



William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

This week ended with the second of our disco nights and what a great way to end the week! Huge thanks to all of the members of the SPA and other volunteers who gave up their time to make it as successful as it was!

Earlier in the week our Year 1 children enjoyed applying their geographical skills during a walk around the local area, which was enjoyed by all while also giving the children a chance to apply their geographical knowledge in our local natural surroundings.

We were treated to an assembly with a difference on Friday as Olympian and Commonwealth Champion swimmer Adam Whitehead paid us a visit to tell the children all about the importance of learning how to swim, with a particular focus on the hugely important life skill it is. He also talked about his own swimming achievements and the importance of self belief and resilience.

Adam is part of Swim@ who are now offering swimming lessons for children aged 3-11 at Kingshott pool. They offer a wide variety of lessons for all abilities and you can find out more on their website:

www.swim.co.uk/kingshott-school Register now for your first month of lessons - only £10!

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Sunday!

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up...

Monday

- Netball Match v Weston, at WR

Tuesday

- Year 3 & 4 NHSP Dance Festival

Wednesday

- 9:15am - Rowan Class Assembly
- KS2 Boccia Festival
- Yr 3/4 Football Match v Whitehill, at Whitehill

Thursday

- 10am - HPCI Coffee Morning
- Yr 3&4 Speed Stacking Competition

Friday

- Yr 4 Swimming

Phase Workshop, Yr 6

On Thursday, Phase came in to deliver a workshop all about preparing for secondary school and developing resilience. We began by reminding everyone of our values: Respect, Effort and Kindness. Then we took a test, but unfortunately most of our class did not read through the instructions and a lot of people just started answering the questions, when all we actually had to do was to answer one easy question! We also had to write down who our role model was - a valuable lesson for all of us! *Daisy, Yr 6*

Dodgeball Tournament

On Wednesday, we went to a dodgeball tournament. We were split up into teams and we nearly got into the finals! We lost a game, drew a game and I just don't know how we didn't get into the finals! The best bit was me catching a DodgeBall and getting someone out. *Molly, Yr 5*

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Chestnut Class Assembly

Year 6 had their class assembly on Wednesday. Everybody got dressed up for it and the parents came in, as well as the Cherry class. It was all about ancient Greece and I was dressed as an Explorer. The most memorable moment was when Noah got dressed up as a horse and made a horse sound! We were all very proud of the assembly and how well it went!

Georgia, Yr 6



New study links smartphone use outside school with lower attainment

A study published this week found that more needs to be done to tackle the negative impact of smartphone and social media use than simply banning phones during the school day. Study lead Dr Victoria Goodyear, Associate Professor at the University of Birmingham, said: "We did find a link between more time spent on phones and social media and worse outcomes, with worse mental wellbeing and mental health outcomes, less physical activity and poorer sleep, lower educational attainment and a greater level of disruptive classroom behaviour. "This suggests that reducing this time spent on phones is an important focus. But we need to do more than focus on schools alone, and consider phone use within and outside of school, across a whole day and the whole week." Full story at: bit.ly/SPBBU

Distractions Workshop, Year 5

On Thursday, we had a Distraction Workshop, where we talked about what could distract you on your phone when you're crossing the road and how to stay safe safe. We borrowed a teacher's phone and we had to type in something while we were walking. Then we walked around the pole normally - but you couldn't touch it, otherwise you would lose one point! Your time was recorded and then the second time you did it, you had to type something in to your phone. This made it really tricky to judge the poles and it ended up being really slow and taking much longer! The workshop was a lot of fun, with the best bit being when we were all allowed to shout out!

Harriet, Yr 5.



Tickets selling VERY Fast for Comedy Night!

Tickets for our Comedy Night on 7th March are likely to sell out quickly - get yours asap if you're keen! BBC Comedy Writer and Y3 Dad, Adrian Poynton, will be joined by some of the UK's other best comedians for a night of jokes, storytelling, laughter (and let's be honest, probably some phrases that have never been said in the school hall before) all in aid of the new school library and SPA. Tickets cost £12 each and are on sale at: bit.ly/WRcomedy.

There will be a fully licensed bar, and pizza will be available in the interval by pre-order (please see the booking page for further info.)



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