

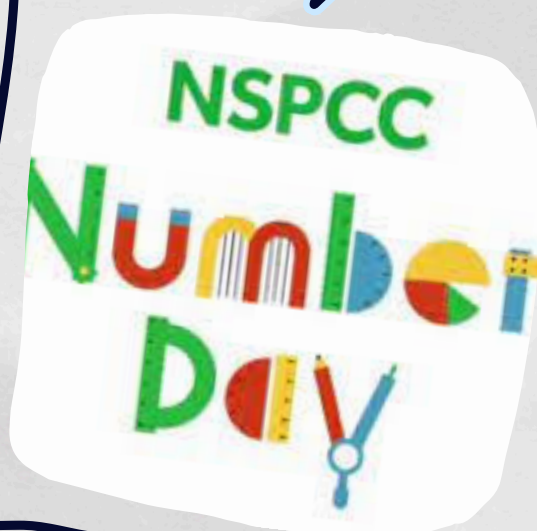
Monthly Newsletter

January 2025



Upcoming Events

We are excited to have a range of interesting event days coming up to continue to enhance our curriculum in the Spring term. These include Number Day, Whole School Kindness Challenge, World Book Day, a Wonderdome Planetarium space show and more! The Ethos council are working with me to put their finishing touches on our kindness challenge that will be running for the whole of February!



1

Great Big Book Swap

We are passionate about continuing to promote a love of reading at school and at home. I want to hold a 'GREAT BIG BOOK SWAP' on World Book Day in March. If you have any children's books at home that you feel happy to donate, please contact Mr Varela or the school office to arrange this. These may also be used as rewards for loyal visitors to the school library on Fridays after school; more details to follow next month.



2

Sport at GW

It has been a busy and exciting start to the term in relation to sport at school. The children are enjoying our before and after school clubs which include gymnastics, dodgeball, football and boxercise. Mrs Masson has already been to a number of events which have been hugely successful, and we look forward to the upcoming swimming and table tennis competitions also. We are planning our summer term club provision to offer an even wider variety of sport.



3 Safeguarding Update

The safeguarding update this month is in relation to setting up parental controls on any of your child's devices. The link in the picture provides a helpful checklist (from the NSPCC) for the things you can do to ensure your child stays safe while they are online. If you have any questions about online safety, please speak to Mr Varela who is our Online Safeguarding Lead. Alternatively, if you have any questions relating to any of our safeguarding features please do come and speak to Mr Varela or Mr Gilbert.





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NURTURE - GROW - SUCCEED TOGETHER

Dates for your Diary

- 31st January - PTFA Coffee Morning
- 7th February - NSPCC Number Day
- 12th February - Swimming Gala
- 13th February - BSE Table Tennis Competition
- 14th February - PTFA non-uniform day (wear what you love)

- 17th - 21st February - Half Term

- 24th February - Children return to school
- 26th February - BSE Benchball Competition
- 4th March - BSE Netball Competition
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 8th March - PTFA Race Night fundraiser
- 11th March - Wonderdome Planetarium space show visit
- 12th March - Skateboard taster session
- 25th/26th March - Parents Evening
- 28th March - PTFA - Coffee Morning + Non Uniform Day (Easter bingo - donate an egg)
- 31st March - Bikeability week starts for Year 5
- 4th April - Rocksteady Concert + Last day of term

BEST WISHES
MR VARELA
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mrs. Reavis

ABOUT ME

I have been a teacher in schools for over ten years, some of this time was spent teaching in America.

I live locally with my husband and our three year old daughter. My husband serves in the Armed Forces, so life can be a little hectic at times. We also have two Irish Wolfhounds, Ragnar and Lumos. As a family we love to travel and have adventure outdoors. We also love trips to the library and bookshops!

WHAT DOES MY JOB INVOLVE

I teach in Owls (Year 4 & 5) on Thursday and Friday, and my Wednesday classes vary each half term. I am privileged to get to teach all students through out the school. I have a true passion for teaching writing, and engaging children with literature. I am also the French lead, and I am always looking for exciting ways to challenge students to develop and enhance their language skills

HOW I LIKE TO TEACH

I believe to get the very best out of each child, it is key to build a connection. Having a relationship with your students is the foundation to a successful classroom. I also pride myself on creating a sense of community within our classroom. Students are valued, and taught to listen to others views and opinions alongside their own. I believe this is how the most powerful learning can take place.

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