



NEWSLETTER

27TH SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOME

Our school is a special place where every child is cherished and supported. We believe that nurturing each child's unique potential is the key to their success, and we strive to create a warm, caring environment where all our children feel safe, valued, and eager to learn.

Our embedded nurturing approach goes hand-in-hand with an ever growing strength in academic performance. This achievement reflects not only the hard work of our children but also the dedication of our school team who have the children at the heart of everything we do. If I may be as bold as to say: we ARE nurture and we do it well.

At the heart of these accomplishments is our vibrant, carefully crafted curriculum. We've designed our learning experiences to be engaging, challenging, and memorable. Our goal is for children to not just learn, but to truly know more and remember more. Through interactive lessons, hands-on activities, and a focus on key skills, we pledge that our children will build strong foundations of knowledge that they can carry forward throughout their educational journey.

In our school family, we embrace and celebrate every child's uniqueness, especially those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Our approach to SEND is built on a foundation of love, understanding, and unwavering support. We create a warm, inclusive environment where they can thrive alongside their peers. Our dedicated SEND team works closely with teachers, parents, and specialists to tailor learning experiences that meet each child's individual needs. We use gentle, supportive strategies to help build confidence, develop skills, and reach the potential they deserve.

Here, school isn't just a place for academic achievement – it's a second home where lifelong friendships are forged, creativity blossoms, and children discover the joy of learning. Our dedicated teachers and staff work tirelessly to ensure that every day is filled with engaging activities, gentle guidance, and of course - plenty of smiles.

We're proud to share that our students love coming to school so much that our attendance is well above the national average. Last week we peaked at almost 99%. This speaks volumes about the positive atmosphere we have cultivated and the strong partnership we've built with families like yours.

As we look ahead to this new year, we're excited about the adventures that await us. We'll be exploring fascinating topics, celebrating our diverse community, and helping each child develop their confidence and skills at their own pace. Our Curriculum has had some fine tuning over the last few years but we never lose our focus and that is to ensure that is to ensure our children feel represented and in control of their learning.

Remember, you are your child's first and most important teacher. We value your involvement and look forward to working closely with you to support your child's journey. Our doors are always open, and we encourage you to be an active part of our school family. We are here to celebrate your child's and families successes but please know we are here for the difficult times too.

Let's make this year a wonderful experience filled with growth, laughter, and countless proud moments.

Thank you for choosing our school for your child/children. To our new parents - We can't wait to get to know you and those that have been with us for a while – welcome back. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Jo Ball
Headteacher

ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENTS

There are still some parents who have not yet completed their annual parental consents. This form is important for your child to be able to go on school trips. If you require any assistance in completing this form on Arbor, please do contact the school office.

Each year we have to ask Parents and Carers to give consent for trips.

Please log on to the Arbor App and read through the Annual Parental Consent form 2024/25 which appears under "Notices".

You will then need to scroll down and click on the green "consent" icon at the bottom of the page.

Please remember to do this for all your children in the school.

SCOOTER TRAINING

As part of our road safety initiatives, our Year 2 children had scooter training run by Hertfordshire County Council Active and Safer Travel Team.

The children learned how to control their scooters safely, basic pedestrian skills and how to share space with others.



LOST PROPERTY

Every Monday lost property will be placed on a table outside (weather permitting) for parents to collect any items. There will also be books and donated uniform for parents to take if they wish. Please do look through the items and take what is needed.

READING VOLUNTEERS

If you have any time and wish to volunteer to read with our children, we would love to hear from you. Please register your interest in becoming a reading volunteer with your child's class teacher.

AUTHOR VISIT - S F SAID

We are thrilled to announce that award-winning children's author SF Said visited our school on Thursday 26th September. Mr. Said is best known for his captivating novel "Varjak Paw," which the children study in Year 4 as part of the reading curriculum.

During his visit, Mr. Said:

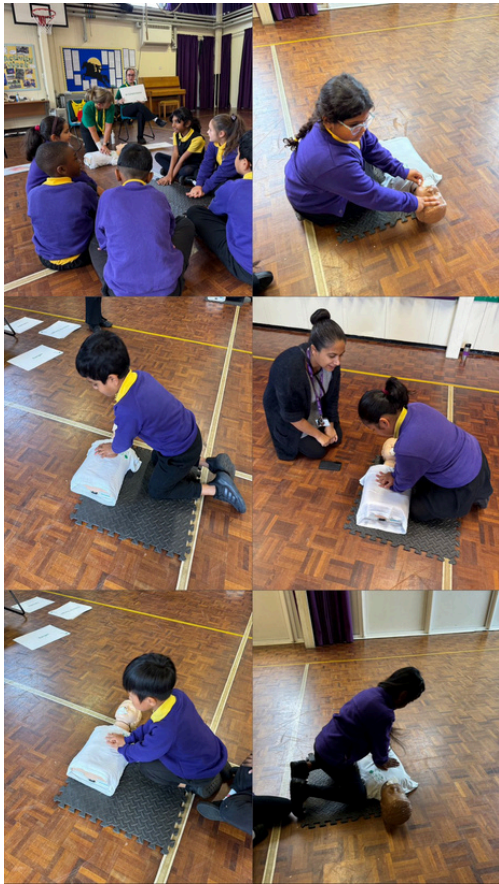
- Gave an inspirational talk about his journey as a writer
- Read excerpts from his books.
- Answered questions from our students about writing and his books
- Signed copies of his books for students

This was an excellent opportunity for our students to meet a real author and learn about the creative writing process. We encourage you to discuss this visit with your child and perhaps read "Varjak Paw" together if you haven't already.



MINI FIRST AIDERS

Earlier this month, our children from Year 2 to Year 6 had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a Mini First Aid workshop. The workshops were hands on and interactive and our children gained confidence in handling emergency situations. Please do ask your child to show you what they learned!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 10th October - Hello Yellow Day

Friday 25th October - Harvest Festival

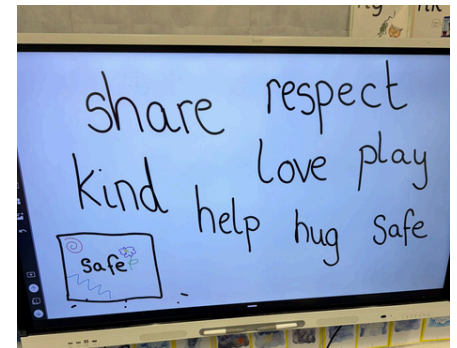
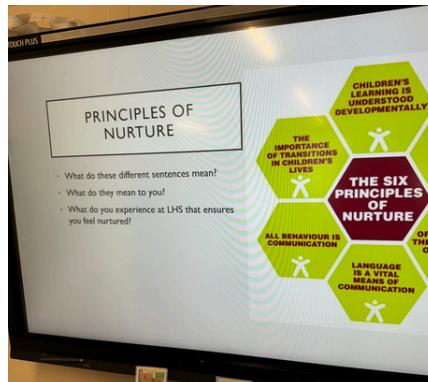
Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November - Half Term

Monday 4th November - Back to School

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Anti-Bullying week

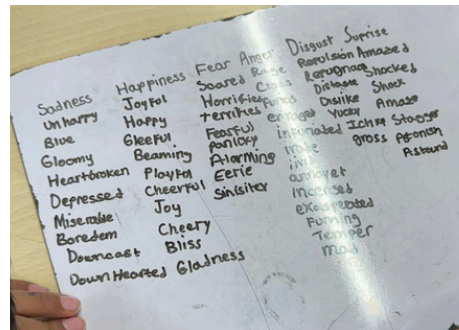
Monday 11th November - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12th November - Safer Internet Day



NURTURE DAY

On Nurture Day, celebrated on September 5th, our children translated the six principles of nurture into language they understood, supporting their understanding. Across the school, children designed posters to showcase these six principles of nurture as well as creating their network hands. Network hands help children identify adults who form their support network.



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