

Long Crendon News



Our value this half term is Courage

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As a maintained school, from time to time we may carry signposting information about organisations offering goods or services that may be of interest to members of the community. This is a community service and does not constitute an endorsement of the goods or services by the school.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The new term has started very positively. On our INSET day we had Values based Education training, with Sue Webb from VbE. The staff spent the day revisiting Values based Education and the day generated lots of new ideas for promoting VbE. Please look out for news and events linked to this as we move into the term.

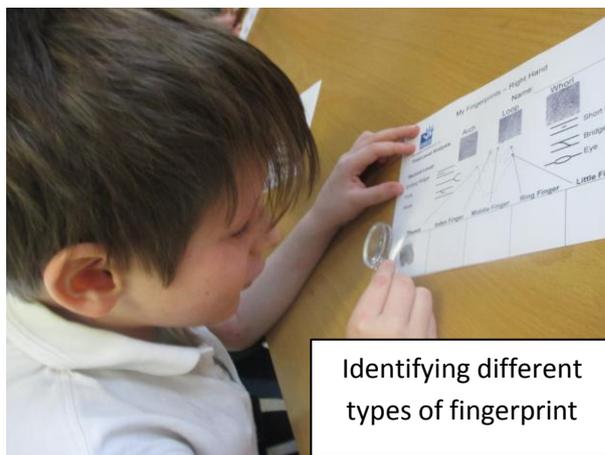
Welcome back and a Happy New Year!

Sue Stamp

SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have had a science based theme week. In addition to the work being done in class, we had a "CSI Science" Day, run by the Hands-on-Science company, which was a huge success. The children were really inspired by the CSI theme and spent the day investigating fingerprints, blood spatter analysis and dissection! Feedback from all the staff and the children has been very positive – all agreed it was an interesting and exciting way to learn about applications of science. Many thanks to Miss Monkcom for organising this for us.

Fingerprint team at work



Identifying different types of fingerprint

SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY CHILDREN

Having become aware that a number of KS2 children are regularly using Instagram, and other social media sites, which has led to some falling out on the playground and upsets, we sent a Parentmail to all KS2 parents this week regarding children using social media websites which are not age appropriate. I strongly advise all parents to check the age restrictions on many popular sites and to ensure that underage children are not using them. There is a list of the sites and age restrictions here:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-on-social-media>

The NSPCC site Net Aware is also a useful source of information.

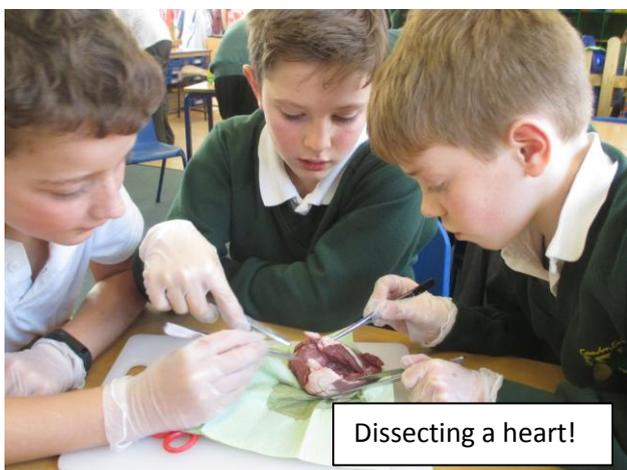
Some years ago, in response to similar concerns, we asked parents to consider taking children's phones away from them after 9pm and not allowing them in bedrooms. This was very successful, with parents agreeing en masse to closer supervision and a curfew. I hope that you will consider this in the interests of keeping all our children safe online.



Blood spatter analysts at work!

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property pile is growing again! Please make sure that all items (including lunch boxes and water bottles) are clearly named so that we can reunite them with their owners.



Dissecting a heart!

SPORTS NEWS

It has been a busy week on the sporting front. Year 4's played in a Basketball Festival on Tuesday at Buckingham School. The games were fast and furious but our pupils played with fantastic determination and focus. They came 3rd out of 12 schools. They should be very proud of themselves.

On Thursday our Year 2's took part in a Multi Skills Festival at Waddesdon School. All our Year 1's and 2's practise Multi Skills during their lessons at school. They involve running, jumping and throwing and require very good concentration. Our Year 2 team enjoyed taking part and came 4th out of 10 schools.



The Multi-skills team



The basketball team

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- Tues 16th Drumming Assembly with Phil Heard
- Thurs 18th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
- Tues 23rd Architecture Workshop in school Y3/Y6
- Thurs 25th YF & Y6 Height & weight checks with school nurses
- Tues 30th *Y3 Egyptian Day in school

FEBRUARY

- Fri 2nd Parent Council Meeting 2pm
- Mon 5th Y2 Great Fire of London Day
- 12th – 16th HALF TERM
- Fri 23rd *Owls in school

*More information to follow