



Sunnybrow News

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One week and counting until half-term and we are firmly in the thick of Autumn now. Mr Gregory is having great fun trying to keep on top of all the falling leaves covering the playground and car park! It is an exciting time for us, as we are finally getting our bark chipping area re-developed. It will be done in stages, but the first part of the work starts in the October half-term. We have been lucky enough to secure a grant from the Royal Horticultural Society for £2000 to develop a sensory garden for our mud kitchen area too!



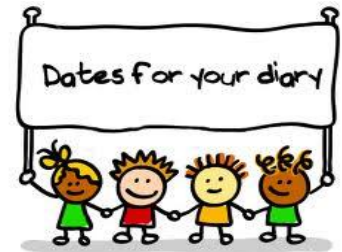
October is Black History Month. This year, we have decided to celebrate the work of black artists. Each class has a different artist to focus on and then produce some art work for a display in our hall. So far, Class 1 have looked at Alma Thomas, who was inspired by the moon landing in 1969 and Class 3 looked at the work of Althea McNish. They discovered that she came to Britain as part of the Windrush generation, but she missed the warm weather and plants of her home country so she used bright, vibrant colours in her designs. Her work became popular internationally, and she even designed fabric for the queen!

This morning, we also celebrated our Harvest Festival with Reverend Shirley at St. Stephen's church. We raised the rafters with our beautiful singing of Autumn Days and the older children did some confident readings too. Thank you so much to the member of St. Stephen's for their warmth and hospitality again this year.

Halloween Party

On Friday 25th October, it is Halloween party day at Sunnybrow. Children can come to school in Halloween costumes and we will be playing party games and doing Halloween crafts and activities throughout the day. Polite reminder, we have a member of staff with a life-threatening allergy to latex, so please could you double check costumes (especially masks) to make sure they aren't made of latex as we can't have them in school. It is normal school hours and there is no additional cost.

After-school clubs



Friday 25th October-Halloween Party

Friday 25th October-Break up for half-term

Monday 4th November-School re-opens

Thursday 7th November-Photograph day

Friday 8th November-Break the rules day

Friday 29th November-Christmas Fair

Wednesday 20th November-Parent's Evening

Monday 25th November-Author visit

Thursday 28th November-St. Andrew's Day celebration

Wednesday 4th December-Pantomime

Friday 6th December-Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 6th December-Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Nativity

Wednesday 11th December-Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 13th December-Y2-Y6 Nativity

Tuesday 17th December-Class 1 & 2 party

Wednesday 18th December-Class 3 & 4 party

Thursday 19th December-Polar Express Day

This was the last week for after-school clubs. We don't run them in the last week of each term. A new club list will be coming out next week.

New Uniform Supplier

I will keep the link for the school uniform on the Friday Flyer for a few weeks, for anyone wanting to purchase additional uniform.
<https://cre8iveschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/sunnybrow-primary-school/>

Online Safety:

This week's Online Safety guide is all about VR. Virtual reality (VR for short) has existed for decades, but it's only in the last 10 years that the technology has really become publicly available. With VR's rapid rise as a gaming and educational medium, there are plenty of unknowns regarding its use – for adults and children alike. Is it safe? How long should someone use VR for? How expensive is it? What's clear is that VR is becoming ever more ubiquitous in everyday life:



from companies using it for training to at-home fitness. Knowing what the technology is capable of is more useful than ever.

In the guide, you'll find tips for avoiding potential risks such as physical accidents, premature exposure and eye strain.

Friday 20th December-Christmas Carols and food festival



School attendance for the week:

Class 1: 92.6%

Class 2: 87.6%

Class 3: 96.7%

Class 4: 96.1%

Safeguarding:

Worried about a child out of school hours?

- If a child is in **immediate danger** or **at risk of immediate harm**, you should contact the **Police on 999**.
- If you are **concerned** about a child you should share your concern with the **First Contact Team on 03000 267 979**.
- You can also contact the **NSPCC** for advice on **0800 800 5000** or email help@NSPCC.org.uk
- If you have **non-urgent** information about the safety or welfare of a child to share with the safeguarding team at Sunnybrow Primary School please contact **Mrs Sim** on 01388 746 413 or sunnybrow@durhamlearning.net



Headteacher's Award for the Week: Joe

Honest Empathetic Ambitious Respectful & Resilient Trustworthy