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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



On Tuesday 7th February the children at Pinehurst celebrated Safer Internet Day with a range of different activities based on this year's theme '**Want to talk about it? : Making space for conversations about life online**'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

At Pinehurst Primary School we put online safety at the core of our Computing curriculum, teaching our pupils that the internet can be a fun and useful tool when used safely and responsibly. These themes are revisited continually throughout each year group and the same messages are reiterated during our PSHE lessons where we look at issues such as cyber bullying, self-esteem and the impact that social media can have on our mental health.

Through the Google 'Be Internet Legends' programme we teach our children 5 rules of being a responsible internet user: being smart, secure, alert, kind and brave. In December our KS2 children had a visit from the Google team who delivered an interactive assembly for the children and awarded us with our very own 'Internet Legends' certificate.!

This Safer Internet Day we are asking parents and carers to talk to their children about how they use the internet and how to keep safe online. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

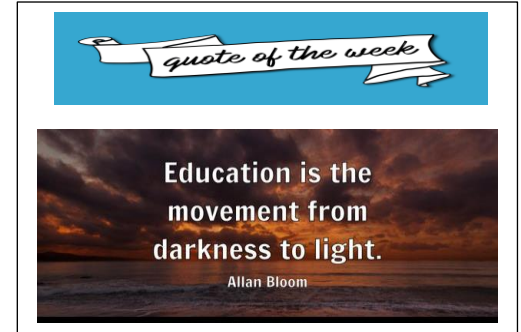
Safer Internet Day 2023 | Tuesday 7 February
Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre
saferinternetday.org.uk



Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late



| Year Group | Class | Attendance % | Minutes Late |
|------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| R | Ash | 88.18% | 144 |
| R | Oak | 90.87% | 168 |
| 1 | Cherry | 92.67% | 106 |
| 1 | Elm | 94.00% | 111 |
| 2 | Fir | 88.57% | 216 |
| 2 | Yew | 93.33% | 167 |
| 3 | Cedar | 82.07% 😞 | 427 |
| 3 | Hazel | 93.10% | 366 |
| 4 | Chestnut | 91.54% | 105 😊 |
| 4 | Holly | 94.81% 😊 | 162 |
| 5 | Maple | 91.60% | 138 |
| 5 | Sycamore | 91.54% | 126 |
| 6 | Birch | 87.00% | 300 |
| 6 | Willow | 91.38% | 321 😞 |



Attendance this week....

Potential School Closure: Tuesday 28th February due to Strike Action

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme has been Let's Connect.

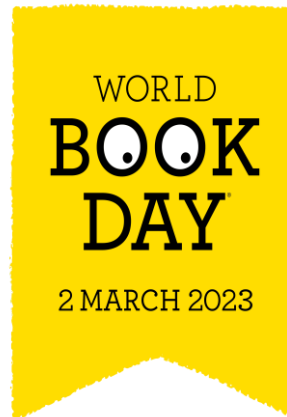
We have been encouraging the children (and adults) to consider how they can make meaningful connections to support their mental health.



Parents' Evening Wednesday 1st March 2.45-5.30. Dismissal 2.30pm.

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



Coming up... Save the Date

We are delighted to be celebrating World Book day again this year. World Book Day is about celebrating books and reading all year round. It's never too early to encourage a love of reading and we hope your children find activities we have planned in school enjoyable. Here are some top tips to help you enjoy sharing stories together as a family not just on World Book Day but every day of the year.

February half-term 2023 - World Book Day Competition
Select a character or a favourite book and bring it to life in the form of a kite, finger puppet, wooden spoon, egg or mask.

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
Come dressed as a character from a book or ready for a bedtime story.

Thursday 2nd March to Tuesday 7th March - Book Fair
The Book Fair will be back in school where you can use your £1 WBD voucher off the full price of any book over £2.99.