



The Hayfield Herald

Safer Internet Day 2023



On Tuesday, the whole school took part in activities for Safer Internet Day 2023. Our children are growing up in an ever changing world that is connected virtually across the globe. Although the internet has transformed our lives in so many ways, it can also be a very dangerous place to be. Safer Internet Day focused on supporting children to understand how to keep themselves safe online, how to recognise risks and what to do if they feel something is wrong. The children had a range of activities and at the heart of all of them were open discussions about being safe online where the children showed they already have a great knowledge of this. As a school, we see an increasing number of concerns coming from children's access online outside of school. We know at home it can be difficult to keep on top of how the internet is changing for children and we have a wealth of information to support you on our website and would encourage you to have a look:

<https://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/safeguarding/online-safety>

The simplest measures are being aware of what they are accessing and not allowing them to play age inappropriate games or access social media platforms that are not for children.

Today in Celebration it was our pleasure to present the second Hayfield Legends of the year. Well done to all the children who have earned this award by being exceptional role models to others. It was lovely to hear the conversations by teachers about who was chosen but also how many others they would like to choose as so many children are such great ambassadors for our school.

On Wednesday, Mrs Thomson hosted a phonics workshop for our Year 1 parents. Thank you to all who attended, it was great to see so many of you. Mrs Thomson shared information about phonics, our Little Wandle phonics scheme and the screening check later in the year. Afterwards the adults got to spend time in the classrooms with the children taking part in some phonics activities. We hope this will help everyone to support their children's phonics at home. Thank you to Mrs Thomson for organising the event and all the Year 1 staff for such a great session.

In sporting news our Key Stage 1 curling team took part in a local sports partnership competition and did so well they have qualified for the county finals! We are also pleased to announce that Alice in Year 5 has been awarded the Hotshots Player of the Month Award!

Last week our Eco Warriors led by Miss Farquhar and Miss Mulroy went to Twywell Hills and Dales to plant some trees. The children learned all about the importance of the trees and habitats and then set to work digging and planting our own Hayfield Copse there. They then had a special treat going to see some Highland Cows in their conservation area and used their Science knowledge to understand why animals and plants are so important in keeping our world healthy.

At the end of another term at Hayfield Cross we would like to thank you all for your support and helping to make our school such a special place to be. Huge thanks to all of our staff who work so hard to give the very best to the children. Have a wonderful half term everyone!

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go! (Joshua 1:9)*

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