



St Paul's CE Primary School – Newsletter February 2022

www.stpaulswithington.co.uk

Follow us on Twitter @stpaulspri



Update from Miss Lee...

This half term seems to have flown by, but as you know as been incredibly busy. January started off with a peak of Covid cases which impacted on many of classes across the school, thank you for all your support and understanding during this time. I am amazed again at the amount of activity beyond the planned curriculum that had still managed to go ahead, it has been great to see how this has benefited all pupils. I am looking forward to seeing some changes after half term and being able to welcome parents into school more often for Friday morning drop ins, Mental Health Parent Workshop, year 6 SATs information morning, Ghyll Head Parents Meeting. Look out for planned future events including Dental Hygiene, Parent Forum, exciting PTA events and Early Years Parents Post Covid Support Workshop. Have a wonderful Half Term break.

Term dates for Academic Year 2022/2023 are available on the school website here:

<https://www.stpaulswithington.co.uk/page/term-dates/53922>

Dates for Your Diary

- School closes for half term on Friday 18th February and reopens on Monday 28th February
- World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March (Come to school dressed as your favourite book character)
- School closes for Easter on Friday 1st April and reopens on Tuesday 19th April

Ghyll Head

We still have places available for the Year 6 upcoming trip to Ghyll Head, the trip is 3 days/2 nights 16th to 18th May 2022 and costs £200.00, please see the school office for more information if your child is interested in going.

If your child is in year 5 they can sign up for Ghyll Head 2023, the trip dates are Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th May, the cost of the trip is £200.00, letters are available on the school website or from the school office.

If your child is in Year 4, they can sign up now for Ghyll Head 2024 and spread the cost of the trip over the next 2 years, dates for this trip are Wednesday 22nd May - Friday 24th May, the cost is £210.00, letters are available on the school website or from the school office.

'Being Open About Mental Health' - a workshop for Parents and Carers



Following our successful Mental Health Week; Growing together, we would like to invite parents and carers to an Open Afternoon; **'Being Open about Mental Health'** on Tuesday 8th March at 2.30pm. This is a child led afternoon where the children will be informing parents and carers about the important five steps to wellbeing. Some children from Key Stage 2 will be leading information stalls about being active, connecting, being kind, learning and taking notice.

The Rights Respecting Rangers will be informing parents about how they are supporting St Paul's in gaining the gold award as a Rights Respecting School, linking children's rights to mental health.

The event will take place in the hall and in the playground, showcasing all the hard work St Paul's children have contributed to raising awareness about good Mental Health, for children, parents and carers.

Rights Respecting School Award

We are now on our journey to achieving the Gold Status for being a Rights Respecting School. As part of this, the children have been learning that because they have special children's rights they are known as 'Rights Holders'. It is the job of adults to ensure children have their rights met and so they are known as 'Duty Bearers'. All adults who care for children are Duty Bearers. So, you as a parent / career are a Duty Bearer as are all the staff in school. We have made displays around the school to show children this like this one in Early Years. Here's a link to a poster of Children's Rights: https://plan-international.org/sites/default/files/field/field_document/child-friendly_crc_poster_a4_-_final_-_english.pdf



EY1 have been learning all about doctors and nurses. The children have been enjoying the doctor's surgery role-play area by dressing up and acting out different scenarios.



Sports Competitions

We competed in a dodgeball tournament at Parrswood School where the children played brilliantly! We were rated out of the Manchester Values which are honesty, respect, passion, determination and teamwork; we came third! We also went to a hockey tournament at Trinity High School. Children played with wooden hockey sticks which they haven't done before! They played brilliantly and won two out of their three matches and came third in the Manchester Values. Well done St Paul's! There will be more competitions in the summer term too.



Mindfulness Workshop – Mental Health Week

In Mental Health Week, Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a Mindfulness Workshop. They learned simple techniques and strategies to help them deal with different emotions, including breathing techniques and using their senses. The children learned how to focus on mindful listening which allowed the brain to declutter and calm. These skills can be used at school and home so please ask your children to share their ideas!



Mental Health Week in EYFS

Children in EYFS have had a week of fun activities exploring their emotions and feelings through games, drawings, writing and singing. They ended the week by dressing up in their own choice of outfit on 'Dress to Express' Day. They helped count out the money they had donated to support other children's Right to good mental health and well-being. We raised £65 in EYFS. Yay!



Mental Health Week

Our Reception children have really enjoyed having a visit from our school nurses today to mark Children's Mental Health Week. We have been learning about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy!





Miss Saleem's class went for a walk around Withington. This was part of their topic on Manchester. They planned the route using a map and then looked out for the human and physical features that they could spot around Withington.

Safer Internet Day

On Safer Internet Day, our digital leaders lead a remote whole school assembly about online safety. They focus on how to show respect to others when they are online and how they should expect to be treated by others.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

EY2 were moving like Chinese Dragons in Dance to celebrate Lunar new Year



Worship Leaders



Reverend Cate came into school to meet with The Worship Leaders. They will be planning and delivering an assembly together after half term.

British Science Week

We will be celebrating British Science Week from 14th - 18th March. As in previous years, we will be running a poster competition based around the theme growth. We are also asking families to take part in the St Paul's Worm Hunt to generate data for all the classes in the school to use. Further details about both the poster and the worm hunt have been posted on Google Classroom.

EY1 enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. They had lots of fun doing their dragon dancing and making dragon puppets. The children also enjoyed trying prawn crackers and Chinese chocolate biscuits.



