



November 2020

New York Primary School

As we head towards Christmas, staff at New York are determined to ensure that pupils have as many opportunities as possible to do all the things we would normally do at this time of year just in a slightly different way. You will all have received information regarding dates for **Grotto visits, Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, Christmas Crafts and Christmas performances**. There is a new surprise at the Grotto this year and we can't wait! Thank you to those who responded to the most recent Parent Survey, we have taken on board your views. As we are unable to invite you into school to watch your child perform we have bought the services of a professional recording company and arranged for the Christmas Productions to be recorded. All 3 performances from Early Years, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two will be professionally recorded on to one link, including some performances from the school choir. A link to view will be available to purchase at a cost of £5.00. Many of you have already pre-paid and ordered your copy. We will be promoting the raffle for super hampers and prizes. Tickets will be available to purchase from Monday 30th November. As we will be in Tier 3 from 2nd December strict restrictions continue which we must all adhere to. The rate of virus transmission in school has been very low and we feel very fortunate that **only one class** of 25 pupils has needed to isolate after more than 14 weeks back in school. This is due to the tight and consistent protocols in school and parents respecting the rules around keeping children off when suspecting symptoms. Can I urge everyone to stick to the protocols required when dropping off and collecting children please.

Protocol Reminders

- EYFS and 2YO parents please maintain 2 metre distance on the path outside school and keep the path clear for others to walk past.
- KS1 parents please stand 2 metres away from the double gates and keep the path clear. Stand on a yellow spot and wait for your child to be sent to you.
- KS2 parents please enter the yard and ensure you stand 2 metres away from other parents - when leaving by the single gate please ensure there is a 2 metre distance between you and the person in front.
- Punctuality is essential - please ensure your child is in school before the gates are locked.

Attendance

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
09/11/20	98.1 %	Mr Lisle	100%
16/11/20	97.2 %	Mrs Smith, Mr Lisle	100%
23/11/20	96.9 %	Mrs Potter/ Mrs Davidson, Mrs Blakey	100%

Our current whole school attendance is 97.4% which is above our target of 96.5%.



Halloween Craft Afternoon

On Tuesday 3rd November, classes participated in a Halloween craft afternoon. We created a variety of different crafts including paper crafts and spooky hats! Pupils enjoyed a Halloween cake and juice and had lots of fun within their classes.



Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, all pupils in school celebrated Children in Need in their pyjamas! We enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate in classes and raised lots of money for children who are not as fortunate as us. This year, Children in Need was thinking about the effects of Lockdown on children across the UK. Thank you for donating to this worthwhile cause.



Remembrance Day

Our remembrance service was the most beautiful and respectful event. Every pupil in school stood on the yard to pay their respects and reflect upon the enormous sacrifice that so many people made so that we can live the life we have today. Every single pupil respected the 2 minutes silence. Our pupils had been learning about the events of war and each class made beautiful poppy artwork which was laid in a display. The Last Post was played to indicate the loss of so many lives and the end of the service. I am incredibly PROUD of how respectful our pupils are on such an occasion.

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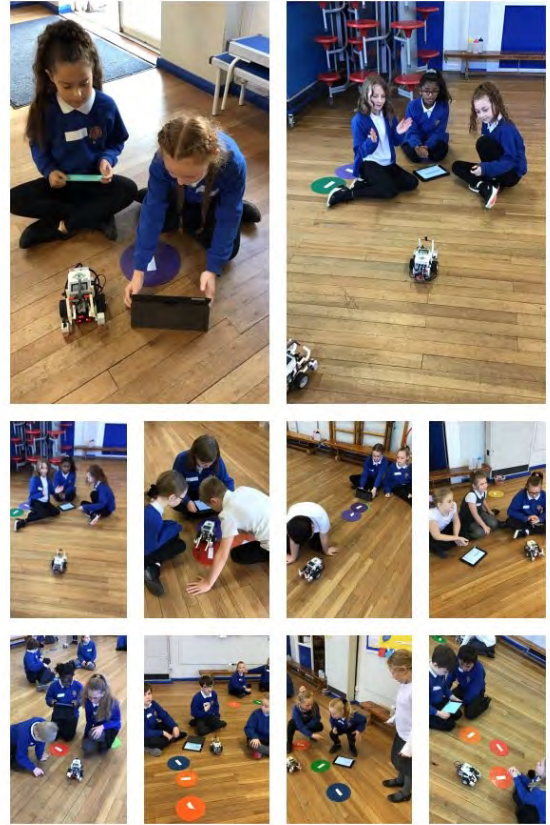


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Year 5 EV3 Workshop

On Thursday 12th November, Year 5 took part in an exciting Robotics Workshop. During the day, children learnt how to code and program Lego EV3 robots using iPads. Children worked in teams to make the robots move forward (measuring how many rotations of the wheel were needed), they used angles to make turns and they were able to program their robots to lift boxes. The children showed such resilience during the day and all were able to get their boxes into a target. Some children will be able to take part in our Lego League later in the year!



Year 6 Micro:bit workshop

On Thursday 19th November Year 6 took part in an interesting micro:bit workshop. We learnt how to code the LED lights on the device to show what we would like. Children worked in pairs to create animations and retro games such as Tetris and Snake. They even coded their devices to be able to play a game of rock paper scissors against another pair. All children showed great teamwork skills and resilience as they had to decode their instructions and figure out where there was a mistake.



World Nursery Rhyme week

Our Early Years children took part in World Nursery Rhyme this month to celebrate the importance that rhymes play in developing children's future reading.

We used rhymes that were written around farms and animals and used them in our learning. Some we knew, some were very new to our ears!

We even went on a slightly different Welly Waddle than our usual annual outings - this time we went around the school grounds in search of rhymes!

Year 3 Tri-Golf

We have been working on our Golf skills over the past few weeks, learning about the different clubs, different ways of moving the ball and of course the all important posture!

We really enjoyed chipping and trying to get the ball off the ground. We enjoy working in teams and all encourage and support each other during lessons.



Year 4 Archery

In Year 4, we have been learning the new skill of Archery. We have been working with Access Coaching to develop our body positioning and aim. Each week, we have worked on target practice, learning how to aim correctly for close targets and longer range. It has been wonderful to see so much progress in such a short time and we have heard so many positive comments from the Access Coaches. Well done Year 4!



Anti-Bullying Week

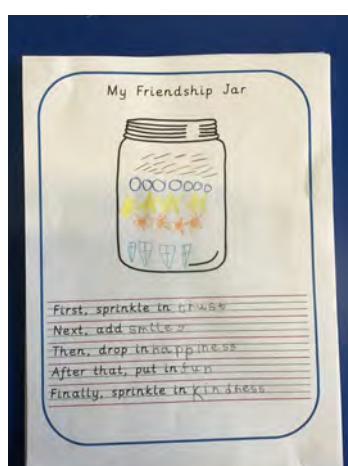


Reception

In Reception we talked about what a good friend was and how we can be a good and kind friend. We used the Elmer stories to think about being a kind friend to others and have spent the last few weeks looking for those qualities in our friends.

Year 1

In Year One we discussed friendship and what qualities a good friend has. We created our own 'Perfect Friendship' recipe and made friendship jars following our recipe.



Year 2

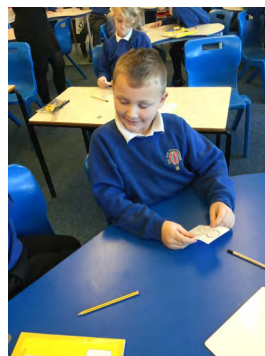
Year 2 have been discussing the impact that our words have. We talked about how kind words bring us up but how unkind words can make us feel upset and affect our moods. We wrote kind tweets to people we know.

Year 3

In Year 3 we watched a clip from Monsters University. We agreed that we all have different strengths and weaknesses - that is what makes us a really great team! We talked about how our strengths can help us in our lives - now and in the future.

Year 4

Year 4 have been thinking about this year's theme: United Against Bullying. We talked about working together as a team to make good choices. We used #choosekindness to think about all of the lovely things we know about each other. We wrote kind words for our friends and shared them together.



Year 5

In Year 5, we looked at the 2020 video, "United Against Bullying" and talked about what the word United meant. From this, we worked in small groups to create our own short videos which aimed to stop other children bullying and think of what could be done to help their friends. We are United Against Bullying.

Year 6

In Year 6 we watched a video on the BBC which explained bullying in more detail. We then had a discussion about the differences between emotional bullying and physical bullying. After that, we read a poem called 'Samantha-Jayne.' and drew a picture to show what we thought she looked like. Finally we wrote the different emotions that we thought she might be feeling.

Raffle

Our Christmas Raffle is always a very popular addition to the Christmas Fayre and whilst we are unable to bring you our Christmas Fayre this year we will still be having our raffle.



Tickets will be going on sale this week. We will be selling these for 50p a strip. Spread the word with your family and friends. You've got to be in it to win it! Please send any raffle ticket money into school with your child in a named envelope saying how many strips you would like. Prizes include:

- a food hamper worth at least £50 complete with all the Christmas trimmings!
- a bottle hamper
- a toiletries hamper
- movie night goodie boxes

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget it's Christmas Jumper Day on the 11th December!

Please bring in something chocolaty to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper and school trousers/joggers or skirt. We can't wait to see all of your festive outfits!



Dates for Diary

- 30.11.20, 1.12.20, 7.12.20, 8.12.20 Bikeability
9.12.20 Christmas Dinner for EYFS, Year 3 and Year 4
10.12.20 Christmas Productions Recording
11.12.20 Christmas Grotto
11.12.20 Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.20 Christmas Dinner for Year 1,
Year 2, Year 5, Year 6
14.12.20 Christmas Crafts Afternoon
15.12.20 Christmas Parties (in class)
16.12.20 Carols on the Yard - with or without parents
depending on rule change



