

# Primary Newsletter



Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers of our fabulous children

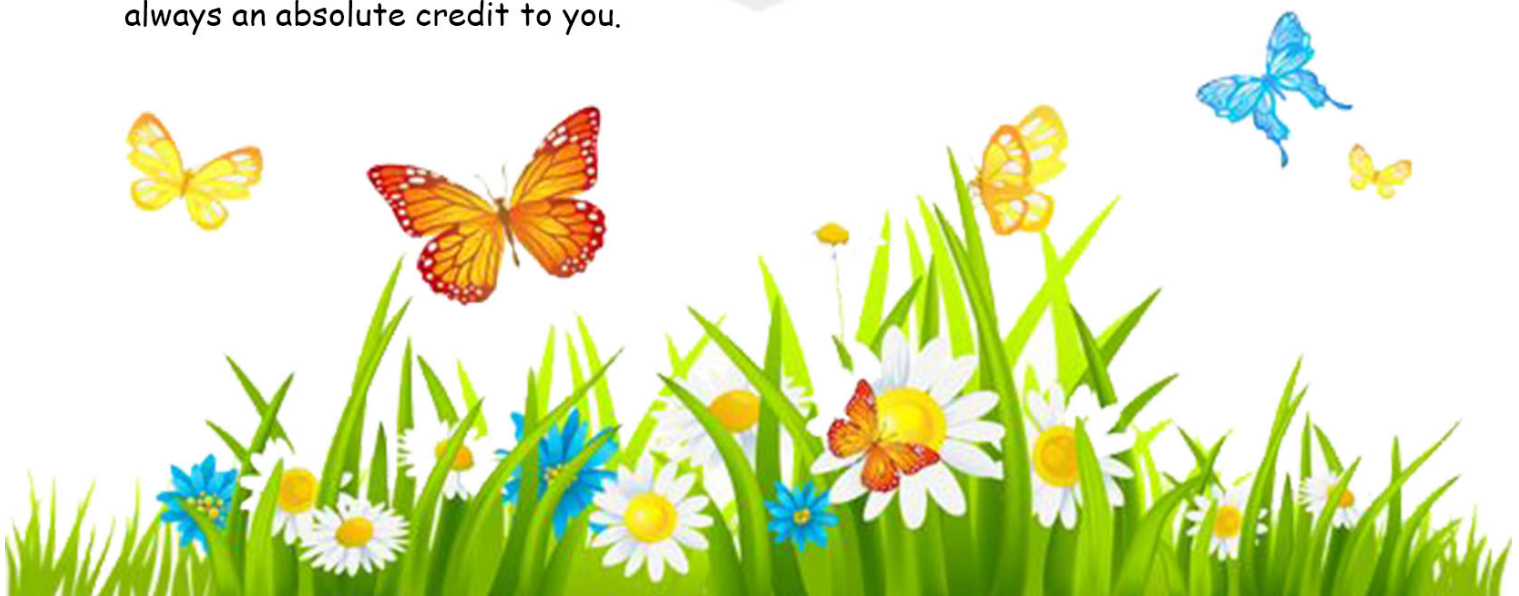
Good news - our September 2022 intake for Reception is almost full so if you have not yet registered your child for a place with Ealing then please do so as soon as possible. It is far better to have secured a place and know that all is well than to end up on a waiting list unsure as to what might happen!

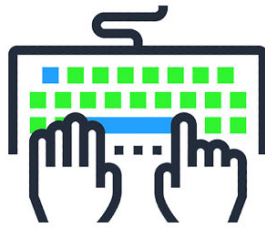
You will have received the information that we have a vacancy on our Governing Board for a primary parent trustee. If you are interested, then please get your application in to Rachel Lewis. Your contribution to the Academy would be very gratefully welcomed.

Our second Parents' Evening of this Academic Year is fast approaching. The dates for this are Monday 7th March and Thursday 10th March between 3.30 and 6.30pm. You will receive a letter straight after half term explaining the online booking system for your face-to-face meeting with the class teacher. If you would prefer a telephone appointment, then please just let us know.

We are almost half-way through this school year and for Year 6 their Key Stage 2 SATs are approaching at speed. They have been working so hard to make up for any lost time over the last 2 years and are making great headway. We really do need to thank them and the Year 6 team for all of their efforts.

Please take the time to read the remainder of this newsletter and to celebrate all of the wonderful things that your children have been experiencing. They are as always an absolute credit to you.





# CODING DAY

On Monday 31st January the children had a fantastic day exploring coding! The children took part in a huge range of activities both off and online. Off-line activities included lessons about the history of coding and Ada Lovelace's contribution to computer science, online safety and gaining an understanding of what coding is by following instructions to make a jam sandwich. The children also took part in online activities such as free coding on Purple Mash, using scratch, designing a new Google logo and taking part in Star Wars and Minecraft's hour of code.



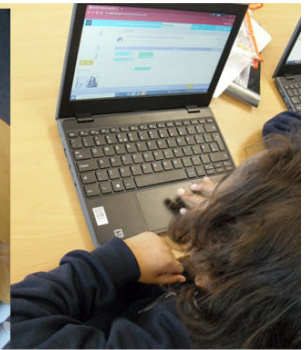
*Following instructions on how to walk from one point to another to collect the basketball.*



*Making jam sandwiches*



*Designing online safety posters*



*Coding Star Wars*



## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 8th February. The theme of this year's Safer Internet Day is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online' which is a great opportunity to consider the role of young people in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

All the Safer Internet Day 2022 resources are available for free on the UK Safer Internet Centre website here: [www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022)



## THE SCHOOL COUNCIL: LEADERSHIP AND BRITISH VALUES

This half term the school council have taken on additional duties to promote healthy eating across the primary. They have learnt about the importance of following rules and leading by example. To develop their leadership skills and knowledge of British values further, we have provisionally booked a trip to The Houses of Parliament in the summer term.

The children are looking forward to learning about the story of parliament, exploring the importance of democracy and discovering the historic building. On their return to school, the school council will share their findings with the rest of the school community. We are hoping that subject to covid restrictions that we will be able to start re-introducing trips to our curriculum.



## Curriculum Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers

We just wanted to remind parents/carers of the exciting developments we have made to the Academy Website. We have added resources, which aim to give you a deeper understanding of what your child is learning at school. Each term, we upload a Curriculum Newsletter, which gives a brief summary of the content and skills taught in each subject.

In addition to this, we are also uploading our half termly Knowledge Organisers. These contain more detailed information about the learning and how it links with learning in previous year groups. There is also an emphasis on learning new vocabulary in these. Why not have a look and explore the Star Word section with you child?

The Curriculum nNewsletters and Knowledge Organisers can be accessed by visiting: [www.alecreedacademy.co.uk/primary/curriculum](http://www.alecreedacademy.co.uk/primary/curriculum)

Take part in our  
*Fizzy* **FEBRUARY**  
**COLOURING**  
Competition

Too much sugar is bad for children's health. It can lead to weight gain and serious diseases like type 2 diabetes and heart disease. It can also lead to painful tooth decay, every 10 minutes a child in England has a tooth removed in hospital. Fizzy drinks are the largest single source of sugar consumption for children aged 11-18. Cutting out fizzy drinks is an easy way to reduce your sugar intake. Go fizz free this February to help kick the sugary drinks habit.

**Enter:** If you are aged between 3 to 6 and love to colour and decorate things why not Decorate our Molar tooth (linked below) and show us how much you L♥VE your teeth and send it back to us via email! The closing date for entries is 5pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 and no entries will be accepted after this date.

**Prizes: Win a goody bag**

We can't wait to see all your designs so get creative!

Send your designs to: Adele our Ealing Oral health Promoter at the following email:  
[Adele.francois@nhs.net](mailto:Adele.francois@nhs.net)



Whittington health community dental service oral health promotion team







# BICYCLE CLUB

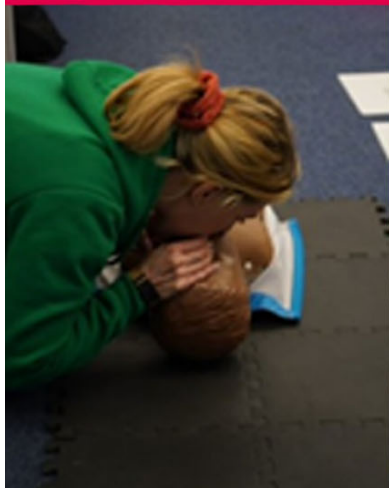


We are delighted to announce that the Bicycle society are hosting a club to year 1 children, starting February. This club will be after school every Tuesday (after half term) 3.00-4.00pm will be providing lessons for complete beginners. Over the six weeks they will go from pushing with their feet, to setting off independently on pedals. This is a great starting point for beginners, but is also open to those that need an extra hand learning the basics! If you would like your child to have a space it is first come, first serve. We understand there was problems with the website before, we have been assured this has been fixed now. You need to book and pay via the companies website:

[www.thebicyclesociety.org/product/after-school-bike-clubs/](http://www.thebicyclesociety.org/product/after-school-bike-clubs/)

## MINI FIRST AID

On Thursday 6th January, we were really fortunate to have a company come into to our school called 'Mini First Aid' and work with our year six pupils. In the 1-hour session, Children learnt to deal with bumps, burns, breaks and bleeding, carry out CPR and deal with choking. The class was practical and really hands on. As a result of this session the children have learnt basic first aid skills that they can use for life!





White Rose Maths has recently launched their new 1-Minute Maths app. This app helps KS1 children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks! Your child can choose any topic they want to try. They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way. When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done.

The app is free to download – just search White Rose Maths 1 minute maths!

## Punctuality and Attendance

Well done to everyone for making sure our children get to school on time every day. A reminder that school and our learning starts at 8.30 a.m. Congratulations to the following classes who were awarded best punctuality and attendance this half term.

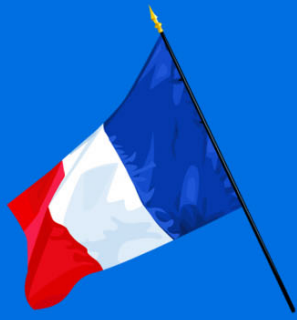
### Phase 1

	Best Punctuality	Best attendance
21.1.22	Starfish	Starfish
28.1.22	Starfish	Panda

### Phase 2

	Best Punctuality	Best attendance
21.1.22	Giraffe	Giraffe
28.1.22	Elephant	Albatross





# FRENCH CLUB



Our new French Club is running this term for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

This term, Year 3 pupils are learning to:

- use and understand classroom language
- give their names, say hello and goodbye
- ask 'how are you?' and respond when asked how they are.
- count to 12 and say their age
- pinpoint French speaking countries around the world including some
- interesting facts about francophone culture.

Year 4 pupils are learning to:

- give their names, say hello and goodbye
- ask 'how are you?' and respond when asked how they are.
- count to 21 and say their age.
- understand and say the days of the week
- understand and say the months of the year
- fill in their French 'identity card'.

Year 4 pupils will also be celebrating 'Crêpes Day' by participating in a crêpe flipping competition.

