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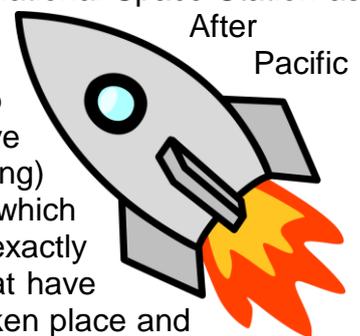
Internet Safety



We recently announced the winners of our Internet Safety Poster Competition and presented the children with their prizes in an assembly. It is obviously part of a school-wide and ongoing 'raising awareness' process to ensure that the children enjoy the advantages and challenges of the internet, whilst knowing how to keep themselves safe. Electronic devices can be fantastic but the rate at which technology develops means that potential concerns can change equally rapidly. The children need to know that even if someone presents themselves as an eleven year old from Thailand, it could equally be a 43 year old from Belper. Which obviously means that our children need to be aware about not providing personal information about themselves. It is a concern for us that whilst you need to be thirteen to have a Facebook account, we are aware of a number of our children who access it. With most of our children having access to mobile phones and or, game consoles, they are able to access the internet and communicate widely. As parents, how do we know who they are in contact with and what type of information exchange takes place? I recognise that this can be quite a challenge for us as parents because we are not necessarily at the cutting edge of technology. We are looking at organising a session for parents which is aimed at offering parents support on this issue and it is something that I have discussed with other local heads who share our concerns.

Seeds from Space

Two kilograms of rocket seeds took off from Florida bound for the International Space Station as part of British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's six-month Principia mission. several months on board, the seeds were sent back and landed in the Ocean this spring. They were returned to the UK and were packaged up ready for distribution. We are one of the participating schools that have received two packets (only identified to us by the colour of their packaging) containing 100 seeds each to grow and compare. We do not know which seeds have been in to space and which remained on earth and that is exactly the point of this extensive experiment, to find out whether the seeds that have been subjected to zero gravity grow any differently. Planting has now taken place and we await the results with interest.



Cross Country Amber Valley Champions



Last week at Alfreton Park we took part in the Amber Valley Schools Cross Country Championships. The competition comprised four races, for Lower and Upper School Girls and Lower and Upper School boys. The course itself was quite challenging as it certainly couldn't be described as flat! I know that we have come to expect excellent performances from the children of Mundy Junior School but I appreciate it is something that should never be taken for granted. The fact that we were successful and won the competition is brilliant. What fills me with genuine awe and wonder is the margin of the victory. In the Upper School Boys' race, with the race consisting of a hundred children we came first, second and third, with all our team finishing within the top twenty. The clean sweep of first, second and third, according to the organisers, had never been achieved before (we also provided the winner of the Lower School boys' race and the girls' performances were consistently high too). The outcome was a massive gap in terms of points between ourselves and the second placed team, which was simply stunning. Mr. Hutchinson has put the full results and photographs on the school website. Congratulations to all of the children who took part, Cross Country is a grueling challenge and all of them who took part can be very proud of their achievement. My thanks as well to Mrs Knighton and Mr Hutchinson for organising the team and enabling them to be so incredibly successful, it is genuinely amazing.

Mini-Ramathon – Sunday 5th June

You should have all received a letter and flier about the Mini Ramathon on the 5th of June at the iPro Stadium (Derby County's Stadium). As you will know from last month's newsletter we have been offered 50 free places and will be running (or in my case hobbling!) on behalf of the NSPCC to whom the proceeds from the whole event are going. As there are only fifty free places available it will be on a first come first served basis. So, if you haven't received the letter, which has the reply slip attached, and are interested please ask the office staff for the information as soon as possible.



Show Dates Change



We mentioned in the previous newsletter that we would have to change the dates for the Upper School Show as there were clashes with events at Heanor Gate. The shows will now take place on **Monday 11th July at 2.00pm and 6.30pm** and on **Tuesday 12th July at 2.00pm**. The dates have been updated on the diary list below.

Rotary Club Invite

Following our football team's success in winning the William Gregg Cup in the autumn term, we have been asked by our local Rotary Club to be their representatives in a Derbyshire wide competition on Sunday 15th May at Burton-on-Trent. We will let you know how we get on.



Mundy Junior School Children Presenting at the Women's Institute



Several members of our JLT (Junior Leadership Team) and ECO Cats attended the Women's Institute at the Baptist Church on Derby Road to talk to the ladies about the Horticultural Show. They brought along rosettes, shields, examples of entries in the show tent and described the day and all the fun activities we have organized. They also explained the Heanor in Bloom project, where we work alongside Amber Valley Borough Council, by dismantling all the show gardens, re-potting all the plants and taking them out into Heanor to fill the beds and put displays around the town helping to make a difference to the local environment. The WI were really keen on taking part and have offered to help with the refreshments. We may even see some Rhubarb Jam entered as the children took an armful of sticks along to give away to the ladies!

'Good Luck' to our Year 6's

We wish all our Year 6 children the best of luck as they begin their end of key stage assessments (SATs) on Monday 9th May. We are so proud of our children at Mundy Junior School as they have such a positive attitude towards their learning they deserve to do well. Their reward will come when they go to Lea Green! 😊



Parking



We have had a number of our neighbours contact school regarding parking. We have wonderful neighbours who are a real asset to the school and are very tolerant and accommodating. There have been a number of occasions when cars have been parked across driveways and this can cause considerable inconvenience. Please park courteously and safely.

Dates for your Diary

(See reverse)



Dates for your Diary (Changes or new dates in bold)

Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 Assessment Week
Tuesday 24 th May	Group and Team photos
Tuesday 24 th May	PTA meeting 3.30pm
Friday 27 th May	Last day of term
Summer Term 2	8 weeks
Sunday 5 th June	Ramathon (see separate details)
Monday 6 th June	First day of term
Tuesday 14 th June	Sports Day – 9.30am
Wednesday 15 th June	Reserve Sports' Day
Saturday 18 th June	Horticultural Show – 12.00noon to 4.00pm
Monday 20 th June	Transition Disco (years 2-5) 5.30-7.00pm
Monday 27 June to Wednesday 29 June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Lea Green
Thursday 30 th June	Transition Day for Year 2 and Year 6's New Parents Information Evening – 6.30pm
Friday 1 st July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 6 th July	PTA sponsored walk 9.30am
Wednesday 6 th July	Parents Open Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm
Friday 8 th July	Last swimming for Blue Pod
Monday 11 th July	School Production – 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 th July	School Production – 2.00pm
Thursday 21 st July	Graduation Ceremony – 2.00pm Graduation Ball – 6.00pm
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term for children
Monday 25 th July	INSET day 4
Tuesday 26 th July	INSET day 5
Autumn Term 1	7 weeks
Monday 5 th September	Inset day 1
Tuesday 6 th September	School starts for children
Friday 21 st October	Last day of term
Autumn Term 2	7 weeks
please note that the inset days have not been set below	
Monday 31 st October	First day of term
Tuesday 20 th December	Last day of term
Spring Term 1 - 2017	6 weeks
Monday 3 rd January	First day of term
Friday 10 th February	Last day of term
Spring Term 2	7 weeks
Monday 20 th February	First day of term
Friday 7 th April	Last day of term
Summer Term 1	5 weeks
Monday 24 th April	First day of term
Friday 26 th May	Last day of term
Summer Term 2	Weeks
Monday 5 th June	Frist day of term
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term



