



Cowling Community
Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 20th November



Dear Parents and Carers,

Magical tales from India were beamed into Cowling classes this morning thanks to master Storyteller Sita Brand. Bringing stories alive is a real art and it was wonderful to hear Sita tell stories from ancient Indian scrolls and help the children learn about how stories were told long before books were printed.

Using props and puppets, the workshop developed the children's understanding of different beliefs and cultures and promoted a mutual respect of all people. Children in Class 2 then created some fantastic pictures inspired by the stories. We are grateful to the team at Settle Stories for working with us to ensure we could still bring storytelling into school via Google Meet.

It has also been wonderful to end the week with some great news! The newly formed Craven Partnership is a team of seven schools, of which we are proud to be a part, which aims to engage children with science. Funded by the Ogden Trust, the partnership aims to develop children's understanding of science and fire their interest to ask questions about the world around them and discover more. The partnership also provides science training for teachers with a focus on physics. To launch the partnership a logo competition was organised and we are absolutely delighted Eva Mae Green has been judged the winner! Eva-Mae's design is pictured below and you can click here to see the design standing proudly on the website <https://cravenpartnership.co.uk/an-example-announcement/> Great work Eva-Mae! Congratulations also to Tilly Widdup and Oliver Stokes who were runners-up in the competition. The Partnership has launched a new competition to design a model flying machine either real or imaginary using paper and card. Photos of your model and a description of how it was made and why you chose the design should be sent to competitions@cravenpartnership.co.uk by December 4th. Please include your name and school in the email.

A huge thank you to our Year 3 and Year 4 families who are doing an amazing job supporting their children with home learning while these year groups are isolating. Miss Rose, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Conlon have been so impressed with the children submitting work and attending the daily Google Meet. It has been a steep learning curve for us all and we are grateful to our families who have helped us iron out the inevitable glitches! Thank you for persevering and getting to grips with this new way of learning. Google Classroom provides contact, which I know is very much missed during self-isolation, and enables teachers to provide feedback on work. Thank you for being so willing to give it a go and try it out. We are of course very much looking forward to having our children back with us in school next Friday (November 27th) as we have missed you all very much indeed.

With best wishes,
Susan Marshall
(Headteacher)



School photograph orders should be brought in by Wednesday 2nd Dec or ordered online. Year 3 and Year 4 children will receive their photographs next Friday (Nov 27th) when they return to school. Many thanks

Think you know what your child is doing online?

6 Internet Safety Tips Every Kid Should Know

- 1 Keep Your Passwords Secret
Except from Parents
- 2 Don't Talk to Strangers
Only talk to people you've met in person.
- 3 Don't Give out Your Phone #
Unless a parent says its okay.
- 4 Close and Tell an Adult
When you see something bad online.
- 5 Ask Before you Download
Or Your Computer Could get Sick.
- 6 Only Say/Share Nice Things
Always Be Kind!

The internet is an absolutely incredible resource which has been a life saver for so many workplaces and schools enabling working and learning from home, as well as providing a lifeline to so many businesses who may have had to close their premises. It is also an amazing way to be able to keep in touch with family and friends.

However, as you know, not everyone uses the internet as we would wish and we teach the children how to keep themselves safe online; specifically not to talk to strangers online, to be careful what information they share and to always tell a trusted adult if there is ever anything which makes them uncomfortable or they think is just not quite right.

The children absolutely know about internet safety, especially our older children. However, when they are playing their favourite game or using social media in the comfort of their own homes the children feel very safe and can easily be lulled into a false sense of security. Children are so trusting and I am afraid they need to be internet savvy.

Children are amazingly quick at working out how new technology works. They can set up chat rooms and groups amongst their friends on numerous platforms. I am concerned when I hear children are chatting to strangers in game chat rooms and that many of these strangers are certainly not children. You may think your child is just chatting with their friends but I would urge you to check your child's chats as I am aware of extremely bad language which has been used in these chats which I am sure would not be tolerated at home and is certainly not acceptable at school. The children are always shocked when they see I have printouts on my desk of these chats as they were convinced it was a private conversation. It is also always a shock to parents when they hear the language and content which their child has been accessing. However, as vigilant as you think you are, I would ask you to check all internet settings and lock them down as tightly as you can to keep your child safe. The websites below provide support for families and great information on a range of games and programmes.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



What Parents Need to Know About Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Sharing

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This week's free online safety guide focuses on peer-to-peer (P2P) sharing. Peer-to-peer (P2P) sharing is the process of transferring digital content, such as electronic books, music, or video clips from one computer to another. The guide takes a look at how to tackle a range of potential risks such as inappropriate content, illegal downloads and malware.



What Parents Need to Know About Minecraft

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This week's free online safety guide focuses on Minecraft. There's a very good chance you've heard of Minecraft. The guide takes a look at how to tackle a range of potential risks such as the addictive nature of Minecraft, griefing and contact with strangers.

Christmas Dinner orders by Wed please

If you would like your child to enjoy our amazing Christmas lunch orders **must be received by next Wednesday November 25th** to enable us to order from our suppliers.

If your child usually has a school dinner then there is no need to order but if they have a packed lunch or are in Penyghent, Ingleborough or Whernside Class and would like a Christmas dinner **please email admin@cowling.n-yorks.sch.uk by Wednesday** to let us know. **Orders cannot be accepted after this date.**



Pupils of the week awarded for effort, writing, use of vocabulary, knowledge of prime numbers, attitude to learning, classroom discussion and being a role model to others.

Class 1: Alexander Buckley and Jack Smith.

Class 2: Melissa Waite and Ruben Medley.

Year 3 and Year 4: All our fantastic Y3/Y4 families for persevering with home learning! Thank you.

Class 4: Tyler Emmott and Oliver Appleyard.

Class 5: Jack Hall and Amelia Green.

