

Nevill Road Junior News

January 19th 2024



Dear Families,

It has been a very cold week! The children had a lovely time playing in the snow on Tuesday and made several snow men on the field.

Our ASPIRE Key focus this half term is **Persevere**. All round school I have seen children working hard and persevering when they find something challenging. We have also been focusing on our Bee Rule, Be respectful, reminding children about using kind words. Well done to the children who have been chosen this week for the Kindness Cup, which is awarded every week by their classmates. Have a lovely weekend and I hope the weather improves for us all!

Kind regards
Mrs Cliff



OUR CURRICULUM

We have had a very creative week. Year 3 have loved using junk modelling in Art this week to make their version of the Angel of the North. Seraphina in Year 5 has been busy designing her own outfits, ready for a career in fashion design! We can't wait to see what is in her spring collection!



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Congratulations to our basketball teams who won their games and have qualified for the finals!



Year 3 Anthony Gormley artwork



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

What Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE VS HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. Freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights treaties, and here's what it does for us in our daily-to-day lives...

Human Rights Act 1 states that everyone has the right to express themselves as they see fit - even if their views are unpopular or might offend someone.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinions, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy - while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right to do something, like not standing up or - or singing - the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights - such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage - couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication - like talking, texting, posting online - that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying these actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be an act of violence, for example - putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This line of thinking is always incorrect - but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" - essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time - but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert: Social Equality Collective

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd January - Maths workshop in classrooms Year 4 / 5, 2.50pm

Thursday 25th January - Reading workshop 9.00am

Tuesday 6th February - E Safety Day

Friday 9th February - Last day of Half Term

Monday 19th February - Return to school

- Y5 residential to Castleton

Tuesday 20th February - Y5 residential to Castleton

Thursday 29th February - SEND coffee morning 9.00am

Monday 11th March - Y6 visit to Stockport air raid shelters 6B 1/2 6H

Wednesday 13th March - Y6 visit to Stockport air raid shelters 6C 1/2 6H

Monday 18th March - Y2 parent meeting / tour of the Junior school 9.00am

Tuesday 19th March - Y2 parent meeting / tour of the Junior school 9.00am

Thursday 28th March - **END OF TERM**

Please note there may be further dates added in red to the diary as more events are confirmed.

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