



Wellington Primary School Newsletter

2nd February 2024

"Working together to succeed"

This half term's value:

Empathy

Last week, the children in Years 2, 5 and 6 were visited by the NSPCC. They all took part in the 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' campaign.

The children learned about what to do if they see or hear anything that makes feel unsafe.

Part of this course was also to offer support to the school and the wider community. Below is a selection of links made available by the NSPCC:



Support for parents/carers

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. We've got parenting tips for all stages of your child's life, as well as advice on how to deal with difficult situations.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Activities for Kids at home

Keep busy while learning about staying safe and speaking out with our at-home activities for primary school children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety/activities-safety-kids/>

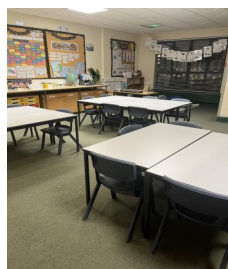
Rhyme afternoon in Nursery.

On Thursday 25th January, Hedgehogs held a nursery rhyme workshop. Adults and children alike had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support this event.



New tables and chairs!

We are all very pleased and excited to say that each class in the school has now received their brand new tables and chairs. Not only do the rooms look cleaner and brighter, but we have it on good authority from all of the children that the chairs are very comfortable.



Last week, we held a colouring competition to coincide with our American themed lunch. The children were encouraged to be creative and the winner from each class would be rewarded for their use of colour, creatively and skill.

The winning entries were:

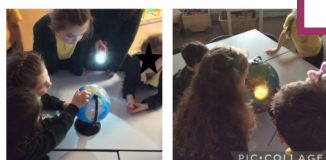
- Ben T (Rabbits)
- Finlay (Red Squirrels)
- Matthew (Owls)



In Rabbits, we have been learning about day and night, and how the Earth orbits the sun.

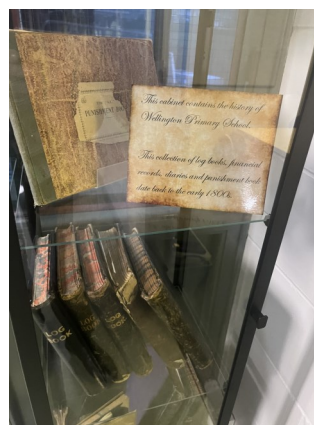


We did an experiment where we explored night and day. We used a torch to represent the sun and shone it onto the globe to see where it is day and where it is night.



The history of Wellington...

The historic records of Wellington Primary School (including log books, diaries and a punishment book) have now been proudly displayed near the school's entrance. We hope that the Wellington community will enjoy celebrating the history of the school with us.



Internet Safety Tip

The Internet Watch Foundation are reporting significant concerns in relation to a **66%** increase in grooming of children under 10 from last year's statistics. This is an alarming rise and something we should be aware both in school and at home. Please check in with your children, see how they are behaving and interacting online with others. If you are concerned then please do visit the NSPCC website. However, just so you are aware: Some of the signs you might see include:



- being very secretive about how they're spending their time, including when online
- having an older boyfriend or girlfriend
- having money or new things like clothes and mobile phones that they can't or won't explain
- underage drinking or drug taking
- spending more or less time online or on their devices
- being upset, withdrawn or distressed
- sexualised behaviour, language or an understanding of sex that's not appropriate for their age
- spending more time away from home or going missing for periods of time.

A child is unlikely to know they've been groomed. They might be worried or confused and less likely to speak to an adult they trust. If you're worried about a child and want to talk to them, we have advice on having difficult conversations.