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Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful World Book Day today, thank you all for your support your children looked fantastic. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. For further information <https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/the-evidence/>



Playground Leaders

The playground has been a buzz of activity again this week with the new equipment being enjoyed by everyone. Mrs Bates met with some of the Playground Leaders on Monday. Together, they organised the playground boxes, chose badges and even had a go at testing out the new resources! Watch this space for an official photo introducing the Playground Leaders once their smart new badges arrive!



Year 6 trip to Salisbury Cathedral

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited the Salisbury Cathedral for a book themed day, in celebration of World Book Day. After a tour of our wonderful cathedral, we were also allowed to visit the amazing Medieval Library which is usually hidden from the eyes of the general public. A winding staircase lead us to this most precious store of historical books. The children studied how texts changed over the years, and were able to look at one book that was nine hundred years old! Oscar told me that it was fascinating because it didn't know how old the books in the medieval library were going to be. Anya was impressed by the detailed stone carvings and architecture throughout the Cathedral.



Panathlon competition

On Monday, a team of KS2 children took part in a Panathlon event at Saraum Academy. They worked through 9 different sport stations during the morning including table cricket, boccia and new age kurling. We are delighted to share that they came first against 10 other local schools - a huge well done to the team who came back to school wearing their gold medals with pride.

Dyslexia Workshop

We are delighted to share that on Thursday 9th March at 3:30pm, we would like to offer an online Parent Dyslexia Workshop which will be run by the SENSS team at Wiltshire. If you are concerned about your child or would like to discuss what strategies you can use at home to support your child at home – do come along. The workshop will be run by the Wiltshire specialist for Dyslexia. The Teams link to this training is here: [Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 383 468 444 732 - Passcode: NSm2xe



Best wishes

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