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Happy Friday to you all,

### **This week at the Wyche**

At the end of a wonderfully creative week at the Wyche I can report that Red class have been designing shopping bags for their farmer's market, exploring the strength and durability of materials and their suitability to carry a potentially heavy load. Yellow class have been devising their dance based on *Giraffes Can't Dance*, working towards a combination of Tango, Rock 'n' Roll and Freestyle. Blue class are delighted with their truly stunning artwork in charcoal, capturing the contrasts of light and shade in their study of the Gothic. Orange class have been thinking deeply about symbolism, in particular symbolic language, as they explore their subtle and moving class text, *Skellig* and Green class were very enthusiastic about their dramatic retellings as journalism of the survival story of Australian miners trapped underground.

We had a delightful assembly from Miss Bent about dealing with pressure by being in the moment and becoming aware of our breathing. She reminded us, quoting the wise words of Master Oogway<sup>1</sup> (by way of Eleanor Roosevelt) that "yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift ... that's why they call it the present."

### **Playground safety**

It has always been a rule at the Wyche that children are asked not to play ball games or chase in the mornings when they are being dropped off. This is because there is not enough room, there are small children and toddlers around, and it is unsafe. Teachers on duty will remind children when it happens but as we are all out there, could I ask you as parents to remind your children about this and ask them to stop if they forget, so together we can keep the morning safe and calm. Thank you.

### **Online Safety**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February is National Safer Internet Day. To mark this the Safer Internet Centre have prepared some resources that you might like to share with your child: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s> On the same site you can also find some helpful tips for parents and carers to enable everyone to stay safe and positive online.

### **Children's Mental Health Week (*plus Wear Your Scarf To School Day*)**

The week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be celebrating this national event in school with assemblies and lessons to help children regulate their feelings, deal with worries, and promote happiness, contentment, and healthy minds. We use the mental health toolkit and resources of Coram Life's SCARF programme and we will end the week with *Wear Your Scarf to School Day* on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. No cost. No fuss. Just wear your scarf to school as a symbol of self-

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<sup>1</sup> Parents will of course remember Master Oogway as the sage tortoise from the "Kung Fu Panda" films.

care and the importance of good mental health. Find out more at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

### **Covid Testing**

Don't forget, Lateral Flow Tests (the home-test packs of 7) are for asymptomatic testing when you feel fine and are just checking, or if a child or fully vaccinated adult has been contacted and must test daily. LFD are *not* for diagnosis. If you or your child have any of the three main symptoms, please self-isolate and book a PCR test at a test site.

<u>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	Guitar lessons Kurling and netball club.
<u>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	Violin lessons. Musical drama club.
<u>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons
<u>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	Brass and piano lessons Card and board games club
<u>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	Wear your scarf to school day Third swim for Orange Class Film Society and girl's football club

### Friends

#### Upcoming Events:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Rags2Riches.** Please drop off bags of reusable clothes at drop off, your donation will help clothe less fortunate people around the world and raise funds for the school. Please do not bring donations before the 11<sup>th</sup> as we do not have room to store them on site.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Bake Off.** The Wyche Bake Off with a Love & Springtime theme. **Free Entry** - KS1, KS2 and Adult category winners get a prize. **A big Bake Sale will take place straight after school.**

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February -**

**The Big Sale!** A pre-half term **Tuck Shop, Jumble and Preloved Uniform sale** straight after school. Stick around for a rummage and chat before the holiday.

**Home Clothes Day.** We'd love a £1 donation to the Friends.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Pancake Day Sale & Toss.** Straight after school the Friends will be selling pancakes with various toppings and holding a contest to see who can toss the most pancakes in 1 minute.

#### **APPEAL**

We are still seeking discounted (or free) small daffodil bunches for a Mother's Day fundraiser. Please get in touch if you can help.

Enjoy the weekend and I wish you good health, in mind, body and spirit,

Stephen Murphy  
Headteacher