

Firfield Primary School Newsletter

March 2023

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Message from Mr Yellop

Thank you to all the parents that completed the questionnaire sent out last month. There was a wealth of positive responses and some areas we can improve on as a school.

For the first three questions on the survey, we were delighted with the responses although there is always room for improvement. Firstly 92% of parents felt their child was happy at school compared to the national average of 89%. We were also pleased that 94% of parents agreed that their child feels safe at school compared to 91% nationally. 90% of parents felt that the school makes sure its pupils behave well, above the national average of 84%. We are really pleased with this as we have worked hard on promoting exemplary behaviour and reducing low level disruption that can be a barrier to learning. 94% of parents (compared to 80% nationally) agreed that the school makes them aware of what the children are learning during the year. We have tried hard to keep parents informed of the new curriculum through the website and via class Dojo. We also had many positive comments about our knowledge-rich curriculum and the details that the children are remembering and how much they are enjoying what is being taught and learned.

Across most of the questions more parents replied with strongly agreed than on the previous survey sent out in the last academic year. To some of the questions a number of parents replied 'Don't know' to some of the questions, especially 'The school supports my child's wider personal development' so we will try and communicate our provision more clearly in the future.

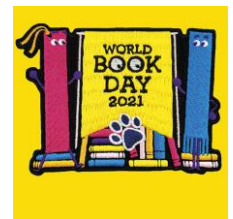
We were a little disappointed by the response to the question 'My Child can take part in clubs and activities at the school', where 82% agreed compared to 88% nationally. As a school we offer lots of clubs and activities compared to other schools. We will continue to look at this offer to ensure we give all children the opportunity to attend a range of clubs and activities during their time at the school.

Finally, we are very happy that 91% (compared to 85% nationally) of parents would recommend the school, we have a growing reputation in the area and have seen a recent increase in pupil numbers. Thank you to all the parents who responded to our survey. We will look at how we can make any changes in response to the constructive feedback and comments we have received. As our motto says we 'learn together', 'grow together' and 'achieve together'.

Mr Yellop

World Book Day

Thank you for your fantastic efforts for World Book Day where children were invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character.



A reminder that the deadline for competition entries will be next Friday, prizes will be given for the best entries. We have also sent out money off book vouchers, as we have done in previous years. The book fair arrived in school today and will be available throughout next week for parents to visit before and after school. The last chance to purchase books will be on Thursday 9th March.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March, we will be holding our Red Nose Day. Children have the opportunity to dress up and be involved in activities to raise money. Unfortunately, this year are unable to sell red noses in school in support of the day. This is due to a warning that the are not suitable for children under 7 and this would discriminate against a large number of our children. Further details about Red Nose Day will be provided by Miss Tomlinson (PSHE Coordinator) next week.



Maths Rockstar Day



On Wednesday 8th February we held our Times Table Rock Star Day. The children looked fantastic in their Rock

Star costumes and we had loads of fun rocking throughout the day. Thank you to our resident DJ Tolson. Children will continue to practise in school using the Rockstar App, Rockstar sheets and heat maps. Please continue to support your child with learning tables at home.

World Down's Syndrome Day



World Down's syndrome day will be held on Tuesday 21st March, we will be inviting children to come to school wearing bright, colourful odd socks on this day to raise awareness and celebrate. Each class will also take part in a sunflower challenge for 21days with a competition to see which class can grow the tallest sunflower. There will be lessons on this day around school to celebrate differences and promote understanding of diversity. Further details will be provided by Miss Trigg (SENCo).

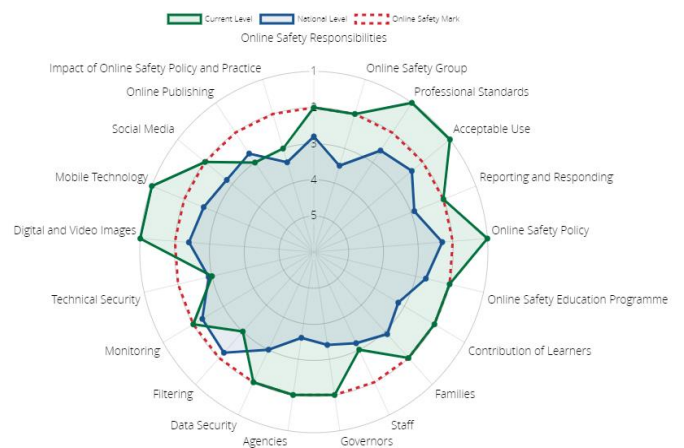
World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Day is on Sunday 2rd April. During the week before this (World Autism Week) specialist assemblies and lessons will be held in every year group to promote the understanding of what make us all unique. The theme this year is 'Light It Up Blue'. On the last day of term (Friday 31st March) pupils are invited to wear something blue (in addition to their normal uniform) to show their support.

Safeguarding

Online Safety

We have completed our Online Safety 360 Review and we are pleased to say that we feel our provision is good compared to other schools. We continue to look for ways to improve this further. Click on the diagram below (or use the QR code) to visit our Online safety page and have a clearer look at the graph. You will find lots of information about keeping safe online as well as our acceptable use policy for pupils.



School Trim Trail and Tyre Park

A polite reminder that we ask all children not to use the trim trail or tyre park before or after school unless supervised by a member of school staff. This includes younger siblings who may not have started at the school.

We are excited to announce that we will be repairing the broken equipment on the trim trail over the Easter break. Thank you to the school council for their campaigning for these improvements.

INSET Days

A reminder about the remaining INSET days are set for Thursday May 4th and Monday 5th June 2023. We will soon inform you of INSET days for the next academic year. A reminder that Monday May 8th is now a Bank Holiday and therefore school will be closed on this day.

Diary Dates

MARCH 2023

Wed 1 st	Year 3 Swimming starts
Fri 3 rd	World Book Day
Mon 6 th –9 th	Book Fair in School
Wed 8 th	International Women's Day
Fri 17 th	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Tues 21 st	World Downs' Syndrome Day
Mon 27 th – 2 nd 31 st	World Autism Week Last Day of Term (Wear blue to support autism awareness)

APRIL 2023

Mon 17 th	Return to School / Summer Term
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