoor areas, develop gardening skills and grow some food. James will be running an after school



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/>



gardening club after Easter so look out for the booking letter if you think your child would be interested.

Excitement is ramping up in year 4 as they prepare for their residential trip to Hooke Court in the coming weeks. It is a great experience where children get to engage in team building and a wide variety of activities. We are all really looking forward to it.

We have also got a new website for the school which some of you will have already seen. We hope you like it ! We will gradually be adding more curriculum information so that you can find out more about your child's learning journey with us.

Parent consultations are taking place the week of the 31st March. Please book your slots so that you can receive your child's annual full school report and hear how they are getting on in their learning and what amazing young people they are!

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school

