



Friday Flyer

Mytham Primary School

This week has been 'National Online Safety week' and school have been focussing on this in Computing lessons and assemblies. Ask your child what they have learnt about keeping themselves safe on line. Miss Jones (computing and Online Safety lead) has created a flyer for parents regarding Online Gaming. Please see second page of Flyer. There are some useful links. Our website has a parent help section under Child Protection and Safeguarding too. 'E-Safety at home'

Unfortunately the week has also coincided with a raft of issues with children in Y5 and Y6, as a result of them being on messaging sites. Some of these messages have been very hurtful and we have had to support a lot of children in distress. Please can I urge all parents to closely monitor their child's usage of social media and take their phones off them at bed-time. A separate letter for Y5/6 parents will be emailed today.

The Week Ahead

Year 2 Assessments all week

Wednesday 13th February

Y6 CPR Training LS class

Friends of Mytham meeting
6.15pm in school

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Thursday 14th February

Valentines Day

Y5 CO'F at Smithills
Computing Day

Friday 15th February

Parent Forum

Little Lever centre
9.00-10.00am

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Week Beginning 18th February

Back to School 8.45am

Monday 25th February

School Nurse - Next drop in clinic
Thursday 14th March at 8.45 a.m.

Attendance last week
Target is 96% Target

Reception Mrs Lawrence	96.7
Reception Mrs Lord/ Mrs Robinson	93.5
Year One Mrs Gilkey	97.9
Year One Mrs Branche	99.2
Year Two : Miss Jones	98.1
Year Two Miss Nuttall	92.7
Year 3/4 Mrs Boardman	97.1
Year 3/4 Miss Lee	96.7
Year 3/4 Miss Price	95.7
Year 5 Miss O'Farrell	97.7
Year 5 Mrs Briggs	96.4
Year 6 Mr Spires	92.5
Year 6 Miss Findon	95

Lost property

Last week I explained that we have a lot of lost property in school; currently four large bags in KS1 alone and none of it with names on !

Please ask if you can look in the lost property before the end of next week. Unfortunately we do not have space to store it and so we will be taking it to the local charity shops at half term.

Emotional Health and Well Being Award

As many of you already know, Children's Positive Emotional Health is an area that Mytham is passionate about and we have this as one of our priorities this year.

We have signed up for an Award Scheme run by the Leeds Beckett University which audits our work in this area and gives us next steps to work on.

Our assessor has already rated us as **Embedding** (Bronze) and tells us that we are well on the way to achieving **Embracing** (Silver) within 12 months time. **An area to work with right away:** Supporting parents with promoting positive emotional health **for all the family** at home

Something to celebrate: You have really strong lines of communication already established with staff, pupils and parents. Your surveys in particular will be a great source of learning (and evidence) and it's fantastic that staff and pupils feel heard as you take care to respond to the issues raised in these surveys : *We are really pleased that all members of the school community feel that we listen to them. The Friday Flyer is the main communication method and the majority of parents have got on board with the online version now. Parent Forum is next Friday!*

Area to Work on; Engaging Parents with the Emotional Health and Wellbeing initiative.

We were overwhelmed by the response from families to the Homework project in December. Many of the projects are in the school foyer; please take time to pop in to have a look...

Hot off the press!

We are currently commissioning a free 3 week course for Mytham parents which will take place in April.

'Mindful Families'

The course will explore Mindful Parenting techniques. The importance of heathy mind and healthy body as well as suggestions for reducing stress and managing behaviour at home. More to follow. Please watch out as places will be limited.

Mytham's Stars Of The Week

Year Group	Class Winner	Value Demonstrated
Reception	Mrs Lawrence: Amelie M	Successful
	Mrs Lord/ Mrs Robinson: Ethan D	Responsible
Year One	Mrs Gilkey: Sebastian C	Responsible
	Mrs Branche: Abigail G	Thoughtful
Year Two	Miss Jones: Harry W	Ambitious
	Miss Nuttall: Harrison B	Successful
Year Three/Four	Mrs Boardman: Toby B, Emily T	Successful
	Miss Lee: Willow L	Responsible
	Miss Price: Shalom M	Ambitious
Year Five	Mrs Briggs: Summer F, Alfie V, Evie G	Strong together
	Miss O'Farrell: Robert B	Responsible
Year Six	Miss Findon: Daisie R	Ambitious
	Mr Spires: Rubie-Sue V	Successful
Headteacher's Outstanding Pupil	Emily T Y3 LB	Fantastic acting in Y3/4's Hogwarts week. A convincing professor in a Hogwarts scene
	Great acting skills Emily!	

Shakespeare Week Dress Up Day: Just to confirm the Shakespeare Dress Up day is **FRIDAY 15th MARCH**

There were lots of suggestions in the Friday Flyer last week... but it is on the end of this one too. Third page.

Online Safety at Mytham

Online Gaming



Online gaming is hugely popular with children and young people. Annual research conducted by OFCOM shows that gaming is still one of the top activities enjoyed by 5-16 year olds online, with many of them gaming via mobile devices and going online using their games console. Most games now have an online element to them; allowing users to take part in leader boards, join group games or chat to others.

Be smart
on the
internet

Top Tips

- Check the age rating of the games your children are playing and ensure games are age appropriate.
- Advise your child not to share personal details online or in their profiles. It may be best to discuss the dangers of sharing information online.
- Encourage your child to play fairly and treat other gamers with respect.
- Use family safety settings to protect your child from discovering games which may not be age/content appropriate.
- For many parents it is useful to agree time limits on gaming with their children.
- Playing games online can leave computers/devices open to risk of a virus. Protect your computer by ensuring you have up to date anti-virus software in place.
- Ensure your child knows how to report or block other players who engage in online harassment or any other unsuitable behaviour.

Internet connectivity in a game adds a new opportunity for gamers as it allows players to find and play against, or with, other players. These may be their friends or family members or even other users in the game from around the world (in a multiplayer game).

We know that parents and carers do have questions and concerns about games - often about the type of games their child plays, who they may be speaking to and for how much time their child is playing.

S Stay Safe Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	M Don't Meet Up Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	A Accepting Files Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	R Reliable? Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	T Tell Someone Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Further Support and Information



Childnet: Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. The Childnet website hosts all the online resources detailed below, as well as a number of recommended resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers. www.childnet.com



UK Safer Internet Centre: Childnet is part of the European Commission appointed UK Safer Internet Centre. Together with partners the **Internet Watch Foundation** and the **South West Grid for Learning**, we raise awareness about internet safety, develop information materials and resources and organise high profile events such as Safer Internet Day. You can access a range of resources from across the UK, Europe and wider afield at www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents.



Need help? Information about what to do if a child comes to you for help and advice about how to report online concerns such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content or illegal behaviour. www.childnet.com/parents-help

Exciting News !!

Mytham staff are busy planning our next M.A.D.D. week ...

Music Art Dance and Drama week 11th-15th March

This time we are going to have a 'Shakespeare Week' !!

Some of you have noticed that World Book Day is the week before. We have assessments that week and so we have decided to shift our World Book Day celebrations back a week and instead of having a day ...we will have a whole Week!!

We wanted to give you lots of notice that Mytham's World Book Day will be on Friday 15th March and the dressing up theme will be 'Shakespearean characters'. From Julius Caesar, to Macbeth or Bottom !!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Friday 15th March

IMPORTANT DATE ALERT!

To be or not to be? That it is
the fancy dress question!

We will be celebrating our World
Book Day in the week commencing
11.3.19.

We wanted to give you lots of notice of our dress-up day on **Friday 15th March 2019** when our theme will be all things Shakespearean! Whether you wish to be a fairy princess, a haggard witch, a lovelorn Romeo or the Prince of Denmark himself, Shakespeare has created a character to suit every need! There are costume ideas below to get you started!

