



Tollerton Primary School

Newsletter



February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a short month in school, with half term falling in the middle of it. Nevertheless, we have packed our weeks with lots of exciting things.

Mental Health Week

This month we have celebrated Children's mental Health Week. We always use the Place2be resources which this year have focused on a theme of 'Know yourself to grow yourself'. We have discussed how important having self awareness is, being able to name our body sensations and link these to emotions is absolutely key to being able to regulate when we are distressed. This forms such a huge part of the Thrive approach we are working on in school as understanding our own tolerances, triggers and sensitivities can not only allow us to develop coping strategies but also to develop empathy for those around us.



Pupil Parliament

On February 7th I took our Head Pupils to Pupil Parliament at County Hall. We had a really enjoyable afternoon listening to a presentation from the author Troy Jenkinson who writes lots of children's books about equality and diversity. We then, as always, had a debate. This one was about whether all children, not just those in Key Stage 1 should be entitled to free fruit for snack time. It was a really brilliant to see the children presenting their ideas and listening to the views of others. Our next Pupil Parliament meeting will be the last one held at County Hall and we will be having a visit from James Naish.



Values Café

On 13th February we had our third values café. This is where teachers choose two children who have exemplified our school values that half term. It was a lovely way to spend some time with some of our greatest ambassadors.

The Walking Bus

The roadworks on Tollerton Lane started in half term and luckily the first phase involving Burnside Grove being closed was finished before we returned to school. We need to extend a huge thank you to parents for volunteering to support on the walking bus which has definitely been well used this week. It will continue next week and it would be great to be able to offer it more frequently. If you are able to offer any help for a morning slot please do contact the office.

Smartphone workshop

We held a smartphone workshop this month which some parents attended online. We know that it is not always easy to make these meetings so there will be some information to take away from parents evening. In the mean time below are some links to some really helpful websites.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Forest School

This week some of our children have attended forest school sessions with Boots and Brambles. It has been Year 2 who have taken the first slot and we have already planned in sessions for Class 1 and Class R. Mrs Read is also in the process of booking more sessions for other year groups. The first session has shown us how valuable spending time outdoors is and we are so happy to have had this opportunity.



Upcoming Dates

More detailed information for each event will come out from class teachers or whole school communications as required.

Date	Event	You will need....
6 th March	World Book Day	See dojo for details
10 th March	National Science Week	
10 th March	Year 1 and Year 6 Bake Off!	
17 th March	Assessment Week	
18 th March	Parents Evening	
19 th March	Parents Evening	
21 st March	National Poetry Day	
21 st March	Red Nose Day	Wear red for optional donation of £1
25 th March	SATs meeting for Year 6 parents 4.30pm	
30 th March	Eid Al-Fitr	
2 nd April	Equals Trust Concert	
4 th April	Last day of term	
Easter Holidays		
21 st April	First day of the summer term	
5 th May	Bank holiday	
6 th May	Thrive Parents Meeting 5pm	
7 th May	Drumming Concert 2.30pm	
7-9 th May	Year 4 Residential	
8 th May	VE Day	
12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week	
19 th May	Year 5 Space Centre Trip	
23 rd May	Last Day of Term	
Half Term		

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Smith