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NSPCC Big Times Tables Challenge

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are very pleased to launch an exciting opportunity for our children to demonstrate their maths learning whilst also helping other children across the UK stay safe and healthy.

The Maths Challenge

During the week of 19th of November, the whole school will be taking part in a **Big Times Tables Challenge**. Each child will be seeing if they can achieve their best ever score in the times tables for their year group. This will take the form of a timed challenge and each child will receive their score based on the number of correct answers they achieve. The results are all about being the best you can and personal goals; this way everyone can feel proud that they have succeeded!

This will be a fun competition but to motivate the children to do their best, we will be awarding a best in class and a best in year champion for each year group. There will also be a best class participation award from the NSPCC for the class that returns the most sponsor forms.

We would also like the children to get sponsored for this event and all money raised will be going to the NSPCC to help children who are victims of abuse. The NSPCC have for the last five years, supported the school by coming in to run assemblies and workshops, free of charge on the signs of abuse and how to stay safe and yesterday, Rosy Rowley came in to talk to all the children about this. Helping children to deal with worries is incredibly important and is something that we, as a school see as vital as we want to know all our children are happy and safe. The NSPCC really help to facilitate this.

What does my child need to do next?

Your child's teacher will already have explained what times tables they need to focus on and your support in helping them to learn them will make all the difference. Your child might want to do more practice than their regular home learning; if you are able to find ways to help them chant, sing, recite etc. that would be great! Your child also needs to try to gather as many sponsors as they can. Sponsors could decide to sponsor per correct calculation or a total amount for completing the maths challenge - it's entirely up to them!

What happens after the Maths Challenge has taken place?

The children will be asked to collect the sponsor money during the week of 26th November and School Council will be counting the money raised. The results (both winners and money raised) will be announced in assembly on Wednesday December 5th. We really hope that you will support your child with this whilst also raising money for a really important cause!

Many thanks,

Sarah Carlisle
Deputy Headteacher

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Maths leader