



# Savile Park Primary February Newsletter

Tuesday 10th February is Safer Internet Day, we will be sharing lots of information with the children about how they can keep themselves safe online. As you know we have lots of advice and support available for parents/carers on our online safety hub <https://savileparkprimary.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

This week is also Children's Mental Health week. This year's theme 'This is my place' and throughout the week we will be doing lots of activities in our classes to promote positivity, improve resilience and our sense of belonging as a community <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

I ♥ BOOKS

## National Story Telling Week 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February

We have all been enjoying sharing stories together as we celebrate stories and the sharing of stories. This great event is a collaboration of the power and delight of sharing stories. Stories can teach us many things about the world; enabling us to experience things from the viewpoint of others. They can help us relax, relate to each other and develop essential literacy skills.

The theme this year is 'Soundtrack your Story' and we have been exploring links between music, movement and stories.

Last week the children in Kiwis and Kookaburras were able to attend a workshop led by Phil Earle who is an award-winning children's author. Everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the session. Hopefully this experience will inspire us with our writing.





## Tropical World Visit

Year 5 (Falcons and Kestrels classes) had a wonderful trip to Tropical World, where they took part in an exciting and informative rainforest workshop. The children impressed both staff and adults with their excellent knowledge of tropical rainforests, particularly the Amazon, and their enthusiasm for learning really shone through. They asked thoughtful questions and made great links to their classroom learning.

We also had time to explore the zoo, where we saw a wide range of fascinating tropical animals, including birds, reptiles and insects. Seeing these animals up close helped bring our learning to life and made the experience even more memorable.

Throughout the day, the children behaved impeccably and represented the school brilliantly. They were an absolute credit to us all and should be very proud of themselves.



## Virtual Storytelling

For story telling week Puffins and Pelicans took part in a UK wide story telling session with author and musician Annemarie Anang. We explored her book *I am Nefertiti*, a book about identity, emotions and being proud of yourself and who you are. Through our interactive zoom session, Annemarie read the book to the children and then we contributed through the interactive chat giving her our ideas of how we could portray different emotions from the book through sounds. We used body percussion, mouth made sounds and sounds made from items in the classroom to interact with the story. Both classes were extremely engaged throughout the story telling session and loved every minute of it.



## Poetry Slam



We are poets - don't you know it!

Year 6 had a fantastic day for our Poetry Slam event, with a special visit from poet Emilie Jones. Throughout the day the children learned about rhyming, rhythm, patterns and structure.

We worked on our performance skills, practising working in groups to create performance poems which leapt off the page. We even took part in rhyme battles.

With our skills finally honed, groups from Eagles and Hawks classes worked together to prepare and perform in our poetry slam competition with work inspired by the word 'play'.

Our poems took our listeners from the football terraces to beaches and from theatres to the tape recorders of our memories.

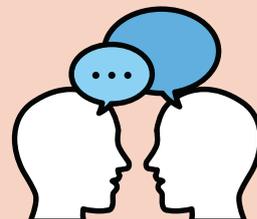
Well done to our winners who will be representing us at The Victoria Theatre in April!

## Voice 21



Voice 21 are an oracy education charity, who campaign and support schools to transform the learning and life chances of young people through talk. We are lucky enough to be working with Voice 21 for the next 3 years to help us improve our oracy curriculum and empower all our children use their voice in school and beyond. As a school we are committed to all voices being valued and heard.

The teachers have already started to receive some training and they are beginning to incorporate what they have learnt into their lessons. Each class has produced an agreed set of talk guidelines and they are beginning to understand the skills they need to be able to talk and listen effectively.



# SAVE THE DATE

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School opens
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Pelicans and Puffins (year 2) Space Dome visit
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Eid- Family Learning Moorfield
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Eid- Family Learning Heath
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day- dress as a book character
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Eagles and Hawks Murton Park Visit
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert Heath
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert Moorfield
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Hawks Bikeabilty
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closed-Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Eid Parties
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Eagles Bikeabilty
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Dinosaur workshop Kiwis and Kookaburras (year 4) Roman Centre visit
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Falcons and Kestrels (year 5) Vue Cinema visit
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 & 6 Vue Cinema visit Child of the Term Assmeblies School closes for Easter holidays