



Twiss Green Newsletter

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Wellbeing Award For Schools

We are proud to announce that we have achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools this half term! Many of you will remember filling in questionnaires about our mental health and wellbeing provision at Twiss Green back in December 2022. We used your feedback, along with that of staff and children, to build on and develop a culture of wellbeing across the school and are very proud of all that we have achieved.

Recognised within the award verification process was our commitment to embedding mental health and emotional literacy throughout school life—our Jigsaw and MyHappymind lessons for example, as well as the calm corners in each class, introduction of Forest School and OPAL and regular use of the Sunshine and Rainbow Rooms. We have worked hard to be able to offer nurture support through a range of 1:1 and group sessions such as class nurture groups, Forest School nurture, ELSA, therapy dog sessions and art play.

Although there is more we want to embed and achieve, we are delighted to receive the award and pleased that our commitment to mental health and wellbeing has been recognised.



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Spring Term Diary Dates



These dates will be added to/amended on each newsletter throughout spring term—please keep an eye on them!

Monday 19th February	School opens for spring 2
Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February	Bikeability for Year 5
Thursday 22nd February	Safer Internet Workshops for all classes
Thursday 22nd February	World Thinking Day—children may come into school wearing their Rainbows/Brownies/ Beavers/ Cubs etc uniforms
Friday 23rd February	Year 5 Sunshine Assembly, 2.30pm
Wednesday 28th February	Reception trip to Imagine That
Tuesday 5th March	Year 2 Residential Meeting for parents/carers
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—'The Magic of Books'
Monday 11th March	Start of Science Fortnight
Wednesday 13th—Friday 15th March	Year 6 residential to London
Tuesday 19th March	PAN performance at the Parr Hall
Thursday 21st March	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 27th March	SEND coffee afternoon for parents/carers with ADDvanced Solutions
Thursday 28th March	School closes for Easter at 2.30pm

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Communications Policy

As part of our work around the wellbeing of staff and children, we have updated our Communications Policy as a staff and have agreed the following:

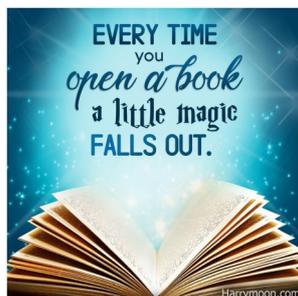
- Please can all emails to teaching staff be sent directly to the school office and not to individual staff email addresses: twissgreen_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk. Our office team will acknowledge receipt and make sure that the email is passed on to the relevant member of staff if they are unable to answer a query. Please do continue to email our SENCO email address directly (senco@twissgreen.net) if you have a query around SEND.
- If an email requires a response, we will aim to send this within 5 working days wherever possible.
- As always, we have an open door policy and welcome the opportunity to talk to parents/carers. Teaching staff are available on the door at drop off and pick up times to pass on quick messages. However, if a longer conversation is required, please contact the office to make an appointment so that we are able to give your concern the appropriate amount of time and attention.

Thank you in advance for your support with this slight change in our communication. The full policy can be found in the policies section of our school website:

http://www.twissgreen.net/web/policies_and_procedures/576093

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on the 7th March and this year, our theme is 'The Magic of Books.' Children are invited to come into school on the day dressed as a character from a book that either reflects the theme of magic, or as a character from a favourite book that has made them feel that books really can be magical! You will receive a reading newsletter with further details soon, but other highlights of our celebration of all things books and reading will include a potato challenge—turn a potato into a book character of your choice and a book stall run by Tell Tale Books.



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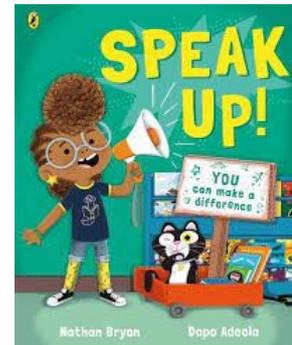
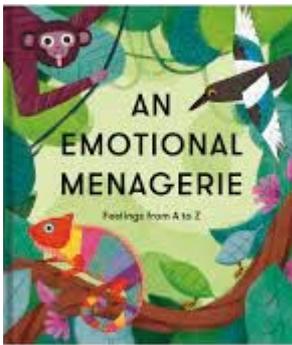
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Children's Mental Health Week

We have thoroughly enjoyed marking Children's Mental Health Week in a variety of ways this week. We had a great time learning how to play Kin-ball, have had fun trying lots of different healthy foods with Mini Makery and watched a video made by Warrington Wolves players which gave us lots of tips about how to look after our own mental health and wellbeing. The theme of the week this year is 'My Voice Matters' and we have thought about this in assemblies and in class throughout the week. We read 'Speak Up!' by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola to help us think about how our voices can make a difference and children in Years 1-6 have been enjoying poems all about emotions from a beautiful book called 'An Emotional Menagerie.'

Our Wellbeing Champions helped to launch the week in assembly on Monday and shared some of their plans with the rest of the school. They have been making gratitude boxes, which are a little like the worry boxes we have in each class. Children can write down anything/anyone they are grateful for and post them in the boxes in class to be shared. Our Wellbeing Champions will also be running a 'Fabulous Friday' lunchtime club offering activities such as reading, colouring and sewing for anyone who would like to join in.

It has been lovely to see the children dressing to express themselves today and raising money for Place2Be. We hope they have enjoyed the week!



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