

# STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## EYFS/Nursery/Year1 & Year2

In Nursery and Reception this week we have been loving exploring the rainforest. We have been looking closely at the different animals that live in the rainforest and have made some lovely animal masks. We have also been listening to the sounds of the rainforest, we now know that there is often lots of rain there so we made our own rain shakers to imitate this sound. We had lots of fun!

In year 1 and year 2 we are flying through our learning. They are growing so quickly and are making such incredible progress. They have been writing poems this week, exploring Brazil, learning the French days of the week, learning to type effectively, looking at making their own hand puppets and doing some super tricky maths. It has been a busy one!

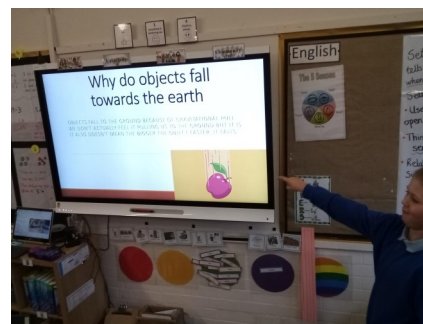


## Class 2

This week in class 2 we have been putting our maths skills to use by measuring and comparing heights in cm and mm. In science, we have been exploring the force of gravity and why things fall to the earth, we then presented our findings on the interactive whiteboard and everyone was able to confidently share their learning. On Thursday we took part in long distance running at Hushwaite and enjoyed competing with the other schools.

## KS1 Dodgeball event– 7th February, Wednesday afternoon

All KS1 children have been invited to take part in a dodgeball event at Malton Sports Centre, this event is part of the school day. The children will be having their lunch before they leave the school site. They will travel with staff by coach to and from the event and should be home by the end of the school day. Children are asked to come into school in their uniform and will get changed at school into their PE kits and school jumpers.



## THE LITTLE GYM® YORK

We have been asked if we can add this poster to our Bulletin this week. Please find the attachment below to open and read more about The Little Gym in York. 01904 307404 | [www.york.thelittlegym.co.uk](http://www.york.thelittlegym.co.uk) | Own a The Little Gym



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## Keeping our Children Safe Online

One in three 8-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12. This concerted increase – driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) – makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely.

Indeed, more than half of parents (52%) surveyed by Ofcom admitted to worrying about their child being bullied via their mobile phone – and with hazards like scams, screen addiction and inappropriate content to consider, that's far from the only risk around. Please see the attached guide which pulls together some simple but solid smartphone safety tips.

## WhatsApp

WhatsApp is becoming an increasingly popular tool for communication for parents and children. Please find attached a useful guide to safe use of WhatsApp for children. It should be noted that the guidance age is 16 plus in the UK.

## ParentPay & Residential

**ParentPay is up to date, please can I ask parents to check your accounts and clear any outstanding balance. For those whose children are attending the residential please make payment, unfortunately if we do not receive enough funds to cover costs the trip will not be viable.**

## Parent Governor Vacancy

FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Body are seeking a new Parent Governor to join us in shaping the future of our federation of schools. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children at our schools and contribute to the Federation's ongoing success.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated parent who can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our Federation. You do not need leadership or education experience, just a desire to support and improve the lives of the whole FST community including children, families, and staff; and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

In return we can offer you:

- a chance to develop skills in strategic management
- the opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our schools
- a sense of achievement in making a positive difference
- the pleasure of helping our children reach their potential

If you are interested in joining us, please see the attached letter and nomination papers for more information. The closing date for nomination is Friday 9 February 2024.

Please do get in touch (via the school office) if you would like an initial informal chat about the role.

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## Diary Dates

Sharing Assembly	Tuesday 6th February 9.10am
KS1 Dodgeball at Malton Sports Centre	Wednesday 7th February 12.30-2.30pm
Fantastic Friday– Environmental Day	Friday 9th February
<b>Spring half-term</b>	<b>Friday 9th February (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 19th February (first day back)</b>
Key Stage 2 (year 3-6) Residential	Monday 19th– Wednesday 21st February
Key Stage 1 (year 1-2) York Mosque Visit	Wednesday 21st
Drama with Audrie	Monday 26th February
EYFS (nursery-reception) Farm Visit	Wednesday 6th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 12th March 5-7pm Thursday 14th March 3.30-5.30pm
Sports Enhancement Day	Tuesday 12th March– all day
Y3/4 Basketball and Netball	Wednesday 13th March 1-3pm
Community Arts Project	Thursday 14th March
Easter Service	Thursday 21st March 2.30pm
Fantastic Friday– First Aid Training	Friday 22nd March
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Friday 22nd March (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 9th April (first day back)</b>
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Friday 3rd May (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 7th May (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer half-term</b>	<b>Friday 24th May (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 3rd June (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</b>