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### Year 6 Residential to FairPlay House

Our Year 6 pupils recently went on a 3 day residential to FairPlay House. FairPlay House is owned by the London Borough of Newham is an outdoor education centre which provides land and water based activities and is set on 12 acres of land in Witham, which is about an hour's drive from London.

Pupils took part in a variety of outdoor activities including archery, high ropes, orienteering, giant swing and a night walk- building their resilience and confidence.

Well done to all the children for their courage in trying new things! An enjoyable time was had by all!



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### Number Day

3<sup>rd</sup> February

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we took part in the NSPCC Number Day. The children came to school wearing clothes with numbers on them. There were some very creative outfits.



Children took part in Maths related activities, played games and even made up their own maths jokes. Here are some:

*What did the triangle say to the circle? You are pointless!*

*Maths teachers love snow storms, do you know why? Because they make Snow angles.*

*Why should you never argue with a 90 degree angle? Because it is always right.*

*What is the swimmers favourite part of Maths? Dive-ision*



The day highlighted the importance of maths as well as showing the children that it can be fun. Thank you to parents and carers for their support and donations to the charity NSPCC.





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### Children's Mental Health Week

6th - 12th February 2023

From 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February, schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK are taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is **Let's Connect**.

Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections - to family, friends and others - this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

Children took part in different activities and discussions throughout the week. The School Council members led phase assemblies.



### School Dinners

Our School Council took part in the Juniper school meal tasting event. The children tasted a sample of new dishes for the Spring/Summer menu and gave their feedback.



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## Safer Internet Day

7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

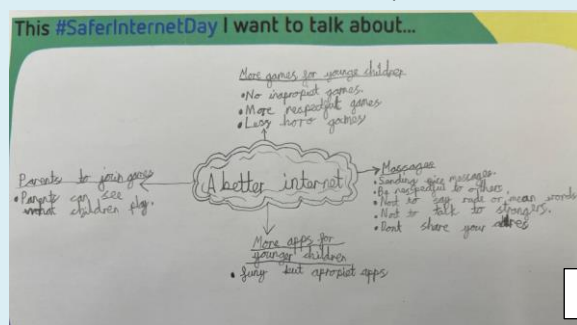


Vicarage Primary school took part in Safer Internet Day (SID) 2023 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February every year.

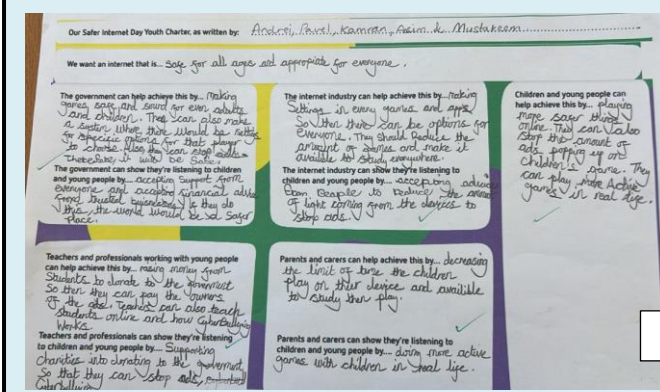
The aim is to promote the responsible, safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to encourage conversation about using technology respectfully, critically, and creatively.

The theme this year was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online', and keeping safe online.

Pupils across the school worked in groups, discussing the issues that mattered to them and what changes they would like to see to keep themselves and others safe online.



Year 3



Year 5

PC Threadgold from the Metropolitan Police force delivered assemblies in Key Stage 2 about online safety and its importance.



Followed by a parent workshop.



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### Advice for parents and carers

Please see below a number of links to help you start a conversation with your child.

#### Practical tips for starting a conversation about life online

Advice and tips about how to start a conversation about the things your child is doing and seeing online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/practical-tips-for-starting-a-conversation-about-life-online>

#### How to talk about difficult topics

Advice about how to talk about some of the more difficult or challenging things that may happen online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/how-to-talk-about-difficult-topics>

#### My child has said something worrying – what do I do?

If your child mentions something in a conversation with you that you find worrying there are steps you can take, this page gives more information about what you can do.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/my-child-has-said-something-worrying-what-do-i-do>

#### What do I do if something goes wrong?

Sometimes things do go wrong online, but there are always steps you can take to help support your child and get help. This page looks at what you can do if something does go wrong for your child online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/what-do-i-do-if-something-goes-wrong>

#### How to make a report

Information to help you if you need to make a report on an app or site.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/how-to-make-a-report>

#### Getting your child involved in online safety

Resources that can help you engage your children in online safety education, no matter their age.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/getting-your-child-involved-in-online-safety>

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### Dates for your diary

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half term break**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Staff INSET Day - School closed**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Rec, KS1 and KS2 pupils return to school**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February- Nursery pupils return to school**

**Parents Evening Reception, KS1 & KS2 -**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February- 3-30pm-7pm**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February -3:30pm- 5:10pm**

**Nursery Parents Evening**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - All day**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - After school tuition starts**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - World Book Day**

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of Spring break**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Easter break**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - All pupils return to school**

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