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Note from the Head...

Happy Valentine's Day!

We love WPS this week! It has been a great week looking at what makes

us special and happy, with our focus on Children's Mental Health Week. Sharing things about ourselves that others do not know has been really interesting, as well as allowing others to make connections with others through unknown mutual interests. (Some information for parents can be found at the end of this letter.)

We also have loved sharing all our learning with our parents. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come along and share in the outcomes. We've had Yr5 film strips, fact filled



Egyptian presentation and museum in yr6, Reception took everyone on a trip to the moon in their class rockets and a gallery in Year 1.

Today the school has been invaded by Aliens in year 2 and Year 3 and 4

have enjoyed a French day with support for the students from King Arthurs. Truly a fabulous week!



As we look forward to next half-term, we will be celebrating our **Careers week in the week of the 3rd March**, as well as **World book day on the 6th March**. Easter bingo and other fun events, hooks and outcomes all ready to inspire and engage our children in the learning they are experiencing at WPS.

Have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 24th February**.

Best wishes

Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance this week is **95.3%**, ever so slightly down on last week, hopefully a week off will help clear any bugs present. Lets do 96% first week back.

NSPCC PANTS workshop

During the first week back (24th onwards) all children will be having their annual PSHE lesson incorporating the NSPCC Pants workshop, reinforcing their knowledge of keeping themselves safe.

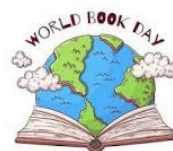
Aspirations – Careers week/fayre

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to volunteer for our career's fayre. Mrs Stapleton will be in touch soon to share the final details of the day. If there are other people who wish to support this day in giving our children some aspiration of what they would like to do when they are older – please do not hesitate to get in touch – Thank you.

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On Friday 7th March - children are invited to dress to impress! ie smart school uniform or clothes you would wear to interview as they visit the careers fayre interviewing our range of career representatives.

World Book Day –



This year the children have **asked to dress up!** So, we have listened to them and are asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character. These characters will

be grouped together to compose their own stories throughout the day. We will also be holding a book swap. Therefore, if there are books that you are willing to exchange, please bring them in and we will organise a book swap for all to enjoy. There is no expectation that your child has to bring in a book- just if you want to exchange one book for another. If it can be kept to the age range of your

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child then there will be enough books for the pupils across the school.

A wooden spoon book character competition is also being run on the day, details will be sent in a separate letter.



Well Done Medals

- **Beau** in Pluto Class for exploring his creative side when making a space rocket all by himself! Well done Beau!
- **Bonnie** in Mercury Class for making outstanding progress in your phonics.
- **Giles** in Earth Class for independently using his sounds to write an incredible fact file about giraffes.
- **Teddy** in Venus Class for independently writing an interesting fact file about cheetahs.
- **Harper** in Mars Class for applying new skills independently and using inverse equations to apply her knowledge.
- **Bea** in Neptune Class for super effort in maths when adding different coins to make £1
- **Emily** in Saturn Class for being a fantastic role model and having a consistently positive attitude to her learning.
- **Maison** in Jupiter Class for using French vocabulary during our French picnic and for saying "Je m'appelle Maison". Well done!
- **Harry** in Sun Class for fantastic contributions and questioning in class discussions about the Ancient Maya.
- **Noah** in Moon Class for his enthusiasm whilst mask-making and creating cardboard textures.
- **Emily** in Apollo Class for amazing independence and creativity during our storytelling challenge – Well done!
- **Melanie** in Asteroid Class for her resilience and creativity when creating an animal sculpture!
- **Lily** in Galaxy Class for using fantastic expression and pace when saying her lines in our Egyptian themed assembly.

- **Sabi** in Milky Way Class for learning her part for our Egyptian assembly and speaking with confidence.

PTA Events

Bag2School – All children have received a bag for you to fill, this will help raise funds for the school Ipads. Bag2School will be collecting on **Wednesday 12th March at 9am**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school office **from Monday 10th March** and help us have a really good collection.

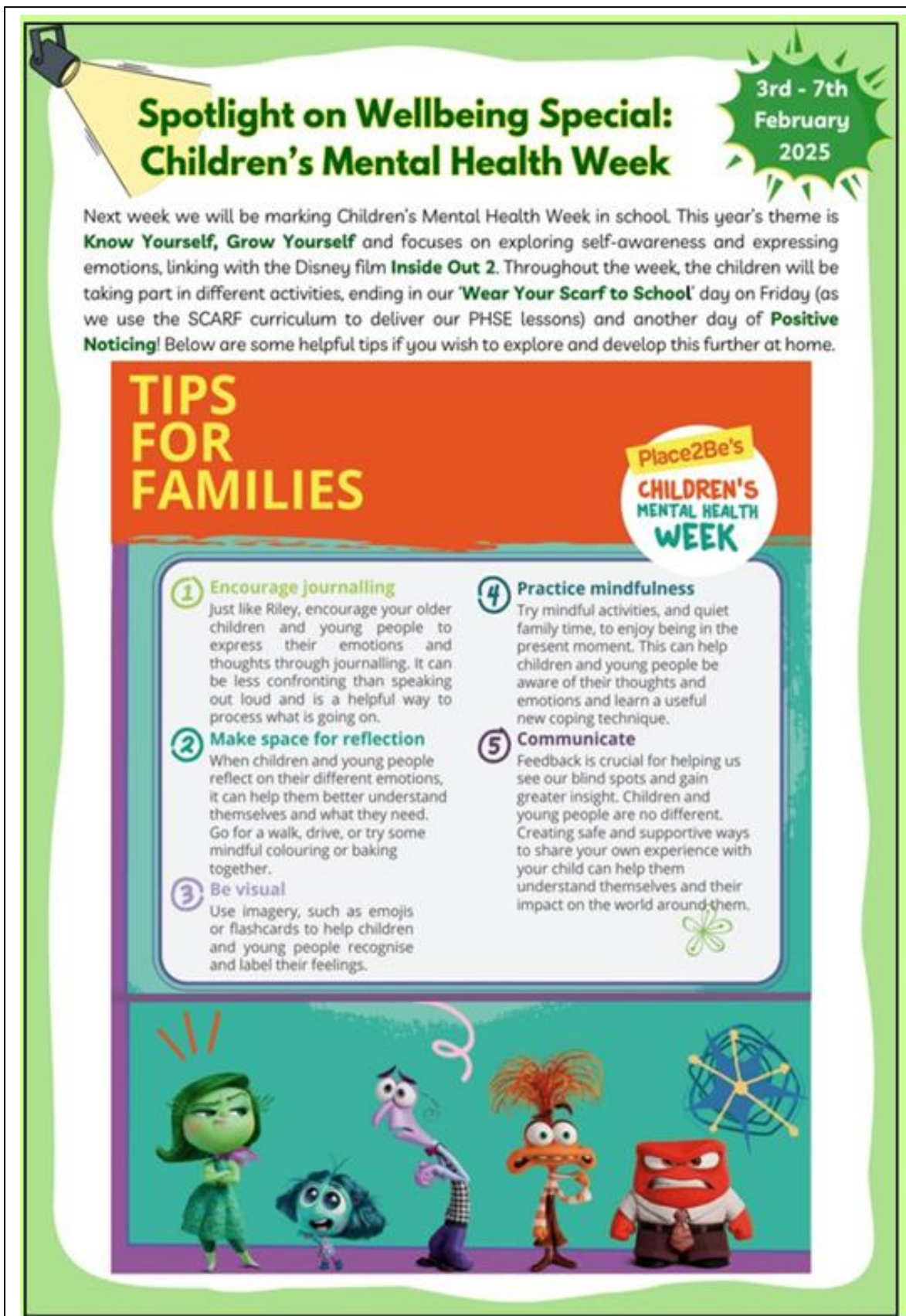
Easter Mufti Day – Fri 14th March – Children are invited into school in non school uniform, please bring in Easter Eggs (bring or small) Easter chocolate or Easter related crafts & gifts.

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All those great Mufti donations are then up for grabs at our annual Easter Bingo, held at the Memorial Hall. Doors open @ 6.45pm with eyes down @ 7.15pm. **This is a cash only event.**



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**Spotlight on Wellbeing Special:
Children's Mental Health Week**

3rd - 7th
February
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Next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week in school. This year's theme is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself** and focuses on exploring self-awareness and expressing emotions, linking with the Disney film **Inside Out 2**. Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in different activities, ending in our **'Wear Your Scarf to School'** day on Friday (as we use the SCARF curriculum to deliver our PHSE lessons) and another day of **Positive Noticing!** Below are some helpful tips if you wish to explore and develop this further at home.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

- 1 Encourage journalling**
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.
- 2 Make space for reflection**
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.
- 3 Be visual**
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.
- 4 Practice mindfulness**
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.
- 5 Communicate**
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

