

SAFEGUARDING

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E-Safety

This term, the new E-safety group met to discuss sanctions and rewards for E-safety and ways to promote good behaviour when using DB Primary. These suggestions were taken to the governors and, as a result, policies have been updated.

The 'Recipe for a Safer Internet' banner has been delivered and has pride of place in Forkedale. It is a credit to the hard work of last year's members.

Progress is continuing on the 360 Degree Safe award. Mr Towers attended a network meeting at Castledyke where it was previously agreed that schools would support each other in achieving this award.

Visitors

Visitors to the school are now greeted with a safeguarding poster and leaflet. Safeguarding is the responsibility of every adult in school, including parents and visitors. The leaflet provides useful information for visitors: who to contact, how to report a concern, and a helpful list of do's and don'ts.

Governors' Health & Safety Monitoring

Governors reviewed the premises with the caretaker and head teacher early in September. Following on from this, a tree survey has taken place to ensure trees on the driveway are safe after a diseased tree was discovered. A new fence has been erected at the back of the school between the school and its neighbours. Governors concluded that the school is in a good state of repair.

Mrs Ellie Jarrett has been elected as the new Health and Safety governor.

Personal Education Plans (PEP)

Mrs Bontoft attended the Local Authority's Personal Education Plan (PEP) training in September. A PEP is required for all pupils who are Looked After (in the care of the Local Authority). The PEP reflects the importance of a personalised approach to the identified educational needs of the child, raising aspirations and building life chances, as well as supporting their safety and well-being.

Walk Once a Week (WOW)

In September, Russell Cave led a whole school assembly and introduced the Living Streets, 'Walk Once a Week' (WoW) project. Children and their families are encouraged to travel to school in the most active manner they can - walking, by scooter, park and stride (leaving the car a short distance from school and walking the remaining distance).

Pedestrian Skills

Year 3 participated in pedestrian training in October. This involved a day of training to cross the road safely, followed by a short assessment to establish whether children understood road safety. All children demonstrated a good understanding of how to cross the road safely, each receiving a certificate for their achievements.

Anti-Bullying Week

During Anti-Bullying week (16th November 2015) children participated in a range of activities which centred on this year's theme of 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. Within school we decided to have a competition to promote the theme whilst creating a video.

Foundation children thought about what makes a good friend, looking at kind and unkind behaviours within friendships and how to maintain their friends.

A selection of Key Stage One pupils developed and performed a song, encouraging people to 'Make a Noise' if they witness bullying behaviours occurring.

Pupils in Key Stage Two have considered what makes a bully behave in unkind ways, writing their own poems from the point of view of the bully.

Assemblies throughout the week also ensured that all children knew that the adults in school are always available to listen to them if they have any concerns or problems with bullying behaviours.

On entry to school each morning, every child indicates how they arrived, on an interactive class register. The system automatically collates the data and badges are allocated monthly to children who have 'walked' at least once each week. The aim is to collect each of the different monthly badges, over the school year.

As a school, we have embraced this project to promote healthy lifestyles and help children to make small adjustments to their daily routines, which will hopefully have long term benefits on their health. To further develop the idea of taking responsibility for fitness and lifestyle decisions, there is a monthly recognition of the class with the highest percentage of active pupils in the school. They can work together and support each other to be as active as possible.

ChildLine

In October three ladies from ChildLine came into school to talk to the children in Years 5 and 6. They carried out a presentation to all of the children in the hall and followed this up with a workshop for each year group. They talked about keeping safe and who to talk to if the children were experiencing difficulties. There was lots of time for discussion and the children took part in role play situations.

Road Safety Week

During this half-term all the children have been encouraged to think about their safety when they are close to roads. They have talked about 'The Green Cross Code', wearing bright clothes so that they can be seen, wearing a cycle helmet every time they ride their bicycles and always wearing a seatbelt in cars.

Each child has designed a poster about being safe near roads; the House Captains then looked at all the entries and decided on three winners which were printed onto a banner. The Road Safety Banner is attached to the fence to remind everyone about keeping Bowmandale children safe.