

Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high

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This week, Mrs Drake's whole school assembly focused on screen time. While it is important to maintain a healthy balance, the children explored the many positive ways that screen time can support learning, creativity and wellbeing when used appropriately. In school, our computing curriculum helps pupils develop problem-solving skills, creativity and confidence with digital technology. For more information on our computing curriculum, click [here](#).

Beyond education, screens can provide opportunities to relax, enjoy age-appropriate entertainment and explore personal interests and stay connected with friends and family. By developing positive digital habits, children can enjoy the benefits of technology while maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.



Stockport Online Safety Hub

With gaming and social media becoming increasingly popular and accessible for younger children, it is important to know how to keep them safe online. [**Stockport's Online Safety Hub**](#) is a fantastic resource that provides trusted digital safety guides for caregivers. You can find a wealth of information to help keep your child safe online. The platform provides clear and easy-to-understand guides for popular apps, games and social media sites, including age ratings, potential risks and practical safety advice. There are also helpful resources on managing screen time, setting up parental controls and supporting children if they experience online bullying or other online concerns. In addition, families can access a range of free online safety tools, including parental control features such as a Qustodio account to help manage device use and promote safe online habits at home.

Tesco Grant

Paolina, Community Champion at Tesco in Handforth Dean, visited school last week to present us with a cheque for our Fruit for Schools Grant for £1,500! During her visit, Paolina explored our Forest School and gardening outdoor areas and learnt about the exciting opportunities this funding will provide for our children.

Paolina commented, *"It was lovely to meet you all and see how the Fruit for Schools grant will really benefit your pupils and add to your already blooming outdoor area."*

We are delighted to have secured this funding, a special thank you to Jamie Richards for leading and supporting us with this. Miss Davies and the Department for Environment will develop a plan for how the grant will be used, ensuring it has the greatest possible impact on enriching our outdoor environment and providing valuable learning experiences for our pupils.



Show Racism the Red Card Wear Red Day – Friday 16th October

We will be joining people across the country for Wear Red Day as part of the ongoing Show Racism the Red Card campaign. Tomorrow, on Friday 16th October, the children are welcome to come into school in non-school uniform wearing something red. This is an event to raise awareness and, as such, school will not be collecting any money. If you would like to donate to the campaign, access the website [here](#) for more information.



Article of the Month



During the month of October, we will be focusing on Articles 2 and 30, we will reflect on these rights in class and during assemblies this month.

Article 2 - No Discrimination, highlights that all children have these rights no matter what.



Article 30 - Minority Culture, Language and Religion, highlights every child's right to use their own language, culture and religion even if these are not shared by most of the people in the country where they live.



Woodford Garden Village Scarecrow Festival

The annual Scarecrow Festival is happening across Woodford Garden Village this weekend, from 16th to 18th October. The Kids Club has worked hard on our Harry Potter themed scarecrow this year!



A special thank you goes to Redrow for their very generous £500 sponsorship of the event.

School Nurse Drop In – Friday 16th October

A reminder that the School Nurse drop-in session is happening tomorrow, Friday 16th October, between 8.45am and 10.30am. If you would like to ask any questions, or be signposted for support, please pop along and see her.

Important Dates

16 th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card - wear red (non-school uniform)
16 th Oct	School Nurse Drop-In
19 th Oct	School Tour for 2027 Intake
19 th Oct	Academy Committee Meeting
21 st Oct	KS2 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Visit
23 rd Oct	School closes for half term
2 nd Nov	Staff INSET day
3 rd Nov	School opens for all pupils
9 th Nov	School Tour for 2027 Intake
13 th Nov	Children in Need

[For a full summary of 2026/27 dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed here](#)



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness