

### Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Please see the attached information leaflet relating to a drop-in session on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February that aims to raise awareness of eating disorders. The sessions take place in Middlesbrough between 1pm and 5pm.

### Aspire2Be

We've had another packed few weeks with employer, college and university encounters that children have had the opportunity to learn and take part in. We are extremely grateful to our visitors who have offered our children opportunities for self-reflection and discovery as well as opening their thinking to the world of work, future education pathways and career choices.

Over the next half-term, we are looking forward to welcoming more of our community into school:

- Year 5 will meet Beth Cains, Tees Valley Careers Coordinator, who will deliver a session on rising above generational stereotypes in the workplace
- Year 6 will work with a Science and STEM teacher, Mrs Gillespie, from High Tunstall Secondary School to learn more about the human heart
- Year 3 will have a visit from Cleveland Fire Brigade
- Year 1 will have the opportunity to read stories with Paula McMahon, civil engineer, from Sir Robert McAlpine
- Some of our Year 5 children will visit the STEMFEST Tees Valley 2024 at Darlington Rugby Club for a hands-on STEM exhibition, involving 40 North east companies
- Year 4 will meet James Scott, NHS Cardiovascular Clinical Pharmacist
- Year 5 will complete a LEGO engineering STEM career workshop with Anna from NERAP
- Year 6 will meet David Cundell a community first responder
- Some of our aspiring construction, designers and architects in KS2 will visit Geoff Scott at KeepMoat, Seaton Carew, to see their own safety posters displayed on site while seeing a construction site in action and meeting their team.

### Our School Nurse Visted Y5

Our School Nurse visited Y5 yesterday to raise awareness of the risks associated with smoking and vaping. They discussed what they know about cigarettes/E-cigarettes and vapes, what nicotine is, peer pressure/peer influence, why young people choose to smoke or vape and the harms of smoking on the human body. Thank you to our School Nurse for your time this week.



## Newsletter

Friday, 16th  
February

### Y6 Boosters and Easter School

After the half-term break, Year 6 booster sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday after school between 3:20 and 4:20. If you haven't already done so, please could you sign and return the form to indicate if and when your child will be attending.

### Easter School

Save the date: Easter school will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of April. More information to follow after half-term.

### Swimmers

Well done to our group of swimmers from Y5 and Y6 who attended the 'Aqua Splash Swim Festival' at Mill House Leisure Centre. Their behavior and attitude were absolutely fantastic.

### Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

The booking system is now open for consultation evenings for reception to year 6. Please check your emails for a link to book your appointment.

The dates are as follows: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. More information will follow regarding Nursery evenings.

### Merit Winners

Well done to this week's merit winners. As well as having 100% attendance, they have also demonstrated our Commando Joe 'teamwork' character value.



### Lateness

Please remember the school gates close at 8:55 prompt and any child who arrives after the close of the gate must enter school through the main office. Children are then given a late mark. Lessons start in every classroom at 8:55. Children who arrive through the main office door then have to remove coats and get books etc out of their bags. This results in them entering the classroom a couple of minutes after entering the school, when lessons are already mid flow. This causes disruptions not only for the child who is late but also the other children in the class. During this week alone, a total of 228 minutes of learning has been lost to children arriving at school late. Please help us in reducing this amount of time by ensuring your child is in school and ready to learn by 8:55. If you require any help or support with this, please contact Mrs Pugh.

### Term Dates

16.02.24 – School closes for spring half-term holiday  
26.02.24 – School reopens  
28.03.24 – School closes for Easter Holiday  
08&09.04.24 Y6 Easter School  
15.04.24 – School reopens for summer term  
06.05.24 – School closed for May Bank Holiday  
24.05.24 – School closes for half-term holiday  
10.06.24 – School reopens