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Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families,

On Friday, we celebrated Number Day 2024 with all children invited to 'Dress up for Digits'. Number Day is celebrated throughout the UK by NSPPC to raise awareness and funds for a fantastic cause. To promote the day, all schools were invited to compete in an NSPCC Rocks Times Tables competition and - once again - our amazing children proved just how talented they are! Nearly 4000 primary and secondary schools took part and I am delighted to report that Malvern once again finished in first place nationally.

As a school, we answered the most multiplication and division calculations correctly - amassing a staggering 478,628 correct answers! We also finished with four classes finishing in the top five positions across the country with 6JH, 5AC, 6ND and 5OB occupying the top spots.

A special mention to 6JH who, out of just over 22,268 classes nationally, finished in first place. At the time of writing, the individual pupil results have not been finalised but I anticipate many Malvern pupils will have achieved exceptionally well. The children at Malvern never fail to amaze me with their enthusiasm and effort but this week's outstanding achievements have blown me away.

We can't wait to celebrate together on Monday!

Mr. James **Headteacher**



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February, we will celebrate UK Safer Internet Day. Children across school will engage in a range of activities and discuss this year's theme: 'Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.' We look forward to empowering our children and ensuring they benefit from a safer and more positive online experience.



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5th -11th February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

Throughout the week, children will work together to create a positive change for their mental health and take part in a series of activities aimed at developing their understanding that 'My Voice Matters'.



Fabulous February Attendance

Throughout February, we are launching an exciting initiative called Fabulous February to promote our whole-school attendance target of 97%.

We always encourage all children to strive for exceptional attendance, and those pupils who have attendance of 97% or above throughout February, will be entered into a special raffle. The raffle will include lots of exciting prizes and one fortunate winner will be awarded a £100 Smyths Toys Superstore Voucher.



Car Parking

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents who have embraced walking to school or parking further away and walking in.

Whenever feasible, we encourage families to choose walking, promoting overall well-being. If walking isn't an option, we kindly ask drivers to be considerate of local residents, avoiding the obstruction of driveways. Please park with care and consideration, ensuring the safety of our pupils.



Malvern Shotokan Karate Club

This week, we were delighted to receive our certificate of affiliation from the Karate Union of Great Britain, underscoring Malvern's commitment to promoting martial arts education. As part of their curriculum, all children in Reception have the opportunity to participate in an hour-long karate lesson. In addition, weekly karate lessons are offered every Wednesday and Friday after school at 3:30 pm in the school hall. Parents interested in enrolling their child in these classes are encouraged to contact the school office for further information.



Parent Workshop

We were thrilled to host Year 1 families for a Read, Write Inc workshop this week. Parents actively participated alongside their children and had the pleasure of meeting Fred the frog! The session covered special friends, 'Fred Talk,' and blending techniques. Emphasis was placed on using pure sounds, not letter names, and utilising the picture side of the card for sound recall. A heartfelt thank you to all who attended the workshops—we trust you found the sessions informative and engaging.



Woodland Walk

As part of their learning expedition, children in Year 1 enjoyed a walk through a small woodland. They investigated the trees and leaves and were able to identify deciduous and evergreen trees. The children had lots of fun taking part in some woodland games and enjoyed spending time in the woodland.



Splendid Structures

This half term children in Year 2 have been learning about landmarks from around the world, including famous landmarks of Liverpool.

To deepen their understanding, Year 2 visited the Liverpool Pier Head and enjoyed a River Explorer Cruise on the world-famous Mersey Ferry. The children sketched the incredible views of Liverpool water front and listened to an on-board commentary about the history of various landmarks.



School Football Update

It has been a busy half-term of football, with both our girls and boys teams participating in various competitions over recent weeks.

Our Key Stage 2 girls' team continue to grow in confidence and took part in a football tournament at Liverpool Academy. It was a great experience for the team who displayed great skill during the tournament. The girls won three games, scoring over 20 goals in the process. The girls have also maintained their impressive record in the Anfield School football league, staying in contention for the title.

The Key Stage 2 boys' team have also been busy and continue to lead the Huyton Schools' Football league. They have two rounds of fixtures to go but will be hoping to retain the title for the third successive year. The team also recently took part in the Pokémon Primary Schools Cup at Liverpool Academy where they represented Huyton in the County Finals. The boys did exceptionally well, winning all but one of their fixtures. Unfortunately, they eventually lost out by one goal but were great ambassadors for Malvern and Huyton.

