



TRAVELLING BACK TO THE NEOLITHIC AGE!

Earlier this week, Year 3 had the opportunity to travel back to Neolithic Stone age times at Calderstones Park. They spent a glorious morning as hunter-gatherers foraging for leaves, seeds and berries that were safe enough to eat. They explored, experimented and crafted in a stone age way. The highlight of the day was getting close enough to touch the 5,000 year old Calder Stones. Our children journeyed back to school with their heads buzzing with new information. If you are in the area, this beautiful park is well worth a visit!

Odd Socks Day of Anti-Bullying Week!

Monday saw the launch of 'Anti-Bullying Week 2023' through 'Odd Socks Day'. The idea behind 'Odd Socks Day' is that it allows people to celebrate their differences and express their individuality, and this was certainly something our pupils embraced! Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in the UK by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. At Florence Melly we want our pupils to choose respect and unity, and not be afraid to call out bullying if they see it. Anti-Bullying Week lets us come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. We are all about ensuring our pupils are safe at Florence Melly!

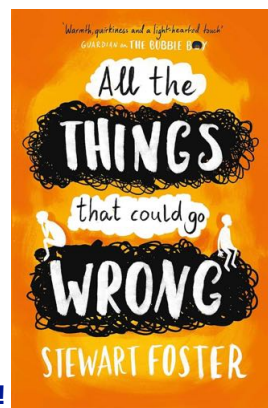
An Enrichment Trip to Waterstones!

What a lovely afternoon our 'Book Character Pumpkin' competition winners had on Monday as they visited Waterstones book shop with Mr Leach and Miss Campbell. The winners were treated to a bag full of books of their choice - as many as they could carry! They settled on the new 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: No Brainer' by Jeff Kinney, 'The Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling and a whole host of other delightful texts! Immersing our pupils in high-quality texts is just one of our curriculum BIG DREAMS and we take every opportunity to do this at our school! Promoting a culture of reading for pleasure is really important to us!

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation is '[All the Things that Could Go Wrong](#) by [Stewart Foster](#)' in honour of Anti-Bullying Week. It is an absorbing story about bullying and friendship crafted with the right balance of warmth and tension to engage readers in upper KS2. The narrative alternates between the viewpoints of teenagers Alex and Dan. Daily life is a struggle for Alex, plagued by worries caused by his OCD and living in fear of the awful bullying at school. Dan's life is not straightforward either. Since his older brother left home, everything in Dan's world feels different. Dan plays out his frustrations at school, messing around in class and finding easy targets at school to bully with his friends. As time goes by, the boys end up working together on a raft-building project and a new empathy begins to develop as their relationship grows. Some books you read a few pages or some chapters and park it for the day. Other books, you get so into the story that you just keep turning the pages and lose track of time. This book is the latter

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IMPORTANT DATES!

20/11/23
Parents' evening

01/12/23
Christmas Pyjama Day (more to follow)

07/12/23
Christmas Jumper Day (more to follow)

For more important dates, please visit the 'parent zone' of our school website!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Reception (97.7%)

Year 5 (96.7%)

Year 1 (95.2%)

Year 2 (94.7%)

Year 4 (94.7%)

Nursery (94.3%)

Year 6 (91.8%)

Year 3 (91.7%)

94.2%
Whole-school attendance this week!





End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 17th November 2023

Year 4 - Art and Design - Drawing 'Self-Love'

This week's 'spotlight on curriculum' takes us back to Year 4 and a look at Art and Design (an area brilliantly led by Year 4's very own Mrs Doyle). The children have taken inspiration from the artist Leonardo Da Vinci as part of their drawing topic on portraits. They have been tasked with; using different hardnesses of pencils to show line, tone and texture; using shading to show light and shadow and using hatching and cross hatching to show tone and texture. These skills were put to the test when the children were asked to draw a portrait of Mr Leach. They were certainly up for the challenge. Mr Leach visited the children earlier this week to celebrate their masterpieces, giggle at their interpretations and praise them all for demonstrating the skills they have acquired. We are planning an exhibition of the children's work for parents/carers this half-term, so you can come and see their portraits for yourself! They are amazing!



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
CURRICULUM**

Date reminders

- Monday 20th November 2023 - Parents' evening.
- Monday 4th December 2023 - Mental Health Drop Down Day.
- Monday 4th December 2023 - School nurses in school to administer the flu immunisation.
- Thursday 7th December 2023 - Christmas Jumper Day.
- Thursday 7th December 2023 - Christmas Dinner Day.
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - Safeguarding coffee morning with Mr Baillie exploring online safety.
- Friday 15th December 2023 - Christmas Fair.
- Thursday 21st December 2023 - The children finish for Christmas at 1:30pm.

Our SEND coffee mornings

Earlier this week, we welcomed the ASD Training Team back into school. They joined us for a coffee morning with a SEND focus. Parents/carers were able to engage in an informative and supportive Q & A session about all matters relating to Autism. Everyone who attended found the session incredibly useful and the team will be returning to school in February to lead further training for parents/carers in social communication. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs O'Keefe, our Inclusion Lead.

Upcoming children's story time sessions at Waterstones in Liverpool One

Waterstones in Liverpool One hold frequent story time sessions for parents/carers and children to enjoy. These are held on a Saturday afternoon and tomorrow, they have a 'Hairy McClary' themed workshop for you to enjoy. The session starts at 1:30pm and the children will enjoy stories, crafts and a special contest to take home a life-sized Hairy McClary! For more information, please visit: <https://www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/liverpool-one/region/7>. If tomorrow is too short notice, they have a Christmas story time session on Saturday 2nd December at 1:30pm. Why not check them out! If you do, take a photo, tweet and tag us!

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend. I'll see you all in the New Year.

Mr Leach
Headteacher