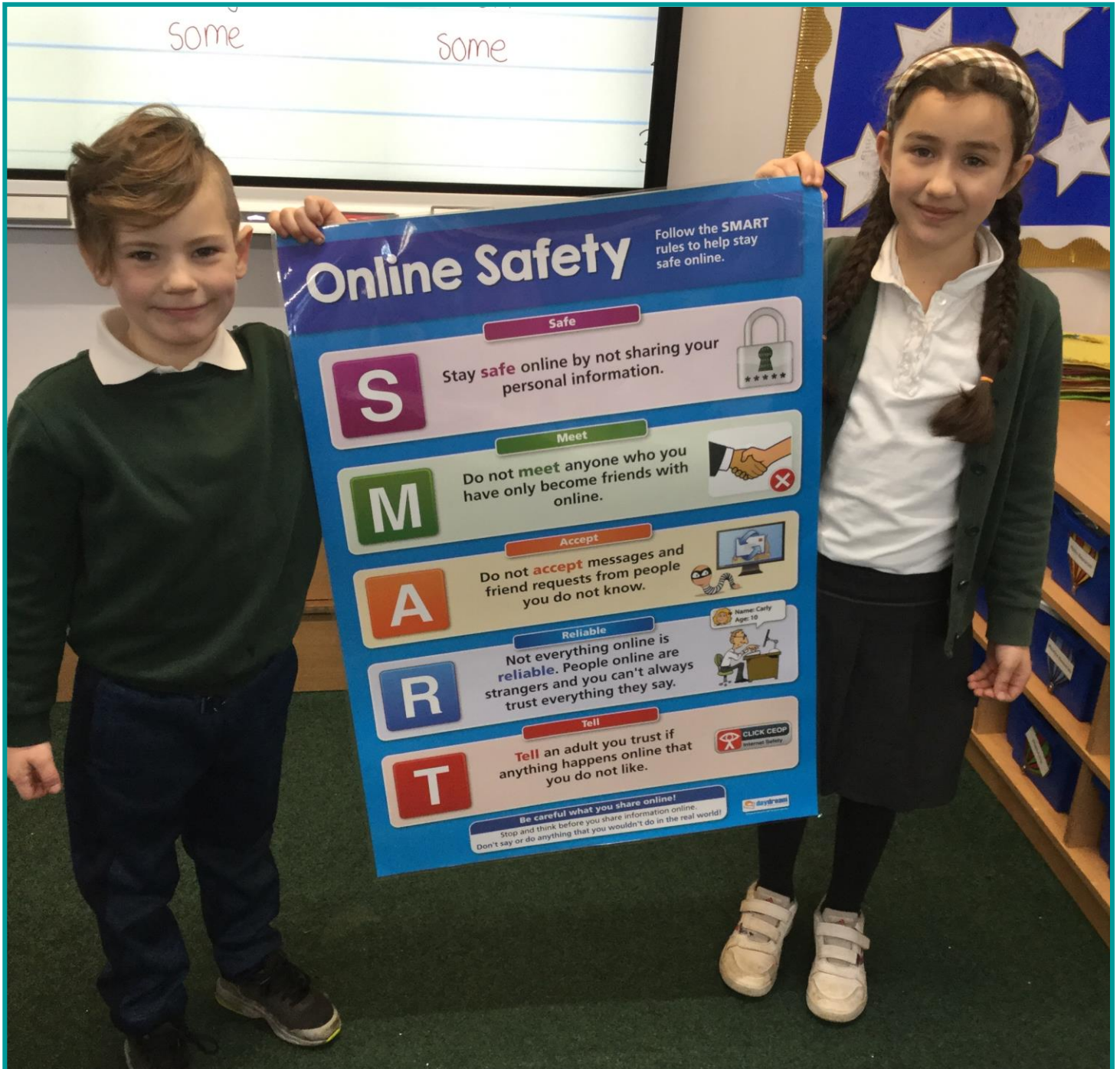


# NEWSLETTER

February 2022



## Safer Internet Day



# Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Safer Internet Day 2022 was on the 8th February, where we celebrated with the theme

‘All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.’

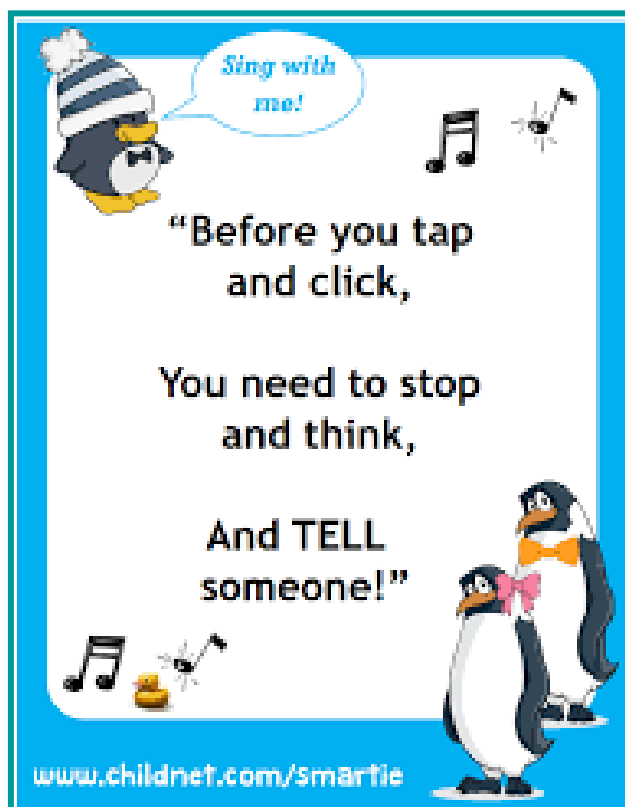


**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2022** | **Tuesday  
8 February**  
Together for a better internet  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)

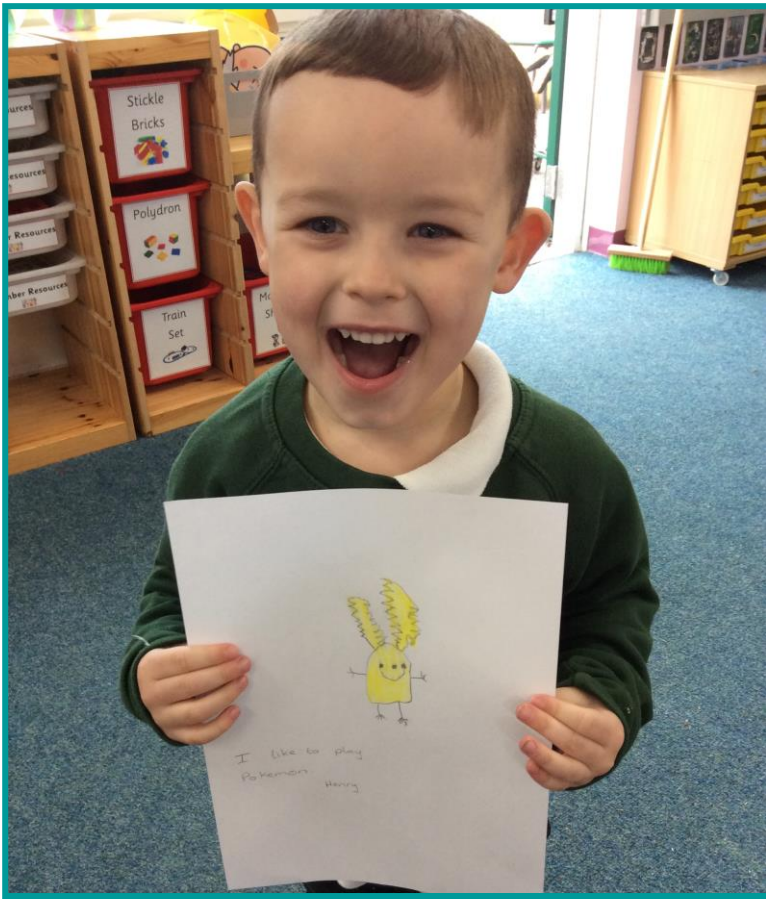




Nursery children went on an adventure with Smartie the Penguin who helped them to think about staying safe online.



Class 1 talked about things they like to use The Internet for such as playing with Yoshi, playing Minecraft, playing Pokemon and using FaceTime.



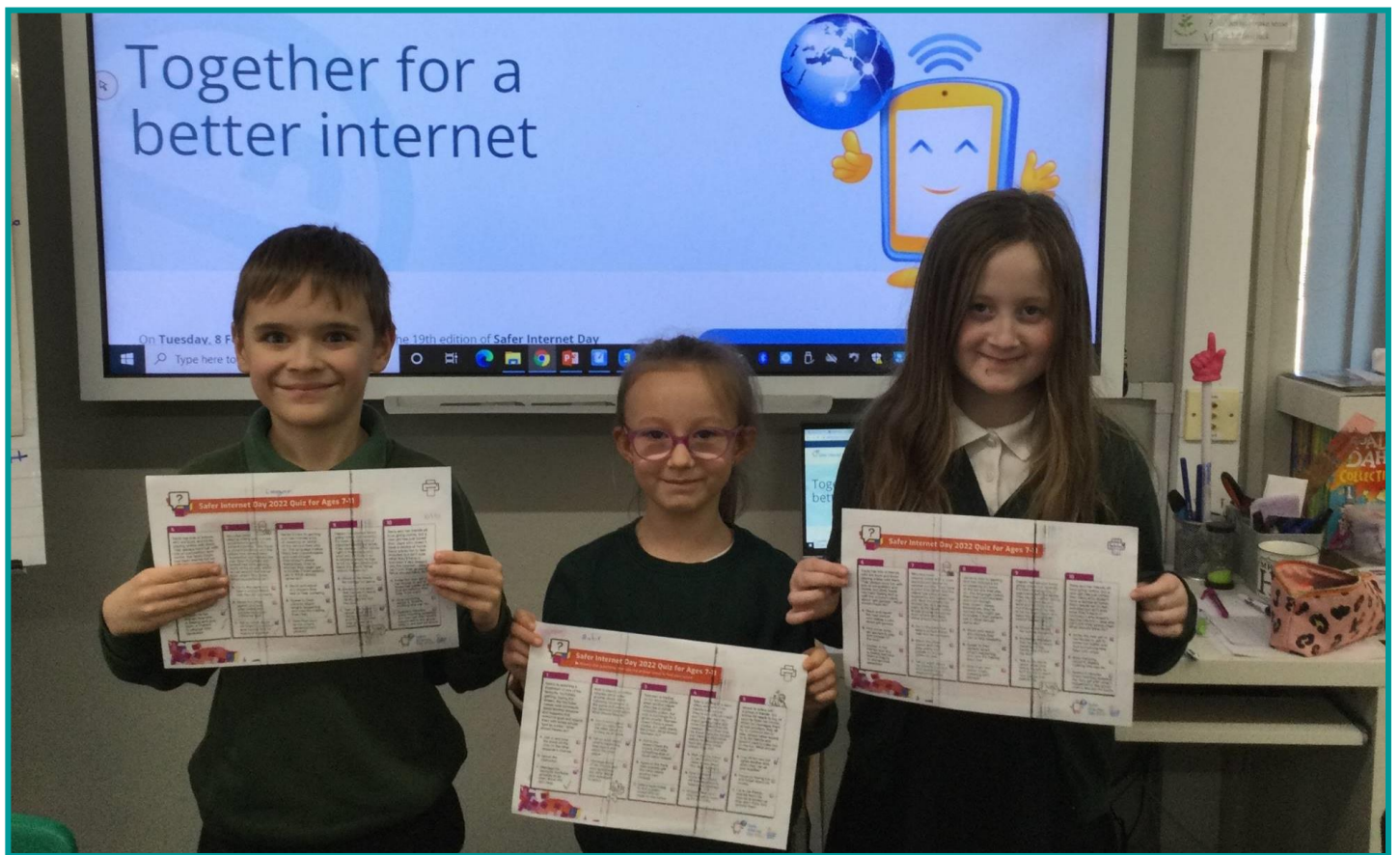
Class 1 also watched Digiduck and learned that they need to ask adults if there is something that they are unsure about online.



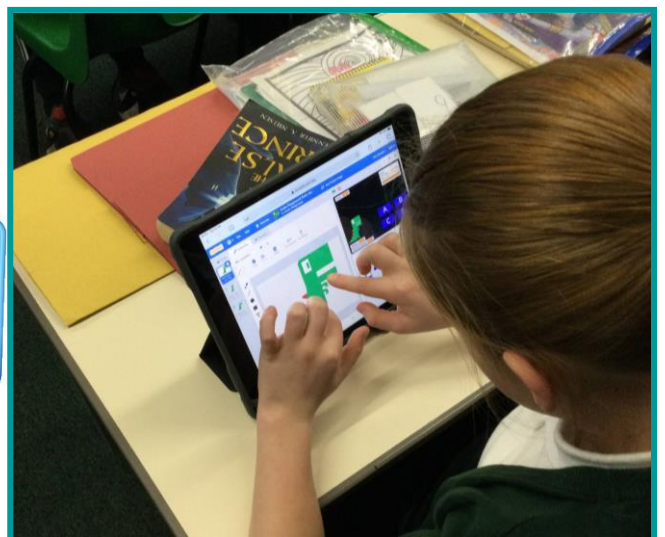
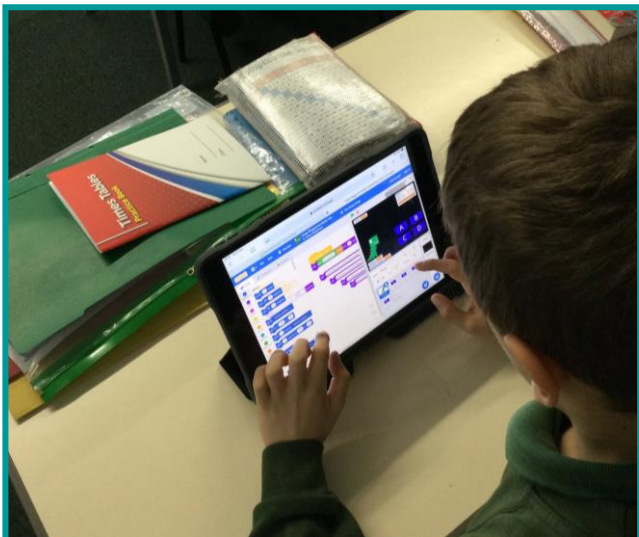
Class 2 learned about being safe online - talking about online games and who has access to The Internet. They created posters to explain how we should behave online and how to be safe.

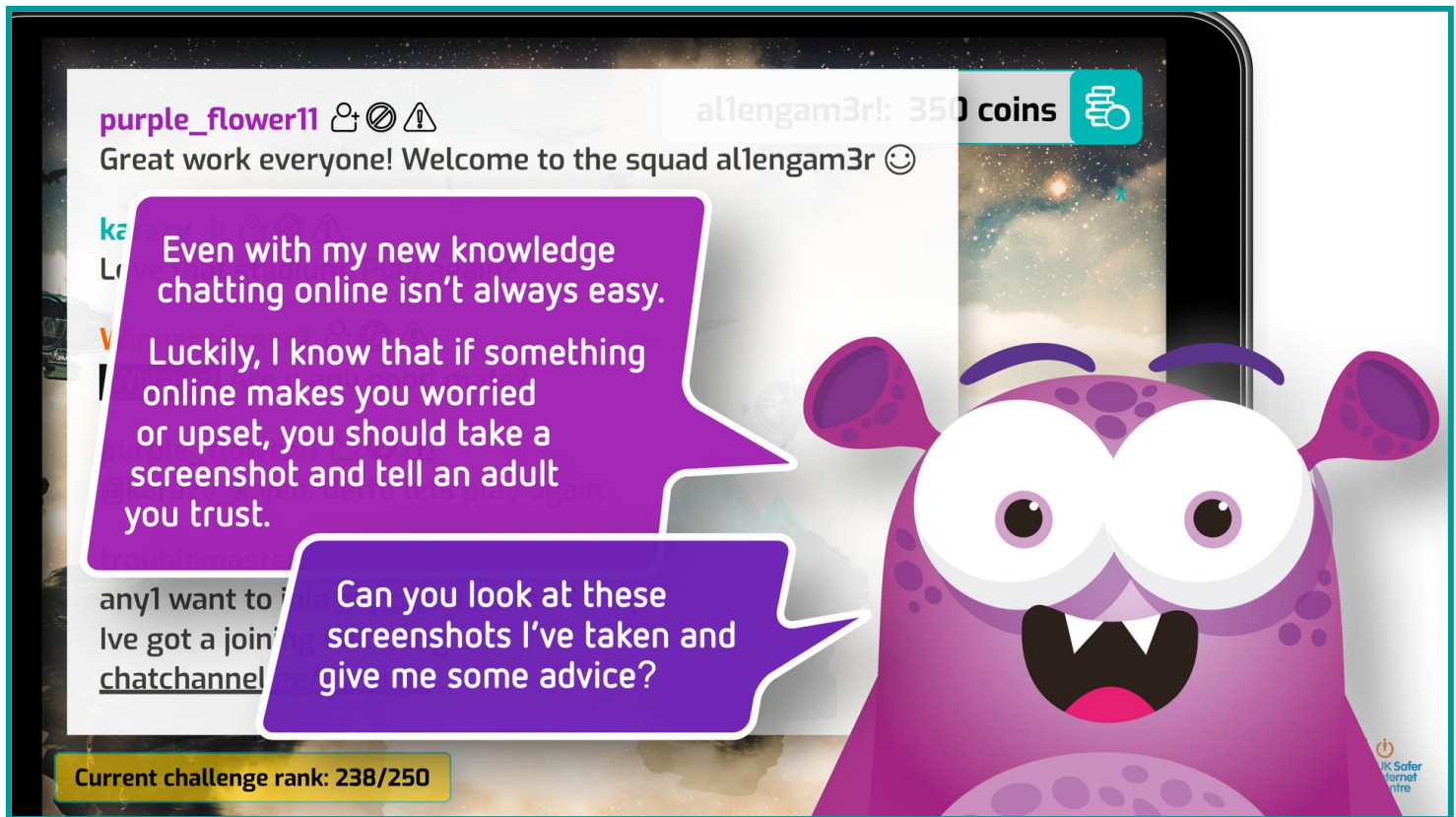




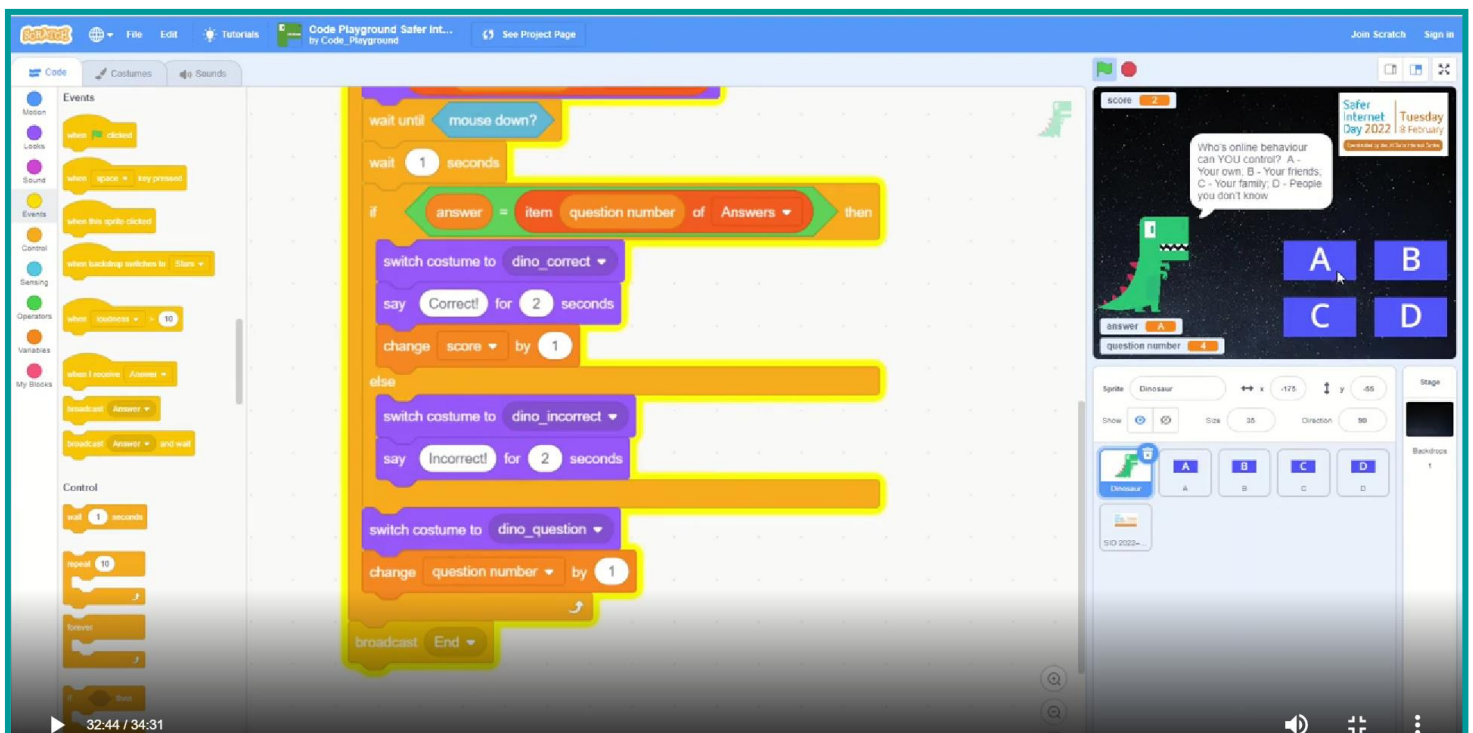


Class 3 enjoyed their Safer Internet Day activities, taking part in a coding session, creating a Safer Internet Day quiz. They studied scenarios and gave advice using their online safety knowledge. Using their recent literacy skills in poetry writing, they created Safer Internet Day poems. Class 3 ended the day challenging their knowledge in the #SID2022 quiz, where 3 pupils scored top marks!





Class 4T spent time educating an alien about The Internet and how to keep safe. They also completed a live lesson - Barclays code playground. They then coded a quiz on Internet safety and made posters advising how to stay safe.





**Class 4T** took part in the Safer Internet Day assembly, and a lesson looking at respect on line when gaming. They also helped a friendly alien to navigate the world of online gaming and give him advice on how to deal with situations such as respecting boundaries, being left out, trading and feeling pressured whilst gaming.

They enjoyed the Barclay's Digital Eagles Playground Coding session and used Scratch to create an interactive Internet Safety Day quiz.

# Safer Internet Day



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

Children have been making speeches to their class this term, hoping to be elected as the School Council representative for their class.

All children then voted to democratically elect each of the School Council members.



## Congratulations



Jude and Mia





Evie-Mae and Kris

*congratulations*



Savannah and Madyson



Sophie and Connor

*congratulations*



Alisha and Callum





Samual and Kayden

*congratulations*

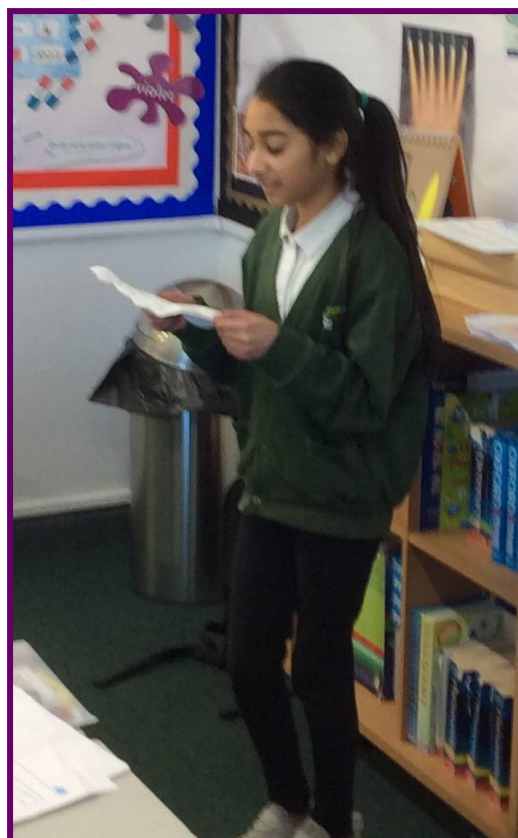
I would like to be nominated for School Council representative. I am always kind and helpful to others when they need help and I'm a good listener but if I am not I will do more of that. If I'm chosen I will give new and unique ideas to the Council. I will try to make sure that nobody can bully others and always be respectful.

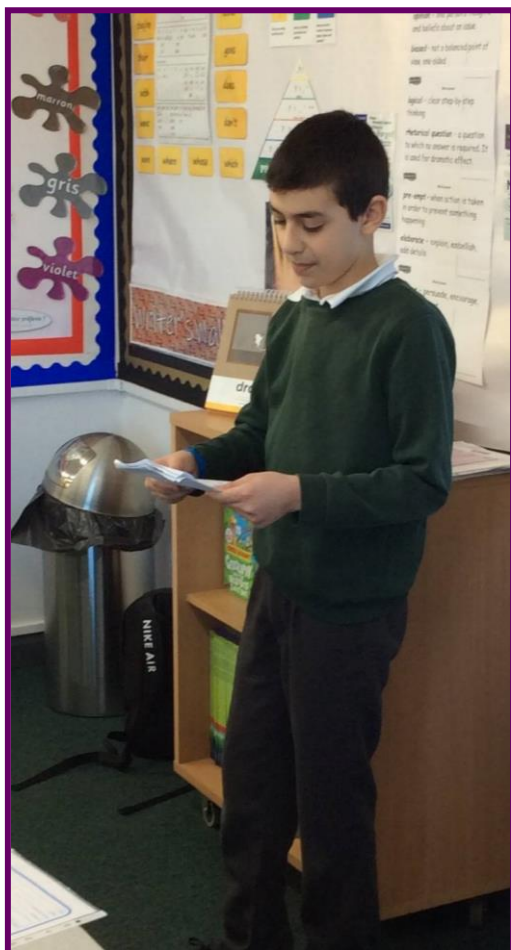
I promise that I will be your voice.

I would be honored if any one of you chose to vote for me.

Thank you.

Avika





As you may all know, I have qualified as your School Councilor. If you are wondering what I will do, I will be helpful and kind as well. Everyone will be included in activities such as sports. As a school we will raise money for different charities. We might like to help with pollution. This might be something we can do as a class or as a school in the future. If someone wants to try something new then just tell me and the School Council will think about it. If you have any issues I will see if there is something I can do but if it is a thing I can't help with then I will tell a teacher. Thank you everyone for listening.

Mohanad

*Congratulations*

Hi, I'm Aliyah and I'm here today to talk to you about voting for me to be in the School Council. I think being on the School Council is a very important job BUT... I think representing my fellow classmates is even more of an important job. I believe that I deserve your vote because I am dedicated, understanding to student needs and almost perfect at attendance throughout Primary School which proves I am committed and enjoy being at school.

If I am elected I will be your voice! I will bring your concerns to the meetings so that together we can work on making education fun and enjoyable. Thank you and have a fantastic day.



Aliyah





Years 5 and 6 have been working with students from Durham Sixth Form Centre to develop greater skills and confidence in gymnastics. Each week children work on apparatus such as the beam, vault and floor to create sequences involving balances, jumps, rolls and travelling movements.







Children in Years 5 and 6 are  
having a great time developing  
their creativity in Art Club!



Painted  
Mandala  
Stones







Chalk pastel  
art featuring  
leaves,  
The Northern  
Lights and  
jelly fish.







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# Reading Expectations

Nursery – your child will bring one school library book home each week.

Class 1 - Children log into Read, Write Inc Library to read set books and complete quizzes and phonics practice. Also read the Book Bag books they bring home in their reading folders. Minimum 3 times per week.

Weekly – choose a new school library book.

Class 2 - Children log into Read, Write Inc Library to read set books and complete quizzes and phonics practice. Also read the Book Bag books they bring home in their reading folders. Minimum 3 times per week.

Weekly – choose a new library book.

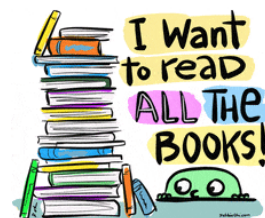


Class 3 weekly reading expectation

Log into MyON – link is sent on Class Dojo every week.

Complete daily reading and projects for 10 minutes every day.

Weekly – choose a new library book.



Class 4 weekly reading expectation

Log into MyON – link is sent on Class Dojo every week.

Complete daily reading and projects for 20 minutes every day.

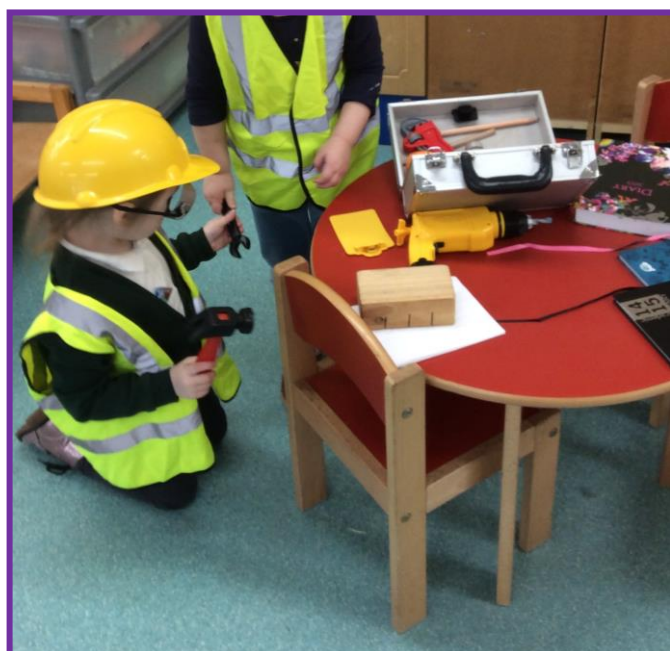
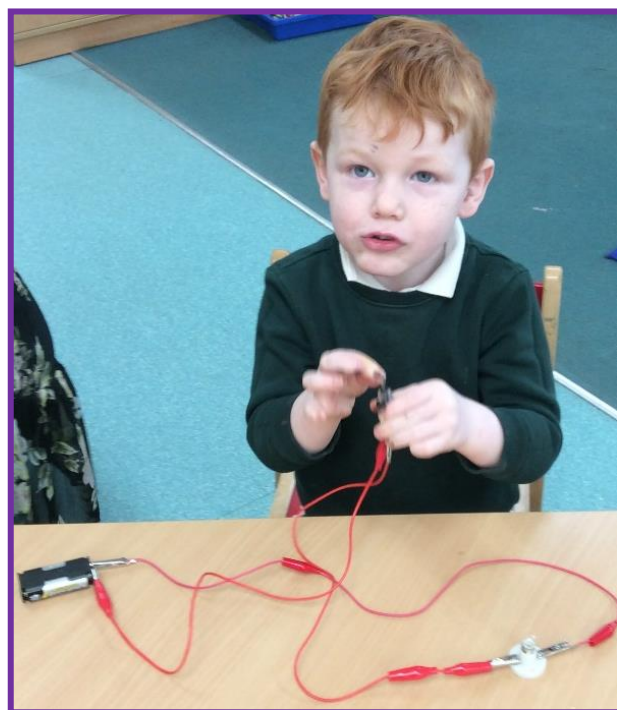
Weekly – choose a new library book.



Let's take a look at what our fabulous nursery children have been up to...

## Exploring different professions

Can you see any builders, plumbers, electricians, brick layers, health care workers, nurses, doctors and paramedics?











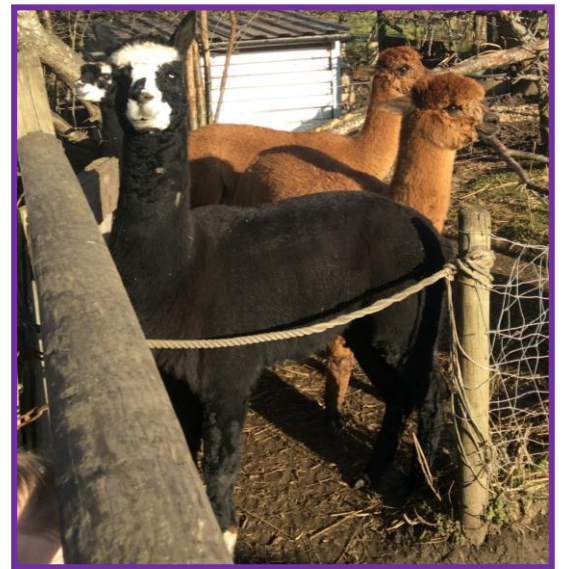
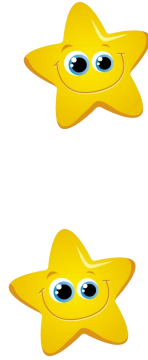


# Little Movers in PE





# Forest Walk to see animals



Having so much fun  
practising our writing







Do you have or know of a child who is nearly two and would like to book a place in our nursery to start the term after their second birthday? Do you have or know of any two, three or four-year olds who would like to begin their learning journey in our school nursery?

The next few pages of the newsletter explain the offers and places we have in our school nursery so please give us a ring to discuss a place for your child.

If you would like your child to start in the school nursery, you will need to call 0191 3868416 and ask to speak to Gaynor Davison or Chris Lawson. You can also email [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net)

We'd love to hear from you.



[Click to read our school nursery brochure and find out more about our fabulous nursery.](#)

*Important*



*If you have a nursery aged child and you would like them to start in our fabulous nursery, you need to come into school to complete our application form and arrange a visit.*

***This is the only way your child can start their learning journey in our school nursery.***

*If you are interested in any places for two, three or four-year-olds, please call in at the office, call school on 0191 3868416 or e mail [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net) to arrange a visit or to check your eligibility code for your two-year-old.*

*We'd love to hear from you.*



*We currently have some spaces available for three and four-year olds at the start of the week (full days Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.00 – 12.00), end of the week (Wednesday afternoon 12.15 – 3.15, full days Thursday and Friday), five mornings (9.00 – 12.00) and five afternoons (12.15 – 3.15 pm). **Some sessions are nearly full.** Every three and four-year-old is eligible for fifteen hours of free Nursery provision.*

*We take children in straight after their third birthday.*

*Application forms are available from the school office or our website.*



***Your two-year-old can get free play and learn sessions (15 hours) if you get one of the following benefits:***

*Income Support*

*Jobseeker's Allowance*

*Support for a 'Looked After' child*

*Child Tax credits - income below*

*£16,190*

*Guaranteed Element  
of State Pension Credit*

*Support under the Immigration and  
Asylum Act 1999*

*Employment and Support Allowance  
– income related*

*Disability Living Allowance (child)*

*Working Tax Credits and earn no  
more than £16,190*

*Current Education, Health and Care  
Plan (child)*

*Special Guardianship, or an  
adoption, or Residence Order*



Your 2-year-old may be entitled to 15 hours per week of funded childcare and early education



### ***How do you apply?***

*Bring your golden ticket into our school office and we will tell you when your child can start.*

*If you don't have a golden ticket, visit:*

*<https://education.durham.gov.uk/parentportal/> where you can check whether you are eligible.*

*If you are eligible you will then receive a letter which you should bring into school.*

*Places will be available at the start of the term after their second birthday.*

***Application forms are available from school.***

## **FREE childcare**



**From  
September  
2017**

**for working parents**

**of 3 and 4 year olds for up to 30 hours a week**

Find out if you are eligible at  
**[www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears)**



# **30 HOURS**

## **FUNDED CHILDCARE**

*If you think that you are eligible, and you would like to extend your child's education in our nursery to 30 hours, please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears) to find out or look here for more information <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>*

***Our School Nursery takes children for the full 30 hours so please make enquiries at the office or with Ms Davison or Mrs Lawson, to discuss this.***

***Thank you.***

# BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success!

We would not be able to offer this free club without the sponsorship from Greggs and of course without the brilliant support from our dedicated volunteers!

A very warm and great big thank you to all our  
 brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers.   
We really do appreciate all that you do!

*Helen Blakey, Catherine Gillet*

 *Claire Linfoot, Steve Linfoot,*  
*June Nichol, Joe Pickering,*   
*Tracy Pickering and Bo Wood.*

*We really would love to welcome some new volunteers. If your child attends Breakfast Club and you could spare even one hour a week, please let Ms Davison know. Thank you.*



***Reminder: Breakfast Club  
starts at 8.20 am.***





The General Data Protection Regulations provide you with legal rights over the personal data our school holds about you and your child. Every year, we share the following guide with children to explain what personal data is, which data we hold and why we hold it. We thought you might like to see for yourself.

## What is my personal Data?

Your **Personal Data** is information about you. It includes your name, where you live, your picture, information about what you like and dislike and medicines you need.

## What personal Data does the school have and what do they do with it?



DATE BIRTH	*	*	*
DATE BIRTH	*	*	*



Your Name, Address and Date of Birth

Your school marks and records

Your medical information

Things we need to know to keep you safe

Your picture

## We collect it as part of our job to educate you and because

...the law says we have to know who goes to our school.

... we need to know what you already know

... to help to keep you well and so we know what to do if you are poorly

... we have to make sure our children are safe

So people we work with can recognise you

## We share it with..

We have to let the council and the government know who goes to our school and how they are doing.



Department for Education



We let the council know information to help keep you safe



We share data with Doctors and the NHS

## We keep it

Until we pass it to the next school you go to or...



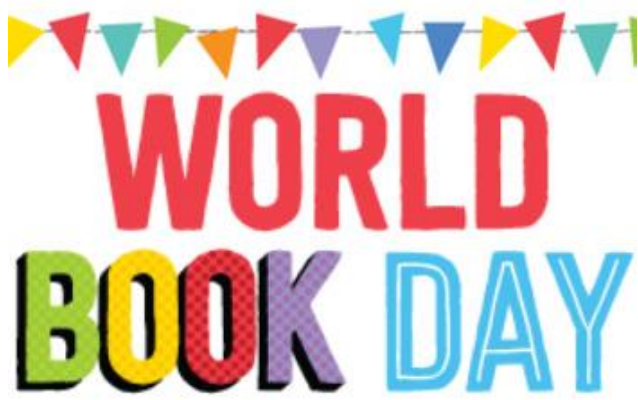
If it is needed for our records, ask Mrs Walters



If you want to know more, or you think we have got some of your data wrong then please talk to Mrs Walters

**IMPORTANT**

Please let us know if your personal details have changed, including home address and telephone numbers, so that we are confident that we are sending information to the correct recipient. Also, you are able to change your consent for the use of your child's photographs at any time. Please contact the office to make any changes, thank you.



To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Or, they can come dressed in their pajamas and dressing gown, ready for a bedtime story!

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To encourage and help them on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day 2022 book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more information about this on the token given or the World Book Day website.

We are also holding a 'Read in an unusual place' competition, where you can send photos in of your children reading in an unusual place. We have had some amazing entries for this in the past and cannot wait to see what this year's entries look like!

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best reading photos.



# Phone Call Meetings for Parents/Carers



After half term you will receive a text alert to book your child's parent/carer telephone consultation.

Nursery: Appointments with Mrs Lawson will be Wednesday 30th March 1.00 – 5.30 pm

Class 1: Appointments with Mrs Meehan will be Monday 28th March 1.00 – 4.00 pm

Class 2: Appointments with Miss Mills will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1.00 – 5.30 pm

Class 3: Appointments with Mrs Hodgson will be Monday 28th March 1.00 – 5.30 pm

Class 4T: Appointments with Miss Tosney will be Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 5.00 pm

Class 4W: Appointments with Mrs Walters will be Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1.00 – 5.30 pm

# Laurel Avenue Community Association

Laurel United Youth Groups

HALF TERM

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Senior Youth Group trip to Beamish Museum. Coach will leave Laurel Avenue at 10:30 am and return at 3:30 pm. Cost FREE. All children who have received an invite should meet at the Community Centre at 10:20 am.

The Community Centre will be closed from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you require support please contact the email address or telephone number below.

All sessions resume week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Infant & Junior Youth Club

Tuesdays from 4:15 pm until 5:30 pm. Cost FREE.

Tuck shop is available. Any money for tuck shop can be paid either by BACS or cash can be sent into school in an envelope prior to Tuesday's session. Please mark the envelope with your child name.



**Tea Club** – Tuesdays from 3:15 pm until 4:15 pm.

Cost £2.00

Children may attend Tea Club from Reception class – Year 5.

Youth support staff will collect children from their classrooms and bring them along to the Community Centre to Tea Club. Children will receive a 2-course meal and may stay for the Youth Session which follows Tea Club. If children attend Tea Club only, please collect your child(ren) at 4:15 pm. If they stay for the youth session, this ends at 5:30 pm. Payment for Tea Club may be paid either by BACS or cash can be sent into school in an envelope clearly marked with Childs name. Tuck shop money can be included.

**Senior Youth Club** – Tuesdays from 6 pm until 7:30 pm.

Cost FREE. Children from years 6 – 11 may attend senior group. Tuck shop is available.

**Toddler Group** – Thursdays from 9 am until 10:30 am.

Cost £1.00. For parent/carers and children aged 0 – 4 years. Tea, Coffee and snacks are included in cost. Everyone welcome, no booking required.

**Lunch Club** – Thursdays from 12 pm until 2 pm. Cost £3.00

Everyone welcome, cost includes a two course hot meal and activities.

For any further information, please contact Claire Linfoot

E: [admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com](mailto:admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com)

T: 0191 3845427 / 07825956094



School returns on  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February



Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>:  
Class Photographs taken in school

