



Fishergate Primary School Newsletter

21.3.2025

The teachers and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parent Evenings. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout, and we truly appreciate you taking the time to engage in your child's learning. School and parents/carers working in partnership ensures that the children can achieve their full potential, and your support plays a vital role in their success. For those parents and carers we haven't yet had the chance to speak with, teachers will be in touch soon to arrange a convenient time to chat. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to ensure that each child is the best they can be here at Fishergate.

Following on from our Screensafe presentation last week, I would like to remind you about the potential dangers of online gaming, particularly with platforms like Roblox. While Roblox can be a fun and engaging way for children to interact, it's important to be aware of the risks, such as inappropriate content, online strangers, and in-game purchases. I would encourage you to set strong privacy settings, talk to your child about online safety, and monitor their screentime activities. I have included some more information at the end of this newsletter to help guide you in keeping your child safe while using Roblox.

DIARY DATES

Fri 28th – Spring Disco

FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE

Helpers Required for Spring Disco 28th

We are still looking for helpers at the Disco next week, particularly for setting up and covering the EY/KS1 disco.

SET UP starts from 5pm to prepare the hall seating & refreshment facilities ready for the 6pm start. Those that help early on usually bring their children with them. Children are welcome to help or play amongst themselves in the hall until the doors open.

EY/KS1 roles at the disco 6-7pm include selling snacks, serving and replenishing the free juice, taking money on the door and vigilant door duties throughout the event.

If you can help with the above mentioned jobs, please email friends on friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com

All help is greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance!

We are looking forward to a fun and musical



evening!

PHASE UPDATES

EYU – It was great to speak to so many of our parents and carers this week during parents evenings and to share all the lovely work your children have been doing. We have had a great week reading ‘Brown Bear’ and writing our own sentences about what we can see. In maths, we have been finding number bonds to 10. We had a great time in the forest looking for flowers fairies and finding more signs of spring.

Year 1/2 – we are still loving our learning about dinosaurs and have also been learning more about other animals and their habitats.

Year 3/4 - have been learning about persuasive language. We have also linked this to our science, looking at the effects of Climate Change on the polar bear which is what our class novel is based on. Just a reminder that your child is doing Forest School on the following days, so have a change of bottoms/ shoes if you would like:

Ms Craggs and Miss Karasu's class - Monday pm

Mrs Ekers/Ms Deverall's - Thursday pm

We are still looking for parent support for these sessions to run so please speak to the class teacher if you can help.

Y5/6 - Year 5 have finished some 'Cosmic' newspaper articles while Year 6 have written diary entries inspired by Shaun Tan's *The Arrival*, a graphic novel which explores the challenges and rewards of forced migration. In Science we have investigated friction as a force.

MRS WALTON'S CLASS

The class have written letters to their new pen pals in the Sahrawi refugee camp in Algeria.

The Sahrawi refugees are from Western Sahara and have been in exile for around 50 years. The children have never left the camp and are really excited to be connecting with our children. We will send videos about our school and everyday life and they will send a video back. We will also be creating some art to show them what life is like in York.

We are really pleased to be able to connect with these children and will share more about what we have found out in refugee week in June.

PARENTAL CONSENT

We use Chromebooks throughout school and have Google Workspace for Education including Google Drive and Google Classroom set up for each of our pupils, which helps us deliver a fun and engaging curriculum throughout school!

Due to an upcoming update of Google's terms and conditions, we need to ensure you consent for your child to continue to have access to Additional Google Services including the following that we commonly use in school:

- Google Search
- Google Maps / Earth

Please let your teacher know if you would not like your child to have their usual access the above Google services by 28th March.

If you have any questions, please call in and we will be pleased to help.

Did you know that ROBLOX has a whole section of 'adult studios', many of them available to children of any age? Some of the content created and allowed on this platform is extremely disturbing. Here are some helpful tips:

CAN YOU MAKE IT SAFER?

- Play in common area
- Turn on all parental controls
- Turn off chat filters
- Play offline – but then can't play with friends
- Parental pins, lock pin codes
- Make sure Roblox knows how old your child really is
- Use restricted mode, so nobody can send your child messages
- Make sure you're monitoring
- Remember you can say NO

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