

Dunnington

News



7th February 2020

*Growing and learning together and aiming to be the best that we can be,
in an environment based on Christian values*

500 Words Competition

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, the children were introduced to the most successful story-writing competition in the UK: '500 Words'. It is open to any child who is aged between 5 and 13 years old and it is really easy to enter. All entrants must write an original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. It can be about ANYTHING you want – spaceships, grannies, insects, microwaves. The list is endless! Stories are judged on imagination and creativity, without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling.

Your child may have experienced a BBC live lesson based on planning and writing a story which you are able to access at home on the BBC 500 Words website. There are also examples of winning stories from the past within the different age groups.

How to enter:

Entries can only be submitted through an online form, using a registered 500 Words account: you can create an account on the '500 Words' website. Entrants must follow steps 1-6 on the submission form to save their story as a draft, before submitting. You have until **8pm on Thursday 27th February 2020** to submit your story...please do not leave registration to the last minute!

Prizes:

The top 50 shortlisted entrants will be invited to attend the final at a London location on Friday 12th June for the live broadcast of the BBC Radio 2 Zoe Ball breakfast show.

Prizes will be awarded to 3 finalists in each category:

- The 2 Gold winners will win Chris Evans' height in books and 500 books for their school!
- The 2 Silver winners will win Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books!
- The 2 Bronze winners will win their own height in books!

Have fun writing, and good luck!

Yours sincerely,
Miss Dickenson

Internet Safety - Start a Conversation

Next Tuesday 11th February will be Safer Internet Day. Throughout the week your child will be taking part in internet safety lessons in school and this is a fantastic time to start your conversations at home as well. A wide range of organisations promote honest family discussions as the best way to help keep your child safe online and no matter your child's age (from Reception to Year 6) it's never too early or too late to have these talks. Attached are two documents from Safer Internet UK to prompt conversations and perhaps let you even draw up your own family agreement.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
Miss Jarvis
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[Safer Internet Day](#) is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with your child about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, foster carer, aunt, uncle or older sibling – we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time safely online!

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day will encourage young people to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. We want Safer Internet Day 2020 to celebrate difference and help us work towards creating a truly inclusive internet. These conversation starters are a great way to help you talk about these issues with your child.



Start the conversation on a positive note:

- + What do you like most about the internet and why? What's your favourite game/app/site?
- + How does going online make you feel?
- + How does the internet/technology make your life better?
- + What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?
- + What is different about talking online to someone compared to talking face to face? Is there anything that is the same?
- + Can people say/do whatever they want online? Why/why not?

Talk about sharing online:

- < What types of things can we share online? (Pictures, comments, personal information, opinions, etc.)
- < What is okay/not okay to share online? Why?
- < What should we do before sharing things online?
- < What do we do if someone shares something about us that we don't like?
- < How do you feel about your parents/carers sharing things about you online and vice versa?



Talk about identity online:

- ! What makes you...you? How would you describe your identity?
- ! How do you share your identity online? And where can you share it? (Profiles, pictures, comments, behaviour, etc.)
- ! How can we experiment with our identity online? How are we able to make it different from our offline identity?
- ! Why might someone want to experiment with their identity online?
- ! What might stop someone from being themselves online?
- ! What might make someone feel like they have to hide parts of their identity online?
- ! Do you see other people like you online? (Represented in adverts, emojis, characters, influencers, etc.)

Talk about looking after yourself and supporting others online:

- ! How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?
- ! Do you know where to go for help, and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?
- ! What could you do if someone was unkind to you online about the things you've shared?
- ! What could you do if you saw a friend online needed some help or support?
- ! How do you keep yourself safe online? Can you show me how I could use the internet in a better/safer way?



The _____ family

Go on a hunt around your home. Search for all the devices which connect to the internet and record below:

We have ___ devices which connect to the internet in our house.

It's time to talk

How do we use the internet as a family?



How can we keep our family safe online?

Where will we keep our devices?



What can we use our devices for?



When can we use our devices?



What shouldn't we do online?



What should we do if something worries, upsets or confuses us online?



Our next steps

Adults next steps:

Children's next steps:

Date:

Signed by:

This plan has been shared with:
(Grandparents, aunty and uncle, childminder etc.)



Netball Club

There will be no netball club on Monday next week as all members are involved in a match against Wheldrake on Tuesday instead (where they have permission - as per the letter that went out on Wednesday).

Message for Reception Parents

Dear Parents,

As part of our R.E. topic on 'Special Places', we would like to take the Reception children down to St Nicholas Church on the afternoon of Thursday 27th February.

We will leave at 1.15 and we will be back by 3.20pm. We are asking if there are any parents who could please accompany us and also be responsible for a small group of children.

Please come and see me before the end of half term, if you are able to help.

Many thanks for your support,
Caroline Gilderdale

Bananagrams Club

There are still places available at Mrs Elliott's Bananagrams Club after half term. The club will run on **Tuesdays** from **3:20pm – 4:15pm** and will start on **25th February**, with the last session being on **Tuesday 31st March**.

REMINDER - CAPOEIRA CLUB

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had the offer from a very popular company in York to start a Capoeira Club at our school, with a view to start after half term. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, and music. It is brilliant fun and sessions aim to build stamina, resilience and fitness through music, dance and acrobatics.

The club would be run by Jerri De Silva, who runs his own Capoeira school in York and has been into school for the past 3 years doing Y5 workshops. The children and staff have really enjoyed the energetic lessons!

He has over twenty five years of experience in martial arts. He started Capoeira in 1987 in the South of Brazil, Alvorada, Rio Grande do Sul but moved to Great Britain in 2005 to continue practicing Capoeira and martial arts. For the past 15 years, Jerri has been teaching Capoeira in London, Scotland and Europe. He became a World Champion during the Capoeira World Championship in 2015 in Brazil, winning the first place in his category. He regularly competes in national and international events winning first places.

We intend on running a taster block of sessions on a Wednesday after school at 3.30pm-4.30pm. These will cost £24 for the six sessions and will start on Wednesday 26th February and finish on Wednesday 1st April. **Please use the link below to have a look at the website and see what you think. You can also use this to book this block of sessions and any further ones you would like. Alternatively, you can ring or email Jerri to confirm a space.**

<https://www.capoeira4you.co.uk>

Jerri's contact details for more information are also below.

- mobile number 07341521673

-filhotedecorvo@hotmail.com

If your child enjoys the taster sessions, and we get enough interest, then this club could continue to run after Easter with a regular slot on a Wednesday night until the end of the summer term. It would then cost £20 a month but this enables you to access all the other sessions Jerri runs across York as well.

After the first 6 week block, and once your child is sure they wish to continue, you would also need to purchase the training kit at £45. This is an expectation of the club, is mandatory for safety and very similar to children who take part in Judo needing a Judogi uniform.

Many thanks,

L.Rowntree



Traffic Around School

Following another near miss outside school this morning, we would like to remind you to ***please take great care*** when dropping off/picking up children. The incident today occurred when a car almost reversed into a family crossing the road.



OSCAR'S PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY **Grand Prize Draw**

Tickets £5

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2 x Return Flights to New York
(T&Cs apply) 

2nd Prizes
x2 £100 Voucher for SKOSH
courtesy of **WALKERCRIPS**

3rd Prize
£50 John Lewis Voucher
courtesy of **Portakabin**

Plus many other fantastic prizes including:
Veuve Clicquot Champagne, Designer Gifts, Experience Days,
Races Tickets, Golf Days, Cinema Tickets, Day Passes to
Castle Howard, Dalby Forest, Yorkshire Wildlife Park,
Hampers, Restaurant Vouchers, a Bungee Jump
& much, much more!

The draw will take place at the Oscars Ball for OSCAR's
On Friday 28th February 2020 at Sandburn Hall, Scotchman Lane, Flaxton, York YO60 7RB
Registration details: City of York Council - MAU062489 - Promoter: OSCAR's PBTC, Blake House, 18 Blake Street, York, YD1 8DH



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

From Dunnington CE Primary School Office or from Rachel Robinson, Alison McMorris, Susie Bradley, Sarah Taylor, Catherine Whitford, Danielle Sturme, Zoe Rees-Gay and a number of local shops (just look out for the poster). Prizes will be drawn at the Oscars Ball for OSCARs on Friday 28th February 2020

Good Luck!



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