

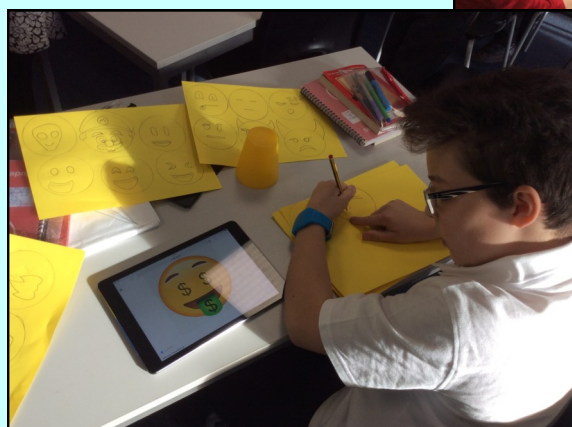


SAFER INTERNET DAY & DIGITAL LEADERS

On Wednesday we took part in Safer Internet Day, during which the children took part in a range of activities designed to raise awareness of online safety and ensure the safe use of computing and information technology both at school and at home. Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. An important part of our online safety work in school is the work we have done in introducing pupil Digital Leaders. Miss Woods, Mrs Plumb and Mrs Murfet have worked with a team of pupils to train them to offer practical help and remind other children in school about online safety. Even children as young as four need to be aware because they may come across something inappropriate while they are playing on a computer at home and so the empowerment of children is a key component of Digital Leaders scheme. Our Digital Leaders help to keep technology spaces clean, tidy and serviced, they report broken or malfunctioning equipment and sometimes audit how often different programs and apps are used. They review apps and software and make recommendations to staff and children and they generally raise the profile of ICT and Computing in the school. They may also run or help out at a lunch club and help to inform and enforce the school's online safety policy. Our Digital Leaders proudly wear their specially made badges so everyone knows who they are and know they can approach them for help. See the photo below of our team of Digital Leaders! Below is a report about the day written by one of them.

At Sebert Wood we enjoy our computing and online safety work. On Safer Internet day, which our whole school took part in, the younger year groups focussed on discussing the dangers of the internet. They also thought of ways to stop these dangers from occurring to them. Older year groups looked at the impact of social media apps, and produced Green-Screen videos. These were aimed at informing parents on how people can stay safe on social media networks. Other year groups also acted out E-Safety scenarios which may occur. We ended the day by mixing up the whole school, with KS1 and KS2 children working together. Here the older children worked collaboratively with the younger children to produce a jigsaw piece, which represented how they saw and use the internet – representing this years Safer Internet Day slogan, "Create, Connect and Share Respect". An enjoyable day was had by all. Our thanks to Miss Woods, Mrs Plumb and Mrs Murfet who organised the day.

Written by Edward Bradshaw, Class 13, Digital Leader



Our team of Digital Leaders



WHAT DO PUPILS DO WHEN THEY'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

We have recently heard of some fabulous work that Lennie Frost (Class 3) does for a local good cause called the JAM Community Pot which was set up by his mum Michelle to support local vulnerable people who may be elderly, lonely or isolated. Lennie spent Christmas Day at the United Reform Church in Stowmarket and helped to serve Christmas dinner to over 100 local people and he has been helping his mum with this type of work every year. He was recently featured in the Bury Free Press and both his mum and everyone at Sebert Wood are very proud of his kindness and hard work. Lennie will start collecting for the same good cause in Autumn, so watch this space. Well done Lennie, we're very impressed!



Lottie Harriman and Sania Justice (both Class 14) recently passed their Grade 1 SCMS exams in Baritone and Cornet respectively. Both have been taught in the weekly school brass lessons with Mr McDowell and he is very impressed with their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work. Congratulations girls!

If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school please let the class teacher or a member of the school office team know about it to get a mention in the newsletter. You can send a note in via your child's class outlining the key information or send an email via the admin email address.



OTHER INFORMATION

PARENTS EVENINGS

It was great to see parents in school during the January and February consultations. We hope you received all the information you required about your child and that the new mid-year reports for years 1 to 6 were informative. However, if you still have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask the class teacher, or email/phone the school office.

MATCH ATTACK TRADING CARDS

On the whole the children have been playing well with the cards at break and lunchtimes but just recently there have been occasions where some pupils have lost cards and also incidents where pupils have been putting pressure on each other to swap. We have told the children that should incidents such as these increase then we may have to ban the cards. Please also remind your child that it is their responsibility to look after their cards, thank you.

UNIFORM AND RELATED ISSUES

We really appreciate your support in making sure children are suitably dressed for school, particularly at this time of year when the weather has been so cold and wet. We get a lot of lost property in school and often it is unnamed which makes returning it tricky. Please make sure you label all your child's clothing and coats. We also appreciate your help in making sure children wear black shoes (not trainers). Please note that extreme hairstyles are inappropriate for school—the use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have coloured/dyed hair. Thank you for your support.

PARKING

We encourage children to walk or cycle to school as much as possible, but where parents have to drop by car we encourage them to allow extra time and park at the Community Centre/Heldhall Road car parks and walk the last part of the way. When parking near the school please be considerate to local residents and do not park over driveways, on the H markings, zig-zags or double yellow lines. Only those with an official school pass can park in the driveway and passes are available for parents of pupils with a disability or for other exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the school. A reminder that the school car park is reserved for staff or official visitors only, so please do not use the staff car park. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

STAFFING NEWS

This week we said farewell to Mrs Potgieter who has left her role as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1 to pursue a career in retailing and to Mrs Whitney who worked in Year 3 and has left to pursue her former career as a Radiologist. We'd like to thank them both for all the hard work and commitment they have shown Sebert Wood and wish them all the very best for the future.

DATES FOR 2018.....SO FAR

Half term holiday—week beginning 12 February
Pupils return to school Monday 19 February

FEBRUARY 2018

Fri 23	FOSWS Quiz & Pizza Night
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MARCH 2018

Thurs 1	World Book Day
Weds 7	Maths Curriculum Day—details to follow
Fri 9	British Science Week starts
Fri 23	Fitness Friday—cycling
Fri 23	FOSWS Easter Bingo
Thurs 29	LAST DAY OF TERM

APRIL 2018

Thurs 19	Year 3 visit to School Farm Fair
Thurs 26	Year 4 Sutton Hoo trip

EASTER HOLIDAYS—30 March to Monday 16 April
Staff training day Monday 16 April
PUPILS RETURN ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL

MAY 2018

Wk beg 14	Year 6 SATs testing week
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Half term holiday—week beginning 29 May
Pupils return to school Monday 5 June

JUNE 2018

Wk beg 18	Year 6 Eaton Vale residential trip (Monday to Friday)
Wk beg 18	Year 5 Harry Potter Activity Week
Mon 18	Year 5 trip to the Harry Potter Studios
Tues 19	9.30—11.30 am Year 3 & 4 Sports at Abbeycroft track
Thurs 21	9.30—11.30 am Key Stage 1 Sports—school field

JULY 2018

Fri 6	FOSWS Summer Fayre
Mon 16	9.30—11.30 am Year 5 & 6 Sports at Abbeycroft track

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 2018 TUESDAY 24 JULY
(Last Day for Year 6 pupils only—WEDNESDAY 18 JULY)

The last word.....have a safe and enjoyable half term holiday.....from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!