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Dear Families and Governors,

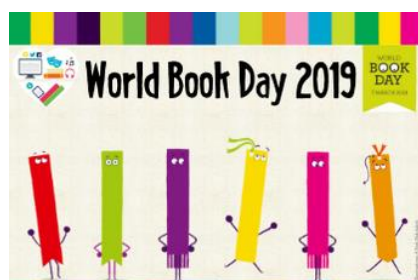
Welcome back after the half term break. It has been lovely coming back to such wonderfully warm weather. The children have enjoyed their time outside this week. Due to the number of children we now have in school, we have introduced separate break and assembly times for KS1 and 2 this week. The initial feedback from children has been very positive!

Momo Challenge

It has been brought to our attention this week that some of our children have come across various online challenges with the potential to cause significant harm. One example is the Momo Challenge. This is a form of cyberbullying which targets gamers and social media and internet users. Users are enticed to contact a user named Momo and then receive graphic threats from the user and are instructed to perform a series of dangerous tasks. When we have had conversations with our children this week, we have discovered that many of them are aware and have come across Momo during their time on YouTube, Minecraft and Roadblocks. Other similar challenges are 48 and Blue Whale. We have spoken to the children in school this week about the dangers and would appreciate it if you could follow this up at home too (if your child has access to devices). More information can be found on our school website and facebook page.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 7th March. Your child has received a letter about this. We will be holding a book sale on this day to raise funds for new books for our school library. If you have any books which are in good condition and you no longer want, please hand them in to the school office before the 7th March. Children are welcome to bring money in to buy books if they wish to. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Quicksticks Tournament

On Tuesday, 6 members of year 3 and 4 took part in a Hockey Tournament with children from other schools. Our children demonstrated excellent team work and perseverance, making Walbottle proud.

Year 1 and 5 Quayside Visit

Year's 1 and 5 had a wonderful visit to the Quayside this week. The visit was linked to their history, geography, art and design technology curriculum. The children enjoyed learning more about their local area and the history of various landmarks. They visited art exhibitions at the Baltic and participated in an art and design workshop.

People's Kitchen – written by Skye Telford & Dillon Bain

On the 12th February, we visited the Peoples' Kitchen. We wanted to find out more about this charity. Alison Kay started this charity and ever since, the volunteers have looked after people who can't look after themselves. They get donations such as: sleeping bags, clothes and food. The charity is in an old church in Newcastle. The School Council team will be considering things to do for this charity and we will let you know when we have more news

Attendance

Our attendance figures this week are as follows:-

Nursery – 96.2%
Reception – 96%
Year 1 – 935%
Year 2 – 99.6%
Year 3 – 99.7%
Year 4 – 97.3%
Year 5 – 99.3%
Year 6 – 94.2%

KEY DATES

5th March – Year 2 Visit to Glass Centre
7th March – World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character
12th March – Swimming Gala for selected children
15th March – Red Nose Day – Non Uniform (Optional donation to comic relief)
15th March – Whole School DT Day
19th March - Year 3 STEM Workshop
19th March – KS1 STEM Family Workshop
21st March – Open the Book Assembly
21st March – Early Years Open Session – New Nursery & Reception
3rd April – Class Photographs
3rd April – Dance Festival for selected pupils
5th April – Break up for Easter Break
23rd April – Return to School

If you have any ideas about school improvement or can help out in school in any way, please do not hesitate to call in and see us.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kindest Regards
Mrs. A. Oliver (Head Teacher)