



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Next Tuesday 7 February is Safer Internet Day, so throughout Tuesday and indeed all next week, we will be working with children across school to further develop their understanding of the importance of being safe when accessing the Internet or playing online through devices such as Playstation and Xbox. The slogan being used for this year's event is '*Be the change: Unite for a better internet*'.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet because ultimately, a better Internet is up to us!

We are encouraging all parents to join in with this initiative as parents and carers play a crucial role in supporting children to navigate the risks online and make the most of the opportunities offered by technology. Possibly the most important thing you can do is to have a regular conversation with your child/ren about Internet safety, encourage them to access age appropriate games/apps and stay engaged with your children's digital lives so you are fully aware of what they are accessing online. Further information, support, resources and ideas for Safer Internet Day can be found by logging on to:

**<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017>**

Should you require any further support with this or if you are ever concerned about what your child is accessing online, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher, Mr Clarke our school Computing subject leader or myself.

This week saw the launch of the **2017 Sainsbury's Active Kids** Scheme and we are encouraging as many people as possible to get involved. In school over the next six weeks we will be promoting the importance of exercise and setting children active physical challenges to take part in to promote the scheme. We are also collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers which you will receive when you spend £10.00 in store at Sainsbury's. Please bring your vouchers in to school and drop them in the collection box at the main entrance to help us get as much free sporting equipment as possible that will be used by your children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines,  
Headteacher



Sainsbury's  
**Active Kids**  
Eat well • Move well • Live well



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Be the change: Unite for a better internet  
[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)



For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

**<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>**

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



## Transforming our Early Years Outdoor Environment

This week our Early Years outdoor environment has been transformed thanks to **AGP Grass** for the competition we successfully won in January. Work lasted three days and we now have a fantastic outdoor surface that can be used all year round by our children. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to AGP Grass for their generosity in offering this prize that will benefit children who attend our Early Years now and for many years to come. Below are a selection of pictures showing how the area was transformed over the course of the week.



## Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

### Mrs Wheatley's Nursery



Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Jack Young** for good number work whilst racing monster trucks. Great work Jack!

### Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Sophia Clarke** for fantastic investigating and asking questions during our monster truck work. Well done Sophia!

### Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Sam McGow** for his superb handwriting throughout the week. Keep up the hard work Sam!

### Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention this week for **Tyler Bennett** for all the amazing responses he has provided in lessons this week and working really hard. Well done Tyler!

### Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Ryan Wheatley** for his excellent writing. Ryan wrote a wonderful character description this week using really good punctuation. Well done Ryan!

### Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kate Johnson** for excellent effort in all her work - particularly in her maths and writing this week. Great work Kate!

### Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Kia Johnson** for a brilliant attitude towards attempting new difficult concepts in Maths and Literacy. Well done Kia!



**Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.**

