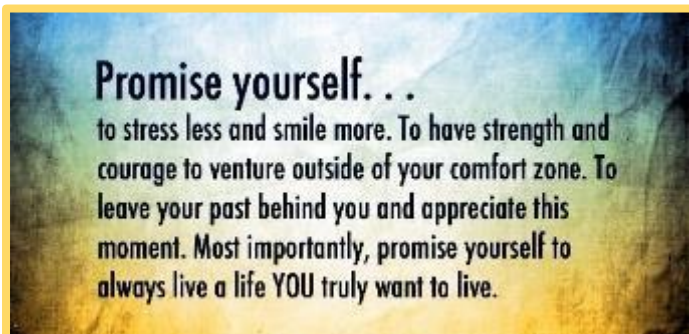


Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 17th February 2022

Dear Parents and Children,

This week sees the end of the first half of the Spring Term. This takes us to half way through the school year. The year has flown by so far and has presented many challenges. I am pleased to say that the number of positive Covid cases has continued to fall this week with only a very small number of new cases. National restrictions are set to be amended as we return after half term and move in to March. We will look to review all our protocols and practices with a view to making some changes. We will be doing this gradually and monitoring the impact of those changes. We urge parents and families to work with us and to show understanding for the whole school community.

Thought of the Week



Assembly Shout Outs



Certificates for this week were awarded as follows:

EYFS

Mya, Chloe & Ziyad

Year 1

Matei, Erin & Harry A

Year 2

Chloe T, Reuben W & Nathan

Year 3

Laila, Preston & Jayden

Year 4

Clara, Freya & George B

Year 5

Layla, Miss Dennigan's Class & Miss Parker's Class

Year 6

Isla, Scarlett R & Toby

Rainbow Room

Yusuf

Athletics Competition

This week saw the return to the school sports indoor athletics competition. Lots of smiling and enthusiastic children competed in track and field events against other local schools, with Mablins coming in 3rd overall. A great performance and a welcome return to competing in athletics for the children. Well done to all who participated.

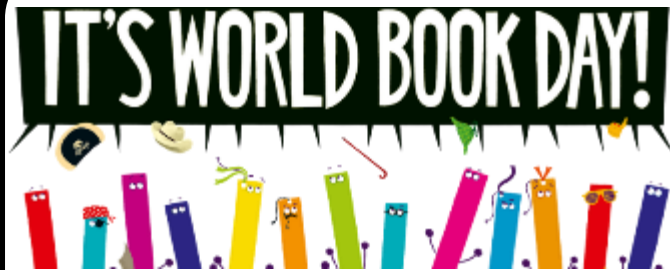


The Mablins' Athletics Team

Y2 SATs practice

Our Year 2 children have been undertaking some assessments in preparation for their SATs in the Summer Term. Whilst these are not tests like the Y6 pupils undertake, they are focussed activities and require much concentration from the children. The Year 2 team have sent home example activities to parents in order to show the expectations and in the hope that parents can support their children at home. Due to Covid, all children have lost learning opportunities and we are doing our absolute best to support the children to make up lost ground. We ask that parents support us with this by reading at home, practising times tables and spellings and completing any homework that is set. If you have any queries or questions then please get in touch with the class teacher via Dojo.

World Book Day



THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

NON UNIFORM DAY

**COME TO SCHOOL
DRESSED AS A WORD!
DRESS IN A COLOUR OR
DRESS AS AN OBJECT**

**Your outfit can be as simple or
creative as you want.**

This year World Book Day will be on **THURSDAY 3RD MARCH**, straight after half term. During this week in school we will be having a theme of 'Family and Friendship'. We will also be thinking 'Green'. All classes will be looking at books over the week that have these themes. They will be sharing stories, doing their own writing and illustration. There may be 'Masked Readers' over the week too adding a bit of mystery!

On **THURSDAY 3RD MARCH** – we are inviting children to come to school dressed as a word. (This ties in with our focus on improving vocabulary.) It can be as simple or extravagant as you like. Keep it simple – choose a colour and dress in that colour. Choose an object - teddy bear, and wear a bear onesie. Get your thinking caps on and be creative.

Green Week

On **FRIDAY 4TH MARCH**, to finish the week ALL children are invited to come dressed in **GREEN** clothing. We plan to share lots of the work from the week and bring together the themes.

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

NON UNIFORM DAY

**COME TO SCHOOL
DRESSED IN GREEN**

**We'll share our work
from the week about
Family & Friendship and
our "Green" theme.**

Earth Heroes/School Council – WE ARE BACK!!!

The Earth Heroes/School Council after school meetings will resume on Tuesday 1st March from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Collection from the main school entrance at 4.00pm, thank you ☺

We hope that all the children can return and keep working on making Mablins Lane School a better place for all?



**MABLINS LANE
EARTH HEROES**



**Meetings will resume
Tuesday 1st March 3 til 4pm**

Parent Teacher Meetings



After half term we will be holding our Spring Term parent/teacher meetings. We have decided to continue with these meetings on TEAMS or by telephone. All meetings will be held during **w/b 7th March**. Appointment bookings will be done via the on-line system. Each appointment will be for 10 minutes and will focus on the progress made so far over the year. All children have missed significant time at school since the start of the pandemic so teachers will be discussing how to keep the children on track and supporting them with resilience. It would be good to have parents and children together for the meeting where possible. If you have any problem with the online system, or require assistance in making the appointment then please contact the class teacher or school office.

Crisp Packet Collection

We are still collecting crisp packets. Please wash out, cut open and place in the box by the main office.

**HELP US TO MAKE
SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE
HOMELESS**

**BRING IN SILVER LINED CRISP
PACKETS WASHED OUT AND CUT
OPEN**

Motherwell Cheshire Charity in Crewe

Motherwell Cheshire Charity in Crewe promoting women's mental health and wellbeing have asked Mabllins Lane children to help them with an activity this week. They are eager to involve the local Primary School students in creating a display for Women's Day celebration on 5th March at South Cheshire College for International Women's Day. The theme for this day is 'Break the Bias' and 'Women of Words' where they will have interactive celebrations complete with guest speakers and marketplaces supporting small businesses.



Each Mabllins Lane Pupil has been asked to write down or draw what makes them happy or what inspires them onto individual brick templates that will be used to create a brick wall display to encourage, inspire and empower others.

Here are just a few examples of the work that Mabllins children have produced.



COVID Update

We currently have **6 children** out of school because they have received a positive test. (At the time of writing.)

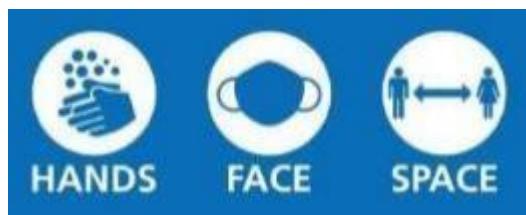
Two members of staff are also currently absent due to positive Covid results.

PLEASE HELP EVERYBODY TO SAFE AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS GUIDANCE.

FACE MASKS – All staff will continue to wear a face covering in communal areas of the school. Visitors are being kept to an absolute minimum and year groups are working independently.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – we are still encouraging families to observe the 2m social distancing measures, particularly whilst waiting on the playground. It is requested that only **1 adult per family** comes on site to collect children and that they stick to the drop off and collection times. At the

end of the day we ask that families move quickly from the site and disperse accordingly.



ONE WAY SYSTEM – this remains in operation across the school site.

ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION

Covid-19 Telephone Number

If your child has a **Covid test** and it is **positive** you **MUST** inform the school immediately **by calling our Covid telephone line on:**

MABLINS LANE COVID POSITIVE TEST REPORTING
TELEPHONE NO.

07415 005702

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test. Please leave a message and we will then operate our positive reporting plan. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND A MESSAGE VIA CLASS DOJO** as this can be missed from the reporting log.

Reporting Absences

If your child is sick or absent for any non-Covid reason, please report the absence to the School Office by either leaving a message **with a reason for the absence** on the School Sick Line or speaking to someone in the office. The telephone number is 01270 749908.



Mablins Lane School lunches



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week 1

MONDAY

Homemade
Cheese & Tomato
Pizza (v)

Vege Chilli &
Potato One Pot
Bake (v)

Fresh Fruit Platter
or
Organic Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Organic Beef
Meatballs, Pasta &
Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with a
Choice of Filling/s (v)

Fresh Fruit
Platter
Or Fruity Flapjack

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Gravy, Roast
/ Creamed Potatoes

Shortbread &
Fruit Chunk

THURSDAY

Homemade Keema
Cottage Pie

Tomato
Pasta
(v)

Fresh Fruit Platter
or
Dorset Apple Cake

FRIDAY



Chicken Korma Curry
with Rice & Cous Cous

Fish or Salmon
Fish Fingers
with Chips

Fresh Fruit Platter
or Chocolate Oatie
Biscuit or Yoghurt

EYFS, Y1 & 2 ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS
Y3, 4, 5 & 6 MEALS COST £2.40
PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE VIA THE
[CHESHIRE EAST EPAYMENT](#)

Bag2School

MABLINS EARTH HEROES 
**ARE COLLECTING GOOD QUALITY
CLOTHING FOR RE-USE FOR BAG 2 SCHOOL**
BAGS TO BE SENT HOME AFTER ½ TERM
Collection day 30th March 

The Earth Heroes/School Council are wanting families to collect unwanted items for our Bag2School campaign.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes,
handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets, bed linen, curtains, towels, soft toys or pieces of fabric please)

Please see Bag2School for more information:

<https://bag2school.com/how-it-works>

The children will bring home a bag to fill after the ½ term break and the collection date is the **30th March**, we need all items in school for this date!

Swimming Pool



A POOL IS COMING!

During the pandemic we have been unable to deliver swimming lessons as we have done before. It is also now extremely costly to transport the children to the Lifestyle Centre in the town. We have found a solution whereby a training pool can be set up on the playground. We have visited other primary schools to see the effectiveness and now feel that this is something we can trial at Mablins. The pool is due to arrive mid-April and it will be in use for 3 weeks. It will allow all our Y4 pupils to have an intensive course of swimming lessons in groups of 9/10 pupils. We are also hoping that the timetable will facilitate some opportunity for Y5 to have some sessions. Year 6 non-swimmers will still have the opportunity to access the 'Top-Up' swimming sessions held by the sports partnership later in the summer term.

We are very excited by this opportunity. Further details will follow to Year 4/5.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee bank holiday is scheduled during the May half term. (We had our additional Bank Holiday at the end of the



Christmas break.) We are currently planning a week of celebration and activities for the week before the May half term. We plan to have a parade, picnic and dressing-up day along with lots of other activities. If parents have any suggestions, or can help in any way then please let us know.

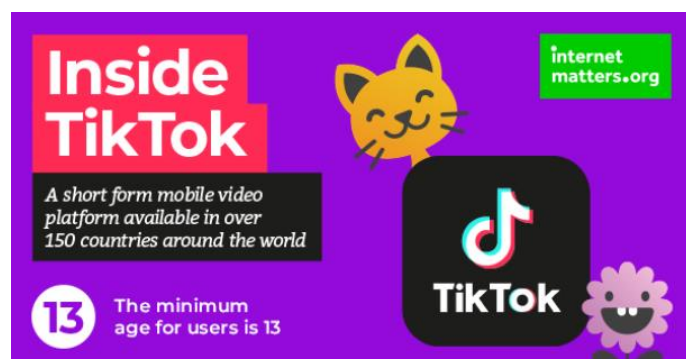
Cyberbullying

During half term your children maybe spending more time on their smartphones, computers, tablets and gaming consoles. This can be great fun and a positive experience for children but we just wanted to give some advice if things go wrong.

How to Deal with Cyberbullying

1. **SAVE** any evidence of bullying and show an adult.
2. **BLOCK** messages or the person. Do not respond to them in any way.
3. **LOG OFF** the site where the cyberbullying is happening.
4. **TALK** to someone you trust about it.

We would also like to remind parents about TIK TOK. The minimum age is 13 – we have children in school using TIK TOK and then encouraging friends to use it as well.



Half Term & Return to School Dates

**WE BREAK UP ON
THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
BACK TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**

The teachers have a training day on the Friday.

I wish everybody a safe and happy half term.

At the end of
the day all that
matters is **love**
and **memories**
so make sure
you give it and
make sure you
make them.

-Trent Shelton

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Kind regards,
Mrs Justine Joule