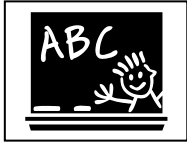


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My Money Week 2018

What a tremendous week we have had improving our knowledge and understanding of financial matters. The week began with lessons from the MoneySense website <https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/home>, followed by workshops on Wednesday and Thursday.



We welcomed volunteers: Mark Burns, Caroline Pearson, Emma Moffat, Sarah Sterling and Amanda Tomkinson from RBS / Natwest banks. They supported the school staff in delivering workshops to the children which were really well received:

Edison Y5 said, "You need to look for certain signs such as who the email is actually from and you should ring the bank if someone asks for your details."

Siân Y3 learnt about keeping money safe: "Some places aren't safe to keep your money such as in your pocket or on the table."

Immy Y5 reflected, "I learnt that that there are different ways of getting scammed such as giving away too much detail on social media."

Jessica's (Y3) favourite part: "When the man came in, I enjoyed spending money on party things and learning that you can't buy everything."

We would like to thank the MoneySense team and look forward to doing it all again next year!



'Y6 Ready' Meeting – Wednesday 4th July at 6pm

We would like to invite parents and children in Y5 to a meeting on Wednesday 4th July at 6pm. The purpose of the meeting is to help parents understand the expectations that are placed on children as part of the Y6 SATs Tests which they will complete in May 2019.

As a school, we strongly believe that life is about much more than SATs and this is reflected in our broad and balanced curriculum, the range of visitors to the school, our excellent selection of extra-curricular clubs and residentials as well as the whole host of other activities that children get to take part in throughout their time here.

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Alexander Graham Bell said "Preparation is the key to success" and Benjamin Franklin said "Fail to prepare, prepare to fail"

As a school, we would be failing the children if we were not to properly prepare them for these tests. Please be clear that for us, **preparation** does not mean teaching to the test, it means ensuring every part of the curriculum is taught as thoroughly and memorably as possible throughout the children's time here.

The evening will provide an opportunity for discussion with the Y5 and Y6 teaching teams, to look at how assessment information is formulated, used and reported and how it will be shared with parents, to help you to understand the format and structure of the tests as well as to view some of the materials that will be used in preparation. We do hope that as many parents and children are able to join us. Thank you.

Whole School and Group Photos will be taken on Wednesday 20th June.

Sports Day - TOMORROW

We have sent children home with their PE kits so they can come to school tomorrow dressed ready for Sports Day. (Please ensure your child wears: House colour t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. No watches or jewellery.) Tracksuits can be worn over the top. They will also need a drawstring bag on their back with water bottle, sun hat, healthy snack and hopefully a little bottle of sun-cream will be required too!

Our Friends, I'm certain, will do a sterling job running a refreshments stall throughout the day. Any donations of cakes for the refreshments stall would be gratefully received in the morning - either homemade or shop bought. Thank you.

I have also attached to the Newsletter a copy of the Sports Day programme, just in case any have been misplaced!! You may wish to check with your child which events they will be taking part in.

Remember Ski Club IS still on after Sports Day. There will not be an opportunity to change completely in school, but hopefully children can just slip their tracksuit on over their PE kit and be ready to ski, or alternatively change in the car on the way to the centre.

Please note no other reading bags, books or homework diaries etc. are required in school tomorrow, except for children who are bringing lunchboxes.

Good luck to the children representing the school at the swimming gala on Friday evening and at the Burton Town Hall Concert on Monday evening.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe