



# NEWSLETTER

January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school for the new term. We started our new term with assemblies on our value for the term Love. I shared a book with all the children called the 'Sea Saw' by Tom Percival. It is a beautiful picture book with the message that nothing is ever truly lost if you keep it in your heart.

Speaking of books, we are all looking forward to World Book Day and we are sure the children will enjoy dressing up – please note the date of this so you have plenty of notice, I am always really impressed with the imaginative costumes we see in school.

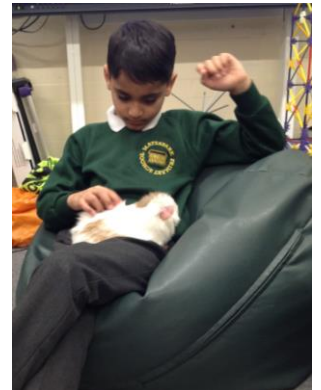
I hope you have seen the letter about the other possible strike days – please keep an eye out for more communication on this. The proper funding of education is an important issue which we all care deeply about.

Ms Davies



Each week, Our Space are currently welcoming some little furry visitors from Wellgate Farm! This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to focus on regulating their emotions and mental wellbeing.

So far, the children have enjoyed sessions with guinea pigs, learning about their dietary requirements and how to care for them. There has, of course, been plenty of opportunities for lots of cuddles too! We are really proud of the children for embracing these animal therapy sessions so positively!





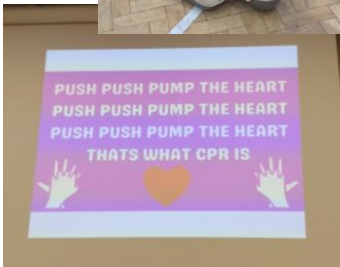
# YEAR 5

# FIRST AID

Every child in Year 5 has recently received first-aid training. They were shown how to deliver CPR and had a chance to practise on a dummy. The children also watched a demonstration of what to do if they see someone choking. We are proud of our children for learning such important life skills.



"I am inspired by 'FAB' as they told us that even kids can save lives. I feel very special." Sumayyah



"I liked the song we had to sing whilst practising CPR and also the questions to test what we had learned." Inayah

"First-aid was helpful because someone might be in trouble and the ambulance drivers might be on strike." Ayesha



"I learned that if someone is choking you lean them forward and hit their back 5 times. Whilst they are leaning forward, you ask them to cough. This can save a person's life." Haiqa





# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

This half term, in RSHE, children will be exploring 'Healthy Me'. The children will be considering some of the points below:

## Healthy Me

- ❖ What is a healthy/unhealthy lifestyle? (including personal hygiene, dental hygiene)
- ❖ Why is a healthy lifestyle essential for a healthy body? (eating, exercise, sleep)
- ❖ How to keep safe? (including road safety, medicine safety, substance safety)
- ❖ What action to take in an emergency? (first-aid)
- ❖ How to take responsibility for, and manage, physical and mental wellbeing?

Please remember further information regarding specific year groups is available in the curriculum menu on the Mayespark Primary website. During Summer 1 we will explore the topic - Relationships.



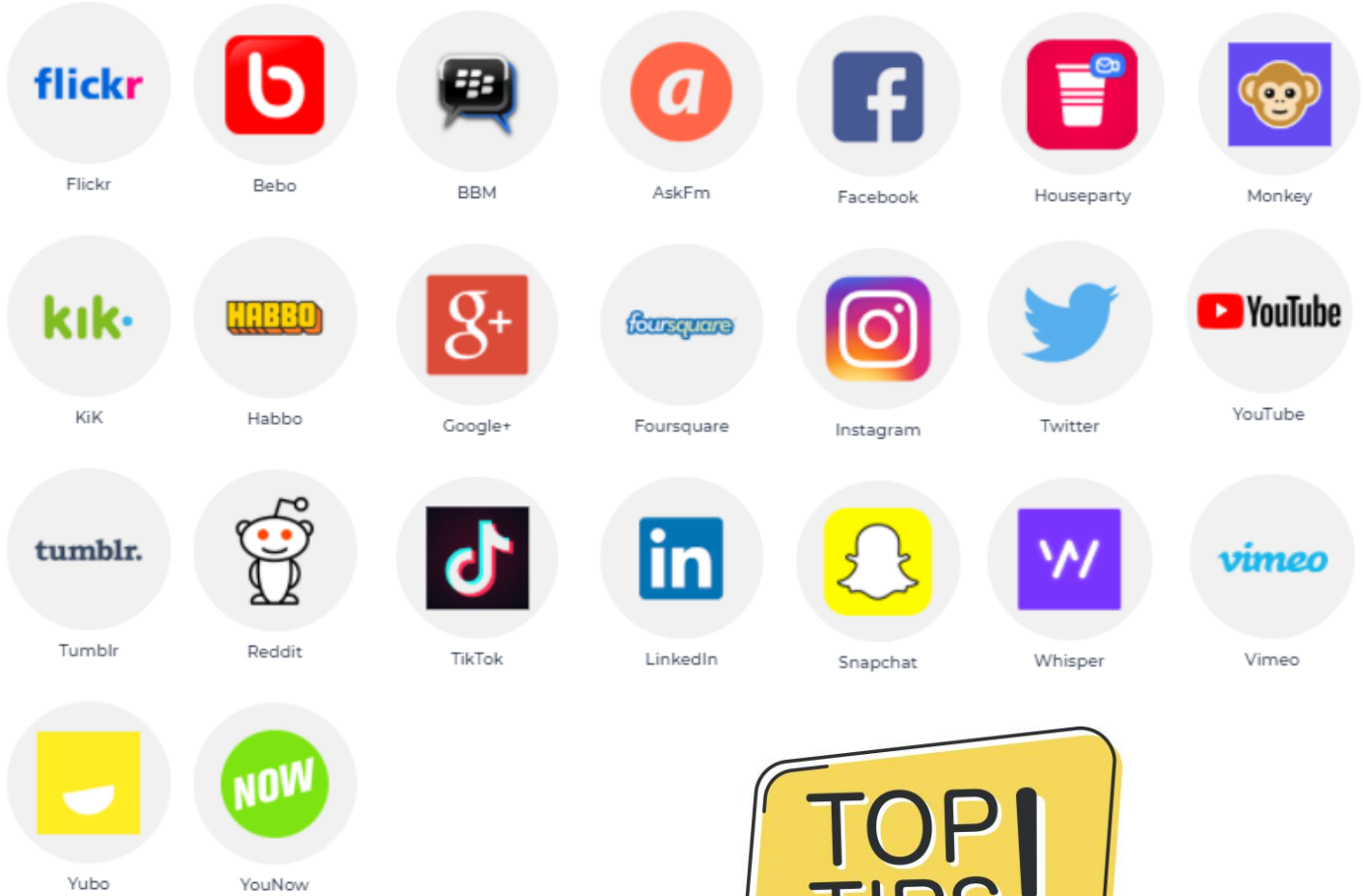
At Mayespark, we hold regular coffee mornings for our parents of children in Nursery and Reception. These events are a great opportunity for parents to get to know one another. Each coffee morning has a focus, such as reading or fine motor skills, and our staff share helpful information regarding how parents and carers can support their children at home. If you haven't attended one of our coffee mornings, why not consider popping along to the next one?





# ONLINE SAFETY

The online world is ever-changing and it is important that every child knows how to stay safe when using the internet. Below is a list of APPS which are not deemed suitable for primary-aged children as their age limit is 13 years upwards. Children do not therefore have access to these in school and we advise that this is the case at home too.



### Top tips for staying safe online:

- ❖ Use safe search engines such as [swiggle.org.uk](http://swiggle.org.uk) or [kids-search.com](http://kids-search.com). Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at [google.co.uk/safetycentre](http://google.co.uk/safetycentre).
- ❖ Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin. Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke.
- ❖ Use secure and legal sites to download music and games.
- ❖ Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org).





# DIARY DATES

Below are dates for the coming months. Please note that calendar dates are often added and can be amended - we therefore ask that all parents download MySchoolApp, where our most recent school calendar can be accessed throughout the year.



| February 2023    |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Year 2 visit to London Eye                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Movie Night for Yr 2-6                              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Reception parents' coffee morning (maths)           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Safer Internet Day                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Yr 4 Roman Workshop                                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30pm                        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Parents' Evening 3:30-7:30pm                        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Children break up for half term                     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | INSET DAY – School closed for children              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Children return to school                           |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Year 6 Parents' Meeting (SATs & online safety)      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Year 4 visit British Museum                         |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Nursery parents' coffee morning (fine motor skills) |



| March 2023       |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Year 6 visit Shakespeare's Globe                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | World Book Day                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Reception Parents' Coffee Morning (PE)          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Tree Planting (Year 4 and School Council)       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Book Fair                                       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Book Fair                                       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Car Boot Sale                                   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Book Fair                                       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Nursery Parents' Coffee Morning (phonics)       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Yr 4 & 5 choir perform at the Royal Albert Hall |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Children leave for Year 5 residential visit     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Children return from Year 5 residential visit   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Children break up for Easter holidays           |



# READING

Over the Christmas holidays, children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 had the opportunity to enter our Christmas Reading Competition! Every child was challenged to read 12 books to represent the 12 days of Christmas! Once the children had read a book, they cut out a Christmas bauble and glued this on their Christmas tree drawing.

A huge well done to all of the children who entered the competition, particularly those children who read 12 books over the two-week holiday period. And the winners are....



Krishva  
Class Boyce

Mohamed  
Class Ofili

Hanna  
Class Jeffers

Rayan  
Class Harrison

Mohsin  
Class Tagore

Kendra  
Class Adnan

Iman  
Class Kapoor

Aiza  
Class Kerr

Dasha  
Class Carle

Hana  
Class Grey



We've got lots of exciting things planned for World Book Day 2023!

- ❖ Special assemblies
- ❖ Competitions
- ❖ An author study
- ❖ Dressing up as a book character (no superheroes please!)



# OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS



If your child is too unwell to be able to attend school, please remember to call the school office before 9am to report your child's absence. Thank you!



We are pleased to announce that we have won £400 through the Asda Green Token Campaign. Thank you to everyone who voted for us! We will be using this money to purchase more rails and storage for our second-hand uniform provision.

Safaa, in Kalam class has made 1000 friendship bracelets to raise money for a charity organisation who are trying to start a youth centre in Seven Kings. Safaa sold the bracelets in the playground earlier this week. We are so proud of her drive to make a positive difference in our world and hope you supported her cause!



## Parent View

As a school, we greatly value our parents' and carers' opinions and so does Ofsted! Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to express what you think about our school. The questionnaire can be completed at any time - you don't have to wait until we are being inspected! All information is anonymised and the overall summary of the responses are published. We therefore invite you to take part in this short questionnaire through the following link.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views/survey/20239>



**9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3:15pm**



**Second-Hand  
Uniform Sale**

**Tuesday**  
**7<sup>th</sup>**  
**February**  
**3:15pm**



**Friday**  
**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Feb**  
**Until**  
**5:15pm**

