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To all Parents/Carers,

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This week the children have been talking all about Children's Mental Health and it is fair to say that lots of what the children have seen, done and heard will stay with them for a long time. It all started with an assembly on Monday where the children were asked to think about 'Being Ourselves' and what this means. They were then asked to think of three things they really liked about themselves and, if they felt comfortable to do so, tell others why they were proud of it. As adults we can sometimes focus on what we don't like about ourselves rather than what makes us unique and special so it was great to see the children talk about their own strengths with such confidence. Please click on the link to see more of the assembly and have a chat about it at home: <http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Assemblies>

This week has also been an opportunity to discuss E-Safety. Miss Hawley led a great assembly on Tuesday (E-Safety Day) and then other classes throughout the week have been taking part in a number of activities to help raise the profile of this important issue. This also included seven children visiting The Quad on Thursday and learning more about staying safe online via some interactive theatre.



Y1



E-Safety Trip to the Quad

Y2

In other news, the new Junior Toilets are scheduled to be built in the Easter Holidays and the children, with a little bit of help from a brochure and a paint chart, have chosen the colour of the doors and the colour of the walls for the boys' and girls' toilets. The staff have had nothing to do with it at all, this is what they have chosen and I was really pleased with how they came to their decision! They didn't want anything too bright but they wanted it to look 'classy'. Watch this space and Twitter for when it is finished!

And finally, Fiona Lingard (Literacy Consultant who we have used on a number of occasions) will be delivering a Parent/Carer workshop on how to support children with their writing at home. The date is being finalised (after half term) but we hope to do it straight after school with the option of leaving your children under the supervision of staff whilst you attend.

Have a good weekend,

Mr I. Johnson

PS here is the link for our Sponsored Snowdon Climb (we're up to £1215 but we need more!):

<https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/ianjohnson/markeaton-midnight-snowdon-challenge.aspx>