



Fishergate Primary School Newsletter

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The Screens.Scrolling.Safety event was superb, in a bit of a scary way. It certainly opened my eyes as to how careful we have to be to protect our children online. Even seemingly 'safe' games like Roblox need huge adult vigilance, as the amount of children to be found there makes it an easy target for paedophiles and predators. I also found the following facts really concerning:

- 77% of 8–12-year-olds say their parents can't see what they are doing online and 83% can use devices in their bedrooms
- YouTube (75%) WhatsApp (41%), Roblox (40%), Snapchat (36%) and TikTok (33%) are the most popular platforms for this age group.
- 38% of 8-12 year olds gamed with strangers online
- Almost 65% were contacted by a stranger during an online game
- 55% of 8-12 year olds did not tell a parent when bothered by harmful content or unsolicited contact, rising to 63% for 12-14 year olds

It just makes our drive for Fishergate children to have a smartphone free childhood so important!

FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE

Cake Sale News!!

EYU Friday 21st March

The Early Years Unit will be hosting and donating their nut free baked goods and treats at the Friday cake sale next week. Please come and support their fundraising efforts. 50p a cake! Yum!

We need parent & carer helpers to run this stall - if you can help next week please contact friends or the office in advance!

Last week Year 1/2 classes raised a fantastic £94.00 on their cake sale! Thank you to everyone who donated, helped out and made purchases. A fabulous team effort!

FoF Need You!

Friends of Fishergate School (FoF) will be sending information out very soon to recruit some of you into the committee and planning team, as we prepare to say goodbye to more families making a move to secondary at the end of the school year.

As it currently stands it is essential that the committee positions, trustee positions and planning team are repopulated in order for FoF to continue next year. Please do not let this already well-established charity disappear! If you feel passionate about fundraising for our school, are interested to hear more or even just curious at this stage, do not hesitate to drop us an email for more information. Equally, if you have any concerns please let us know.

As a 'Friends of' fundraising charity to our school, we have a membership with Parentkind that offers creative, technical and legal advice as to how to run our group as well as insurance and risk assessment for our events.

Being a carer/parent in the school, you are already a 'friend' and are welcome to access these useful resources at <https://www.parentkind.org.uk>. You will be required to input the school postcode (YO10 4AP)

PHASE UPDATES

EYU – This week in Early Years, we have been reading Goldilocks and the three bears. We made porridge and decided if it was too hot, too cold or just right. We had lots of fun in the forest trying to find the longest worm. In maths, we have been working on number ten and finding number bonds.

Year 1/2 - Key Stage 1 have been continuing their dinosaur stories in Writing and making their own dinosaur fossils in Topic. In Maths, we've been learning to add two-digit numbers using bridging and subtracting using exchanging.

Year 3/4 - This week, all Yr 3/4 have been throwing themselves into our Living Things topic; looking at minibeast homes ready to design their own; doing research on a minibeast then writing a report and learning how we can classify vertebrates into the 5 main groups. We have been impressed with their prior knowledge and have many David Attenborough's amongst them!

Y5/6 - In DT, we have finished and tested our spaghetti truss bridges with varying degrees of success! We have also had fun applying our understanding of forces to design and test egg parachutes, dropped out of the classroom window. They didn't all have a gentle landing!

MELBOURNE STREET

It had been brought to our attention that cars are double parking on the yellow lines on Melbourne Street. It's a narrow street anyway, if cars are coming from both ends and dangerous if cars are turning into the street off the main road. Even more worryingly, someone who pointed out how dangerous it was to the driver was verbally abused – this is completely unacceptable. This inconsiderate, illegal and dangerous parking also stopped a resident for being able to move her car and meant that she was late to pick up her child from school.

Please do better!

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18th – Parent's Evening

Thursday 20th – Parent's Evening
(No choir or board games club.
Total Sports clubs will run as normal)

Friday 21st – Comic Relief – children can come in wearing a red nose if they would like to. Please note that children are expected to wear school uniform as normal. Any donations can be made using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17465>