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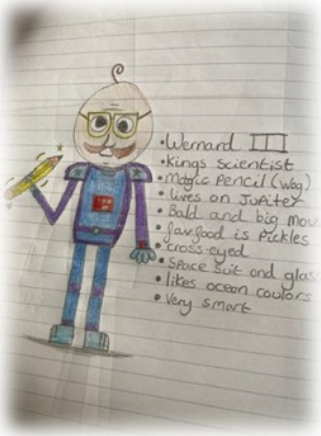
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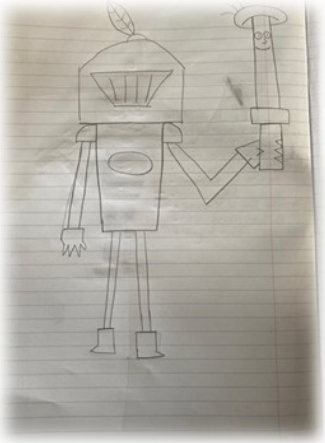
Message from Miss Fisher

Today, we were really lucky to experience an online webinar with two authors. The Brothers Mcleod – two brothers (Miles and Greg) who are illustrators, poets, animators and authors – spent an hour with all KS2 classes sharing how to create story characters and write a basic plot. The children really enjoyed sharing their ideas about characters and even created the character named Wizard Zippy Puffcheeks!

Miles and Greg then showed us, very simply, how to create box plans for a story based upon our character, where they live, problems and solutions that occur and an ending. There were some very funny moments with suggestions of adventures linked to a place called Cheeseland! The children also were inspired by the fact that Greg and Miles often base their characters on people they know. One character was created as inspiration from Greg's daughter who is obsessed with slime - the Sorcerer of Slime! Many other characters were based on childhood friends from school. Classes then spent some time creating their own story characters and drawing a short animation to tell their adventure. Take a look below and Charlie and Molly's excellent ideas:







Today, We Participated in an oline author event to celebrate World book day. The authors (Brothers Mcleod) told us about their different books and the characters included. tHey then read us a bit and taught us how to draw the main character. It was really fun! After that, all ogf us participating helped the brothers create a character and then make that character into a story. We all helped out and gave our ideas. Finally, we all created our own characters in our guided reading books. I created a Space Scientist! I really enjoyed doing this activity and would love to do it again.



Safeguarding



Online safety- avoiding inappropriate content

Sometimes, innocent searches can lead to not so innocent results.
And sometimes, children may look for things because they're curious.
It's important to know how to reassure young people and help them know what to do and where to go for support if they see inappropriate content online.
If your child has seen inappropriate content online, you can:

- talk with them about what they've seen – let them know what is, and isn't, appropriate for their age.
- they may have questions about what they've seen – you can get support for yourself by contacting the NSPCC helpline to support you with tackling difficult conversations.
- find out how they came across the content so that you can minimise the risk in future e.g. by blocking certain sites and setting up parental controls or educating your child about following links.
- reassure them they can come to you, another trusted adult or Childline if they're worried about something.
- get advice on setting up parental controls and make sure you review them regularly to ensure they are right for your family.
- avoid 'sharenting' or sharing explicit or inappropriate content you've seen online to raise awareness. Sharing content of physical or sexual abuse is illegal and can be upsetting to the child and others who come across it.

NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5000

You can find more information here:
Inappropriate or explicit content | NSPCC

Sweets coming in school

As the number of children with dietary requirements has increased in school, we are politely asking that sweets are not sent in to celebrate your child's birthday.

This will prevent some children from feeling left out but also it will promote our status of being a healthy school.

Thankyou so much for your cooperation with this.

Miss Fisher

Healthy Schools



World Book Day

Wednesday 12th March

Your children are welcome to dress up as a book character (as with previous years) or alternatively they can come as themselves and bring their favourite book to share.

In each class, the children will be crafting a costume item to wear for the day and bring home with them.

We look forward to sharing many pictures with you.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on 31st March and 1st April from 3:30pm to 6pm.

These will be online meetings.

Appointments can be made using SchoolCloud.

Please click the link below to be taken to the login page:

https:// newtownschool.schoolcloud.co.uk

CHARACTERS
STAGE SCHOOL

Opens at St. Augustine's School, Trowbridge Saturday 1st March!



Photo from Matilda, Feb 2024

For over 14 years, we've been giving 1000's of children the opportunity to grow, learn and shine in Trowbridge, BoA , Bath and Bristol.
From 1st March, children can join us to rehearse every week in the newly refurbished, amazing theatre space at St Augustine's.

Book now for our Trial Session on Saturday March 1st

Saturday School (Age 7-12) 10.15am - 1.15pm or 1.30pm - 4.30pm
LAMDA Exam class (Age 7-18) 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Stage Company (Age 12-18) 2.30pm - 5.30pm
And coming soon
Little Characters (Age 4-6) 10.30am - 11.30am

Visit www.charactersstageschool.com and click 'enrol'

If your child enjoys the trial they can take part in 2 exciting productions a year!

EASTER BINGO 27th MARCH



THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

AT NEWTOWN SCHOOL

LOTS OF CHOCOLATE PRIZES

£1 PER BINGO BOOK
6 BOOKS FOR £5

DOORS OPEN
5:30PM

EYES DOWN
6:00PM





NO ENTRY FEE

NO NEED TO BOOK

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Non uniform day
Thursday 20th March

Please bring an Easter egg to school for non uniform day. These will be used for our bingo prizes!

Superstars



Poppy, Jess, Clara, James, Anna, Damon & Ivy

Maple class
FAMILY READING SESSION

Tuesday 25th March 2.30 – 3pm

We would love every child to invite a family member to come into class and share some stories.



A message from FONS

Movie night was a huge success. We raised a total of £469.00!

Thank you...!

Dates for Diary	
12.03.2025	Newtown celebrating World Book Day
20.03.2025	Non uniform day (easter egg donations)
25.03.2025	Maple Class Family Reading Session 2:30-3pm
26.03.2025	Sycamore Class trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
27.03.2025	Easter Bingo!
31.03.2025	Beech & Cedar classes visiting Trowbridge Town Centre
31.03.2025	Oak Class Easter Experience at St James Church
31.03.2025	Parents' Evening
01.04.2025	Parents' Evening
04.04.2025	Last day of term
22.04.2025	INSET day school closed to children
23.04.2025	First day of term 5
01.05.2025	Beech & Cedar Class Carymoor trip