



Oracy Assembly

Today was our first Oracy Assembly where classes came together virtually to discuss this week's 'Big Question'. There were lots of interesting comments and viewpoints from our children. It was lovely to see how excited everyone was to share their thoughts on 'Why Does My Voice Matter?'.

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ATTENDANCE:

School attendance this week is 93.3% which is above national average. Well done to class 5K who had the highest attendance at 99%



Dates:

February

Half term

12th—19th Feb
inclusive

19th - Inset Day—school closed

22nd—27th - Scholastic book fair in school

23rd - Y5 perform at Shakespeare North

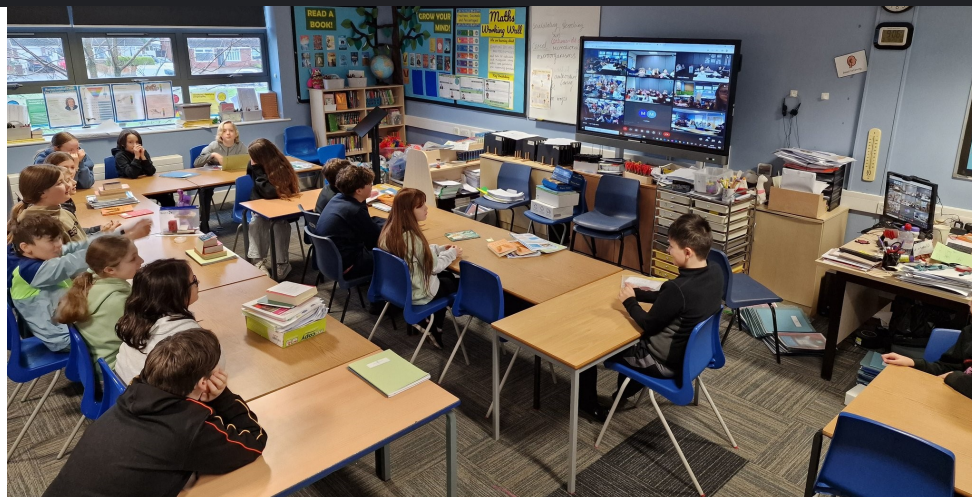
29th - Y5 panto trip

March

4th & 5th - Matt Goodfellow poet in school

6th - KS2 Quidditch Day

7th - World Book Day



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This Week's Big Question

Children's mental health week

Why does my voice matter?

BIG QUESTION of the week!

Here is a summary of what the pupils thought:

- Y1 — Our voice matters because we all have different voices and we use them to communicate our feelings. We are able to ask questions, we can teach our friends, help others and read stories
- Y2 — Our voices are important because they are like our superpower. We can use them to make other people happy. We can also use them to politely disagree and let people know when we think that things are wrong. We also love to sing!
- Y3 — Everyone needs to feel heard so they feel worthy and valued. It is also important to listen to others to get a different viewpoints.
- Y4 — My voice is important because we need to say how we feel.
- Y5 — My voice matters and so does yours. If you have ideas it's a great way to share your thoughts. You need to have opinions of your own and it helps people understand who YOU are. Your voice matters because without it we wouldn't know who you are or what you stand for.
- Y6 — Spoke eloquently about the importance of using their voices and spoke about the need for the children of today to speak up and share their thoughts on the world as they are the future. The phrase "Every voice no matter how young" was poignant throughout Thomas, Tilly and Sophie's responses. Encouraging mental wellbeing and sharing concerns or worries was also a response that made our children think deeper about using their voices.

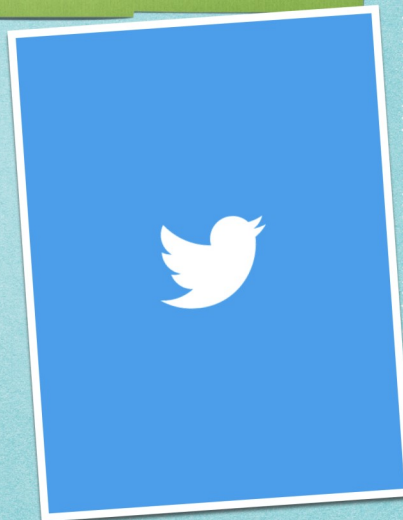
Next week's BIG QUESTION is

21st Feb – International mother languages
day

Should everyone speak the same language?

NEW Class Twitter Accounts

- ▶ Follow your children's classes at:
- ▶ Nursery @nurserykew
- ▶ Reception @receptionkew
- ▶ Year 1 @Y1Kew
- ▶ Year 2 @Y2Kew
- ▶ Year 3 @Y3Kew
- ▶ Year 4 @Y4Kew
- ▶ Year 5 @Y5Kew
- ▶ Year 6 @Y6_Kew



This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Stanley	RK
Mohammed	RW
Billie	1K
Sadie	1W
Elijah	2K
April	2W
Sophia S	3K
Adam & Anaya	3W
Isaac B	4K
Carter	4W
Bryony	5K
Kian	5W
David	6K
Tia	6W

4K Dodgeball at Christ The King

Today 4K represented school at a dodgeball event at Christ the King Catholic high school.

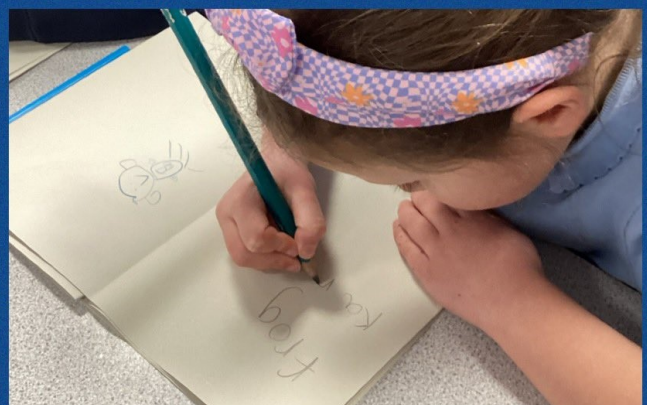
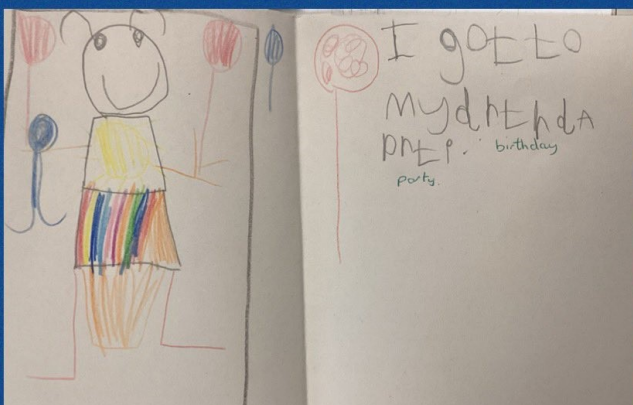
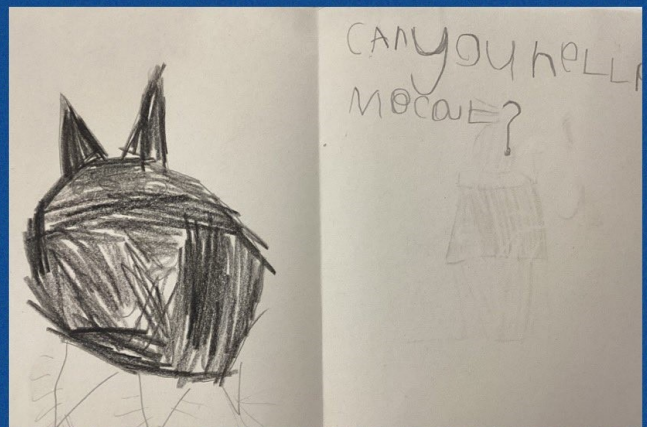
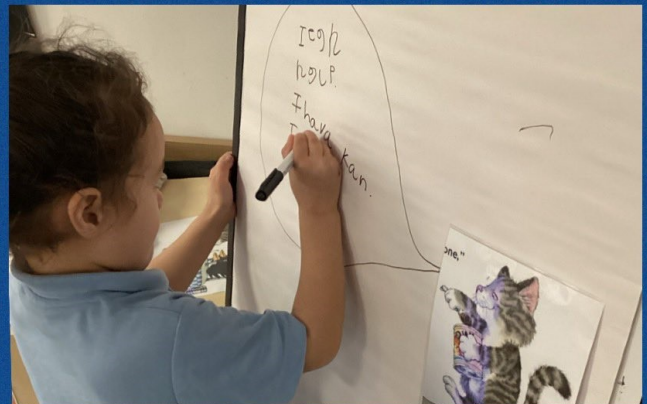
Making up 3 teams they all showed a fantastic array of skills and a competitive spirit only matched by their sportsmanship. With 8 games to play, they were all kept busy and all teams had success winning games across the morning. We were very lucky to end up with teams both in gold and silver medal position.

Well done to EVERYONE in 4K!



Reception have been immersing themselves in the story
Q Pootle 5.

They have been working hard, focused on writing their own
stories and created speech bubbles for their characters!



Safer Internet Day

We marked this special day with an assembly focusing on keeping safe online. The main message was about telling a trusted adult whenever you are concerned and the importance of knowing about our privacy rights and settings. All children from Reception to Year 6 engaged in discussions and activities in class throughout the week.

Following this KS2 watched a performance 'Play, Post, Share, Repeat' from Altru Drama exploring online safety and responsibility.





Year 5 performed a mesmerising dance performance to 'A Million Dreams' this week at the Meols Cop dance show.

They also won 'the best costume' category so well done!.

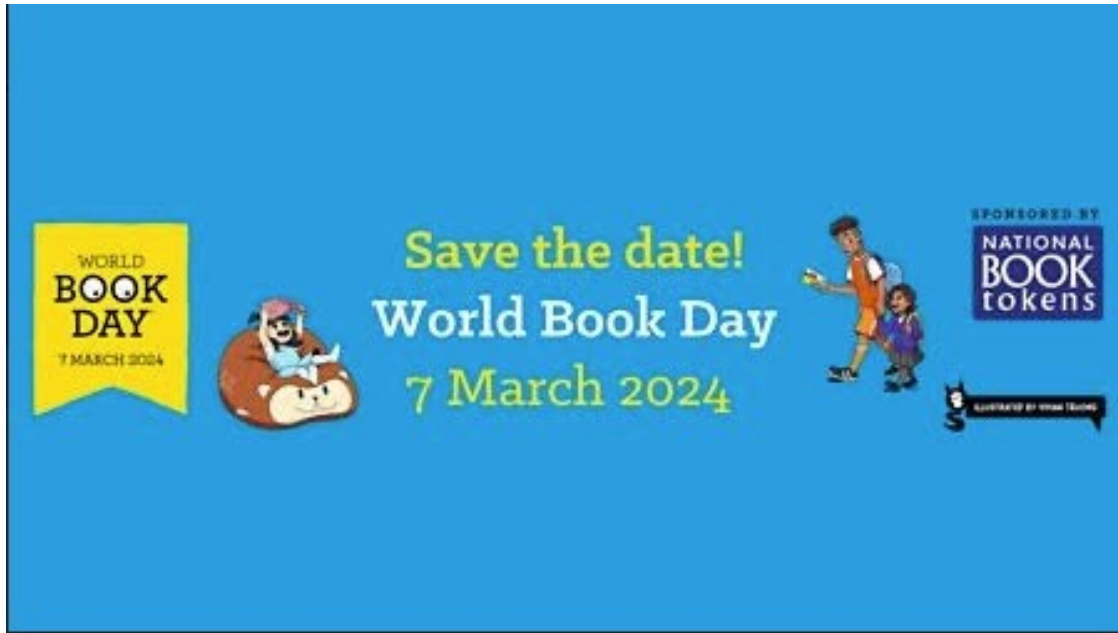


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World Book Day 7th March

Start planning your World Book Day outfit! We are looking forward to seeing you all dressed up to celebrate this annual event.



We are thrilled that the book fair is returning to school! It will run from Thursday 22nd Feb until Tuesday 27th Feb in the hall from 3.30-4pm. It is a cashless system. Come and have a browse at the wide range of titles and genres.



This week we were introduced to our
Mental Well-being Ambassadors.

It was fantastic to hear all about them and their interests.
Children have been encouraged to put forward questions to them
about how they think the Mental Well-being Ambassadors could
support their own well-being





February Half Term Challenge 2024

<p>Activity 1 Saturday 10th February is Chinese New Year and 2024 is the year of the dragon! Have a go at making some Chinese New Year themed crafts and decorations. There are lots of ideas here 30 Chinese New Year Activities And Crafts For Kids 2023 - Netmums</p>	<p>Activity 2 February is National Heart Month and is all about exercising for a healthy heart. Why not create a circuit made up of 10 different physical activities such as burpees, pressups, squats, star jumps. Take your pulse before you start and after you have finished (you may need help from an adult for this). Make a poster showing the exercises you have chosen and record your heart rate on this too!</p>	<p>Activity 3 Half term is student volunteer week and also includes 'Random acts of Kindness' day. To gain your credit we are asking you to volunteer an hour of your time to help a friend or family member. You could: Organise a litter pick, undertake odd jobs, Cook or bake a tasty treat, organise some dog walks (be generous and imaginative!) Write a short report of what you did, who for and how it made you feel.</p>	<p>Activity 4 Ask a grown up to help you make some pancakes. There are so many different types to try...ham and cheese, fruity, scotch, lemon and sugar – yum! Here are some recipe ideas Kid's pancake recipes - BBC Food Don't forget to take a few pictures before you eat them all!</p>
<p>Activity 5 We have had a lot of cold weather recently...but some animals live in very cold temperatures most of the time! Follow this link to see some of the animals and then choose one to find out more about. Write a report, including where they live, what they eat and how they keep warm. Top 10 Snow Animals and How They Survive the Cold Discover Magazine</p>	<p>Activity 6 14th February is Valentines day – Show a friend or family member how much you love them by making a card or gift – there are some great ideas here 75+ Easy Valentine Crafts for Kids - Happiness is Homemade Or why not write them a poem? Get some inspiration here! 17 Valentine's Poems For Kids - Netmums</p>	<p>Activity 7 If you like photography, then why not take up this challenge? Using a mixture of indoor and outdoor photos, take pictures of Something: <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">1. Stripey</div> <div style="width: 50%;">2. Tiny</div> <div style="width: 50%;">3. Fluffy</div> <div style="width: 50%;">4. Transparent</div> <div style="width: 50%;">5. Sparkly</div> <div style="width: 50%;">6. Tall</div> <div style="width: 50%;">7. Spikey</div> <div style="width: 50%;">8. Colourful</div> <div style="width: 50%;">9. Rusty</div> <div style="width: 50%;">10. Living</div> </div> </p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless stated otherwise), when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk



**BIRKDALE HIGH
SCHOOL PRESENTS**

IAN FLEMING'S

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG JR.

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th
February 2024
7pm

Tickets available from the school office
Adults £8
Children and concessions £5

**Mrs Burrows' dance, drama, arts and
crafts half-term workshop day!**

**Contact the email provided. Limited spaces
available!**

First come first serve basis.

**DANCE
DRAMA
CRAFTS**



Emma Burrows Performing Arts

Monday 12th February

9am - 5pm - £35

Contact emmaburrowspa@gmail.com





Picture News For Parents



February 2024 edition

Hello!

Welcome to this first edition of *Picture News for Parents*, a newsletter to keep you updated with Picture News coverage and how children can explore the news in a productive, child-friendly way. But first, let us introduce ourselves!



What is Picture News?

We make weekly news resources to help schools teach current affairs. We go beyond simply telling children what is happening in the world, to instead find opportunities for discovery, deeper thinking and self-reflection.

A Picture News session uses real-life learning, covering topics including real people and scenarios, to bring the world to the classroom. This helps children learn more about themselves and others: what interests them, what they are passionate about, and what they want to change or act on.

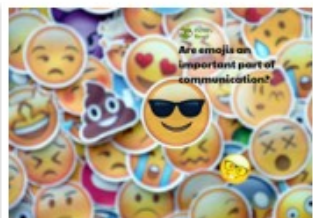
This half term's pack recap



Are emojis an important part of communication?

8th January 2024

This first pack of 2024 explored Teddy Cottle's petition for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he thinks it misrepresents glasses-wearers. This story led to wider thoughts of how we use emojis to communicate and express ourselves.



Is an e-reader better than a book?

15th January 2024

This pack detailed a recent study from the University of Valencia, which found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading. This news inspired children to debate how they felt about print books versus e-readers, and reflect on the value books bring to our lives.



Is fashion important?

29th January 2024

News of BBC's new programme, *Style It Out*, was the subject of this pack. The contest show requires budding designers to only use second-hand materials, which led us to explore sustainable clothing and the impact fast fashion is having on our environment.



What makes someone inspirational?

5th February 2024

This pack covered the news of Spain's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome, Mar Galcerán. Talk of Mar's election led us to explore the power of pursuing interests despite facing obstacles, and prompted discussions about what traits make someone inspirational.

