

8th March 2024



The Grange Times



This week we led the assembly for Red Kites. We were looking at Rights Respecting Article 26: 'You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need' and sustainable food choices. The pupils did well in planning and researching

the assembly and reading on the day.

We also have been very keen to get as many points as possible using the TT Rockstars and Numbots Maths learning platform following Rockstars and Robots Day on Friday, which the pupils really enjoyed.

The pupil comments are their thoughts about whether they agree with Article 26.

Calvin: I agree with this because people are very cold out on the streets, they need help getting a home they need help to get warm clothes, food and water so they stay hydrated.

Keith: I agree with this because people need money to buy food, water, clothes and a house for them to live in. Homeless people live on the streets and in cardboard boxes because they might have been evicted from their homes because they lost their jobs and didn't make any money.

Courtney: I agree with this because so many people get ill from being outside in very cold weather, they need food.

Holly: I agree with this because the homeless should have food and drinks so they can live and have lots of help. They should not have to suffer on the

streets with no place to live. They are in need of your help.

Ryan: I agree because homeless people are starving and thirsty and foster carers need help from the government to look after them.

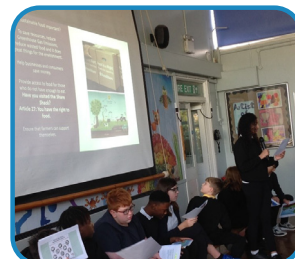
Cameron: I agree because so many homeless people are dying or very cold, hungry, thirsty. They should be helped and cared for because their humans like us.

Aarnav: I agree with this because people who are in need e.g. homeless, disabled, very ill, or poorer families deserve help to get them all the basic things they need like food, housing, warmth and clothes.

Tulicia: Homeless people can't pay rent because it is going up and they can't get food or water.

Connie: I agree with this because people on the streets are very cold and hungry. They need somewhere to stay with food, water and clothes because we are all human.

Cayden: I agree with this because people are in need like homeless, foster care and families that find it hard to get the care/help they need.



Birch



We had a great day dressing up as robots and rock stars on Friday.

In class we spent time playing either TT Rockstars or Numberbots and making split pin robots, but our favourite activity was robot dancing!



James: I liked dressed up in my robot costume.

Dejon: I liked doing a dance like a robot.

Lucy: I was dancing to a Rockstar.

Dominik: I liked doing rock hands.

Gabriel: I made a funny face.

Olo: I was dressed like David Bowie.

Arya: I went to assembly.

Owen: I liked being a Rockstar.

Henry: Guitar!

Thabo: I forgot my guitar.



Maple



We had a visit from The VIP (Visual Impairment Party). We have learned what visual impairment means.

Jerome: I have learned that visual impairment

means someone that has bad eyesight or no sight at all.

Alfie: I know that vision impaired people rely a lot on their other senses (touch, smell, and hearing).

Ugne: We should treat all people with respect including visually impaired people.

Alfie: I had to use a torch to make the animals glow.

Alex: I had to guess the emotions of each picture just by looking at the person's face.

Jack: I had to use tweezers to pick up small plastic bananas to feed a monkey.

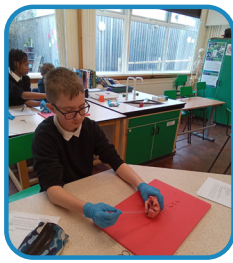
Luca: I did a sensory smelling test with my eyes closed. I had to guess the different smells.

Eva-Louise: I wore pink glow in the dark sunglasses.

Usefh: I had to shine a flashlight on the glowing pictures.

Aneesa: I enjoyed using playdough to make faces and different expressions.





In Science we have been understanding how the circulatory system works. We had to

identify and locate the human heart, name the main components of the circulatory system, state the function of the circulatory system and identify and describe the function of different types of blood cells. We completed a heart dissection practical lesson using lambs' hearts.

Aidan: I learnt a lot from dissecting the lamb's heart. You could see the fat around the heart and the arteries and veins.

Harry: There are 3 types of blood cells – red blood

Cedar

cells, white blood cells and platelets. Red blood cells - these carry oxygen from the lungs to the rest of the body. White blood cells - these help fight infections and aid in the immune process. Platelets - these help in blood clotting.

Kaschan: We had to locate the four rooms of the heart. They match up with the two main arteries and veins we looked at and are called atriums and ventricles.

Matthew: I didn't enjoy cutting the heart – it felt strange. There were some blood clots in the heart. We have been learning about blood cells. For example, red blood cells carry oxygen and white blood cells fight infections.



Willow



We have been working on our Art for the orchestra trip on Tuesday next week. We have been exploring the idea of home and what it means to us. We have used lots of different materials to create the artwork. We also thought about how our homes are safe places and how they make us happy.

Jordan: I made my house using oil pastel.

Summer: My home is cosy.

Freddie: I drew my dream house.

Keyaan: I draw house.

Noah: I spent lots of time making my house.

Robert: My house is my favourite place.

Max: I live with my family in my house.

Jeffrey: We used lollipop sticks to create some houses.

Toby: My house is full of love.

Robin: I created a house that had lots of colour.

Larissa: My dream home would have a unicorn.

Dodgeball

On Tuesday 5th March we hosted Ivel Valley in a Girls' Dodgeball match. The games were 5 aside and we played in a sporting manner. Most games were close and down to 1 v 1, Grange came out on top, winning 6-2.

There were some excellent skills on view from both sides and our team of Kirsty, Tamsin, Mariah, Naomi, Megan, Amna and Sienna worked well together, showing speed, skill and movement.

Amna: Thank you Mr Kilcoyne for organising the game, I really enjoyed it.

Kirsty: We played really well as a team.

Megan: I just kept dodging the balls and they couldn't get me out.

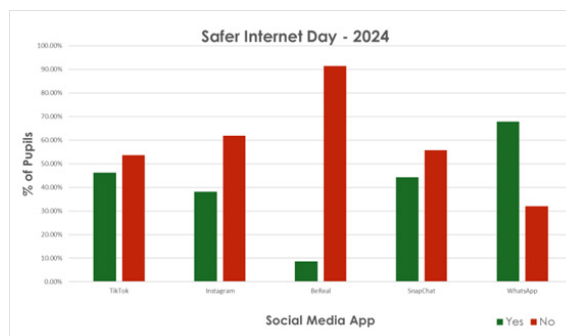
Sienna: It was great fun and I really liked playing dodgeball.



What do you like to do on the computer / phone / tablet / games console?

474 responses

Internet Safety Day

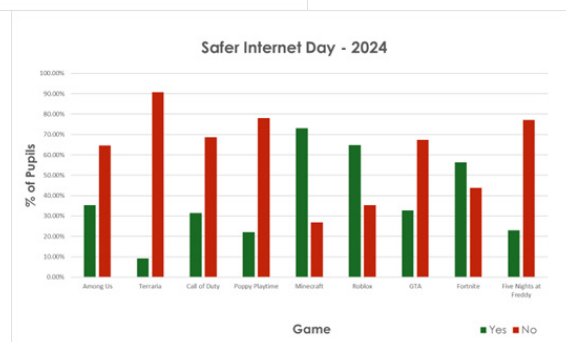


The two charts show the pupil responses.

Throughout the week of Safer Internet Day pupils across BILT were asked to complete different activities on Padlet. These included watching videos and reading stories about staying safe online, what to do if they have a problem and answering polls on the different games and social media apps that they regularly use.

This data will lead to further development of the Online Safety curriculum across the Trust and help us to guide pupils to make responsible and informed choices about the games and applications they use.

Pupils were also asked about their favourite online activities – these were then used to create a "Word Cloud".



Pine



Pine class have been studying the art of lino printing, a form of block printing that involves carving a design into linoleum.

Marcus: In art I have been learning about print making and about an artist called Richard Allen and what inspires him. He likes to work directly from nature printing images of wild birds and foliage. When I have been creating my lino print, I have discovered that certain tools can be more effective than others.

Connor: In art I have been selecting images of lino artwork created by Michelle Hughes and I used the images to inspire my own lino print because of the beautiful views she used. I have enjoyed learning how to create my own lino print.

Alfie: I have learnt about a lady called Luna North who is an

amazing artist making flower art using lino. I chose to create my design using her colours because they are so warm. I was hard using tools to cut into the lino to create my design.

Owyn: In art I am beginning to learn how to cut lino and I have been drawing my own ideas.

Max: I looked on the internet for pictures of birds to draw. I liked drawing birds for my lino printing.

Ben: In DT I have been designing a bird box for a wood pigeon. I have been practising my cutting skills using a craft knife and a saw. I am looking forward to making it out of wood. In ECO club we will put them up for the birds for nesting.

Lucas: In art I have been practising shading and going from light to dark. I have drawn oil pastel shapes.

Emmanuel: In art I have been doing lino cutting experiments and I have printed a boat at sea. It was very hard to use the lino cutting tools because they are hard to push and cut at the same time.



Palm



As a whole school we are very lucky to have lots of clubs to choose from. Nearly every pupil in Palm class now attend a club, be it chess club, gardening club, baking club, art club, or signing club. There are

lots to choose from and too many to count.

Malachi: The club I attend in school is gaming club because I choose what to play with people and friends. I like chess, snake and ladders.

Tammi: The club that I attend is Art club to make my drawing much better. I have learnt that you just need to have fun and be relaxed.

Alfie: I like to do art club and I have got better at art. I have been drawing FNAF characters and also I go to stem club where we build Warhammer. I've gained a lot of skills in those clubs.

Mayson: The club I would like to attend is art club on a Friday at lunchtime because its chill and relaxing and it is nice to do. I could get better drawing and colouring skills.

Kyle: I go to two clubs at school, they are baking and gardening club. They are after school to give me new skills that might help me to get a job.

Tamsin: The club that I attend is pottery club because

I want to learn new skills, and I like making my ideas e.g. I made a panda. I also go to art club when it is wet break. I also thought I would like to go to football club too because I want to practice my football skills.

Oskar: I go to Polish club, stem club and art club. I attend these clubs because I like them. I went to Polish club to learn how to speak in a different language, and in art club I have learnt how to get better at drawing and in stem club I have learnt how to make things.

Alexis: I enjoy girls' football club, it is so much fun. At the beginning we play some games to warm up. Then we play a match too. I'm good at shooting goals and sometimes I am also in the goal to stop the ball coming in the net. I also went to pottery club, it is like art but we use clay. It's quite hard to do it.

Baron: Chess club is about thinking of your strategy and where you are putting the chess pieces to win the game. You must checkmate the king to win.

Kirsty: The clubs I attend are art club and I also did attend stem club once. I might go back to stem club, I don't really know. I would like to have gymnastics in school.



Redwood



Redwood class have been working hard on an Enterprise project. The pupils decided to sell different flavoured popcorn to their friends at Grange Academy.

They surveyed classes to find out the most popular flavours which were chocolate, toffee and sweet and salted.

The pupils then designed posters for each class with details about prices and where and when they would be selling the popcorn.



They all worked so hard to prepare the popcorn, write price labels and pack it into bags. It was a huge success with over 30 bags being sold! Well done Redwood!

Notices

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24th March 2024

Cost
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Time
9am

Venue
Redborne Upper School
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Workshops for young people aged 14-17 years old:
Tuesday 2nd April 2024 10am-2:30pm
Wednesday 3rd April 2024 10am-2:30pm

Workshops for young people aged 18-25 years old:
Tuesday 9th April 2024 10am-2:30pm
Wednesday 10th April 2024 10am-2:30pm



Apply for a place on one of the workshop days by Wednesday 20th March 2024, please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/independence-travel-training-bedford-borough-78704490723>. Please call 01234 718090 or email IndependentTravelTraining@bedford.gov.uk if you have any enquiries.

Please note: The workshops are for a maximum of 4 young people on each day, 1 workshop per young person, and a parent/carer or named adult will need to drop off and collect their child.

Diary Dates

Parents Evening - Tuesday 19th March 2024

Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April 2024

Pupils return to school - Tuesday 16th April 2024