



NEWSLETTER – 9th February 2024

VALUE: Perseverance

Focus: Encouraging Others to Keep Going

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Children's Mental Health Week 2024: The theme for Children's Mental Health week 2024 was "Your Voice Matters". We thought about Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child" which states, "You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously."



We also thought about how we should communicate and how we should take responsibility for the way we do that. We linked it to our school text that reminds us to treat others as we would like to be treated.

We also thought about this Marcus Rashford quote,
"Finding your voice and purpose in life is one thing, but, very often, when it is time to use that voice and make a change, you will need a bit of teamwork to make things happen."
We have been considering what we can do together.



In class, the children have completed activities to think about their own wellbeing and also of ways to use their voice. Emerald and Diamond Class wrote letters to classmates following the theme, "Thank you for helping me to feel like I matter!". Each child wrote and received a letter and here are some examples of what they wrote:

Dear Lara, when you helped me in maths, I felt happy and that felt good! From Georgia.

Dear Sabiha, when you included me, I felt grateful and that felt good! From Flora.

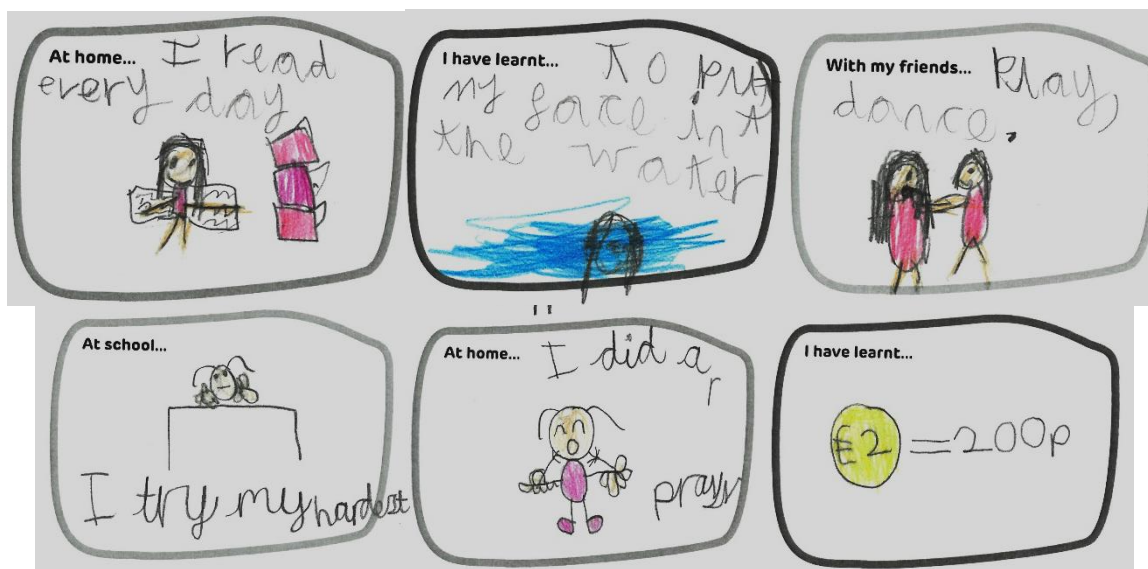
Dar Henry, when you smiled at me, I felt valued and that felt good! From Sabiha.

Dear Dylan, when you told me a joke, I felt funny and that felt good! From Nikita.

Dear Izzy, when you showed me your drawing skills, I felt motivated to become better and that felt good!

Dear Michal, when you helped me persevere through a hard time, I felt incredible and that felt good!

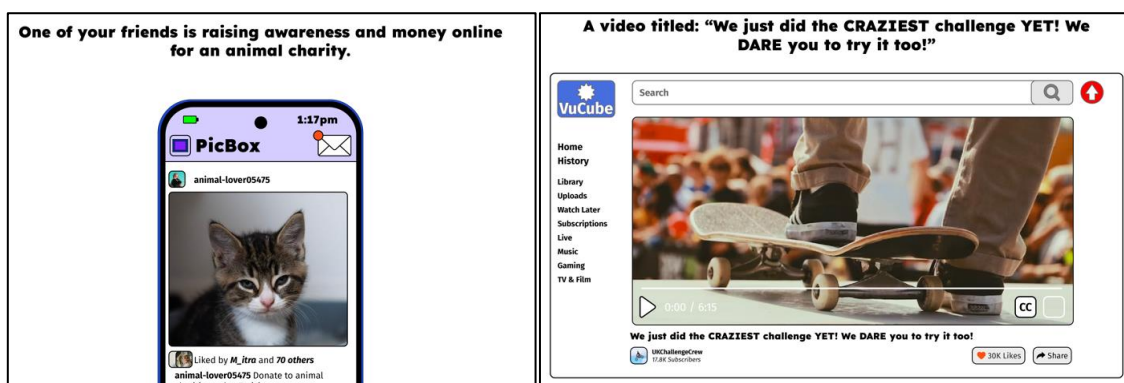
Sapphire Class have thought about their proud moments. These are a few:



Attached to this newsletter is a My Voice Matters top tips for families poster.

Safer Internet Day 2024: This Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and the teachers have taken the opportunity to reinforce and develop the children's understanding of what to be aware of and how to keep themselves safe online.

Diamond Class considered the power the internet has to influence the way young people think, feel and act. This can be in a positive way, such as encouraging them to support a good cause. However, sometimes this can be a negative influence, such as influencing a young person to complete a dangerous challenge. The children looked at examples and decided which were Positive, Negative, Depends, Not Sure. They then shared their thoughts and ideas and discussed some of their own experiences.



Additionally, Diamond and Emerald Classes accessed a live lesson on Artificial Intelligence (AI). They learned about facial recognition and some of the other uses of AI. They thought about some of the risks associated with AI and identified the best solutions. This included looking for clues that may show that a picture has been faked and deciding that you should delete messages if you don't recognise the sender as they may be part of an AI-created scam. Some of them made posters to share their top tips for staying safe in an AI world.



Sapphire Class have been thinking about the way that technology and the internet has changed and how that has impacted on people's lives. Some of the items they looked at were so different to what they have today that they struggled to identify them.



They also went through a story that helped them reflect on some of their internet activities. They thought about the way that children swap items within games and the ways that this can go wrong. They recognised that they should only interact in this way with friends that their parents know about and that they should not give out any information to strangers.

Ruby Class followed the story of Jessie and her dog from the CEOP website. They tracked Jessie's emotions through the story that showed Jessie finding something that scared her when she was looking at her tablet. They realised that you should always tell a grown up when something happens that makes you feel uncomfortable and learned the 'funny tummy song' that reinforces that message through music and actions.



Keeping up with the ever-evolving issues that technology presents is a challenge for all of us. The superb and up-to-date resources produced for Safer Internet Day helps teachers immensely with this.

NSPCC Videos for Parents: The NSPCC have been uploading some new videos onto their YouTube channel over the last week. To see their latest videos you can follow [THIS](#) link.

Online Safety Starts Early: Internet Matters have a wonderful set of resources on their website specifically for schools and parents of early years children. The resources are a 4-episode series covering good habits, being mindful, device safety and digital chats. You can find all the resources [HERE](#).

Car Park. Many of you will have read the email that came out earlier this week but if you haven't, may I draw your attention to the information below:

Drop Off: Please use the designated drop off points in the morning or park up in a bay and walk your child across the zebra crossing.

Please do not let children out of the car anywhere else.

End of the Day: The gates are not opened until 3:00 pm so please do not come earlier as this causes backing up into the road. As some parents are avoiding using the designated bays, this is causing danger. Parking alongside the fences and along the drive-through is causing blind-spots and obstructions.

Please use the bays or the playground.

Reading Areas. As part of our wish to promote reading, we have been improving the reading areas in Ruby and Sapphire Class. The children in those classes now have a lovely space to relax and enjoy a book



Have a super weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Samuel

Emerald
Harry F

Diamond
Honey



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Evie for fantastic work in every 'child choosing time'.
- ✚ Ralph for always giving greaat ideas.

Sapphire

- ✚ Jonas for being more confident in the swimming pool.
- ✚ Lorenzo for working hard on his number bonds.

Emerald

- ✚ Waris for demonstrating perseverance in Maths.
- ✚ Harvey for his great hard work and focus this week.

Diamond

- ✚ Alice for always being ready to learn.
- ✚ Joshua for excellent History work.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.33%**

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Please contact school every day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204**, **Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time

NOTICES

- ✚ **PTA Meeting on Tuesday 13th February at 7.45 pm** at the **Coach and Horses**. If you are available and would like to find out more about upcoming events, would like to volunteer or just meet some new parents, please come along.
- ✚ The **Gardening Club** will resume on **Wednesday 28th February** for children in **Years 3 to 6**. Please see the flyer below with booking information.
- ✚ **PTA Disco** is on **Friday 6th March** at **Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall** from **5.30 – 7.00 pm**. Tickets cost **£3.50** and are available to purchase online at the link below:
<https://spellbrookpta.sumupstore.com/product/school-disco-ticket>

MENU w/c 12th February 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs (Red) ❖ Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) (Green)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	First Day Back
28/02/24	Gardening Club resumes (Y3-6)
08/03/24	PTA Disco
20/03/24	Sapphire Class Last Swimming Lesson
25/03/24	Easter Service
28/03/24	Last Day of Spring Term
15/04/24	First Day Back

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) 	06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Potato Topped Vegetable Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) 	23/05/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew
		27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
		03/06/24	Inset 5
		14/06/24	Bag 2 School
		25/06/24	Class Photos
		03/07/24 – 05/07/24	Diamond Class Residential
		11/07/24	Secondary Transition Day
		22/07/24	Leavers Service
		23/07/24	Last Day of Summer Term
		02/09/24	Inset 1
		03/09/24	Inset 2
		04/09/24	First Day Back
		07/10/24	Harvest Service
		14/10/24	Individual Photos
		28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term
		29/11/24	Occasional Day
		02/12/24	Christmas Decoration Day
		12/12/24	Panto
		20/12/24	Last Day of Term
		23/12/24 – 03/01/24	Christmas Break
		06/01/25	Inset 3
		07/01/25	Inset 4
		08/01/25	First Day Back
		17/02/25 – 21/02/25	Half Term
		24/02/25	First Day Back
		04/04/25	Last Day of Term
		07/04/25 – 21/04/25	Easter Break
		22/04/25	First Day Back
		05/05/25	Early May Bank Holiday
		26/05/25 – 30/05/25	Half Term
		02/06/25	Inset 5
		03/06/25	First Day Back
		23/07/25	Last Day of Term
Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk			

BREAKFAST CLUB

8am - 8.40am everyday
cooked breakfast
served at 8am



£4.50 per
session
payable
via arbor

NB late
arrivals will
not be
catered for
cooked
breakfast

Please book 24
hours ahead to
ensure
availability

Autumn term 2

AFTER SCHOOL Sports Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

3:20 - 4:20pm

October 31st - Thursday 14th December

Football
- Tuesdays

£6
per session

Dodgeball
- Thursdays

Book online at:
gjwsports.co.uk

SAWBO
DESIGN CO.

www.gjwsports.co.uk

**GJW
SPORTS**



Club Fee
£6.50 a week

THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

Activities:

- Painting
- Printing
- Drawing
- Pottery
- Collage
- And more!

Date:

Weekly on Fridays, starting 12th January
2024, 3.20 - 4.20 pm

Register interest

Caroline Clark (Caz)
07847269734
or book on at
www.carolineclarkartist.com

Address

Spellbrook C of E
School



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Our After-School Gardening Club
starts again on Wednesday Feb 28
from 3.20pm-4.30pm



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £30.00 for five sessions September 28 to Easter Holidays
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
 - Working to improve the school gardens
 - Taking part in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Award Scheme - LEVEL 5

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday February 28 and make a payment of £30 in cash/a cheque made payable to: WENDY GORDON or with a BACS payment to: Wendy Gordon/27441520/07-04-36 (Use your name as reference)

I would like my child to attend Spellbrook's After-School Gardening Club on Wednesdays:

Child's name: Year group:

Your name: Phone number:

Email:

Any allergies or medical issues that we need to be aware of*:

*Your child's safety is a priority, but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook & Instagram page (please check out and like) and every week an update of what we get up to at the club will be posted.

If you DO NOT want photos of your child to be used on social media please tick the box: (Please note that children are never named)

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Payment of £30 has been made via Cash/Cheque/Bacs with the reference name of:

Email: wendy@wellbeangardening.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
Instagram: @wellbeangardening

BE A HERO

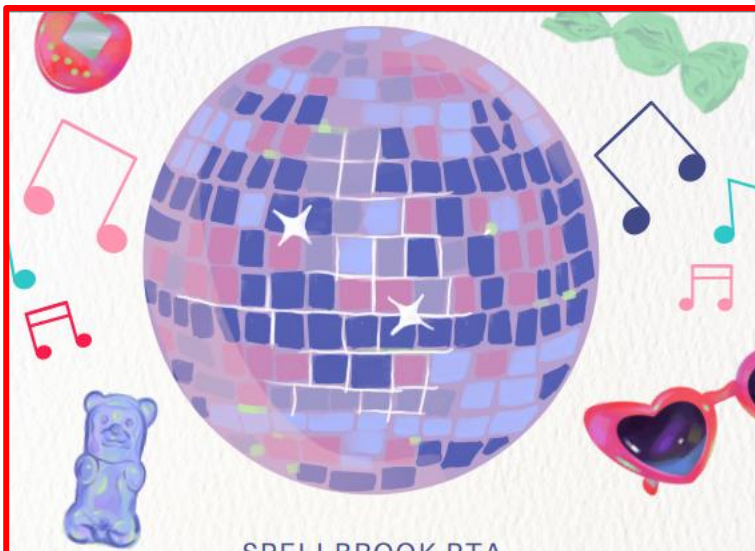
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for us each time you
shop online.**

**Simply shop via
shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk**

Great news! We've joined Shop&Give – a site that lets you raise free donations for Spellbrook School PTA every time you shop online.

Register to support **Spellbrook School PTA** and help us raise as much as possible by clicking on the link below:

<https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/spellbrook-school-pta>



SPELLBROOK PTA

IT'S DISCO TIME!

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

5.30 - 7PM

TUCK SHOP | PARTY GAMES

TICKETS £3.50

<https://spellbrookpta.sumupstore.com/product/school-disco-ticket>

THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Snowdrop Sundays 2024

18 February & 25 February 2024

Opening times: 11.00 to 4.00 (last entry 3pm)

Adults £6.50 (£5.50 if booked in advance)

Children free, dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments available



Snowdrop Thursdays 2024

22 February & 29 February 2024

Opening times: 11.00 to 3.00 (last entry 2pm)

Adults £5.00, children free, dogs on leads welcome

Refreshments available

Warwick House Gardens not open on Thursdays



Tickets for both Sundays and Thursdays will be limited and bookable in advance: www.eastonlodge.co.uk or direct through www.Trybooking.com.

Little Easton, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 2BB
Enquiries: 01371 876979; enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk

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FREE workshops for Year 5
and Year 6 children.

Saturday 2 March 2024

9.00am — 12.00pm

Bishop's Stortford College

An academic enrichment programme developed to spark intellectual curiosity and ignite a love for lifelong learning.

March Workshops:

- Art
- Code Breaking
- Comic Book Design
- Language and Cultures
- Beginners Python Coding
- Young Scientists



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information and to book.

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what it takes
to turn
the page?

Are you aged 8+?
Come and join us to complete fun
activities, chat about books and
make new friends!

Bishop's Stortford Library
Wednesdays 4pm-5pm
28th February, 6th, 13th, 20th March.
£2.50 per session - please book in the library.



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries




HAVE FUN






**The perfect way
for girls aged 5-11
to get involved
with football**



Birchwood High School
3G Pitch - CM23 5BD

Wednesdays 5 - 6pm

£3 per session
with Lead BSCFC Coach Hugo!



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WHAT'S ON...



February Half Term

**South
Mill Arts
Family**

Box Office:
01279 710 200
southmillarts.co.uk



South Mill Arts, 3 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3JG. South Mill Arts is a trading styling of Bishop's Stortford Museum and Arts CO. Registered Charity No. 1199853.



WHAT'S ON...

February
Half Term

 <p>Alice In Wonderland</p> <p>Mon 19th Feb 2pm £15 £13 Concs. £52 Family</p> <p>Follow Alice and the White Rabbit as they set off on a colourful, topsy-turvy adventure and meet a host of outlandish characters!</p>	 <p>Kids Craft - Dragons</p> <p>Tue 20th Wed 21st & Thu 22nd Feb 10am - 2pm 4+ £1 per child</p> <p>Make a Chinese Dragon. Celebrate the new Chinese year of the Dragon. Drop in between 10am and 2pm. No need to book tickets.</p>	 <p>Exciting Science</p> <p>Wed 21st Feb 11am & 2pm £16.50 4+</p> <p>This Brand New, Exciting & Educational show will amaze & astound all ages from 4 years & upwards, as we put the "Exciting" back into "Science"!</p>
 <p>The Amazing Bubble Man</p> <p>Thu 22nd Feb 2pm £16.50 £14.50 Concs. £58 Family</p> <p>"It's a fantastic show. Louis Pearl playfully forms bubbles beyond imagination, and engages the audience with his easygoing slapstick."</p>	 <p>Wonka</p> <p>Tue 20th Feb 11am & 2pm £8 £6 Concs. PG</p> <p>An impoverished chocolate-maker with big dreams befriends a young orphan. Wonderful and vivid prequel to the much loved classic.</p>	 <p>Aquaman and The Lost Kingdom</p> <p>Sun 25th Feb 11am & 2pm £8 £6 Concs. 12A</p> <p>Aquaman battles Black Manta who threatens his family and undersea kingdom in this action packed adventure sequel.</p>

Family Cinema

To book your tickets please visit
southmillarts.co.uk
or call our Box Office: 01279 710 200



