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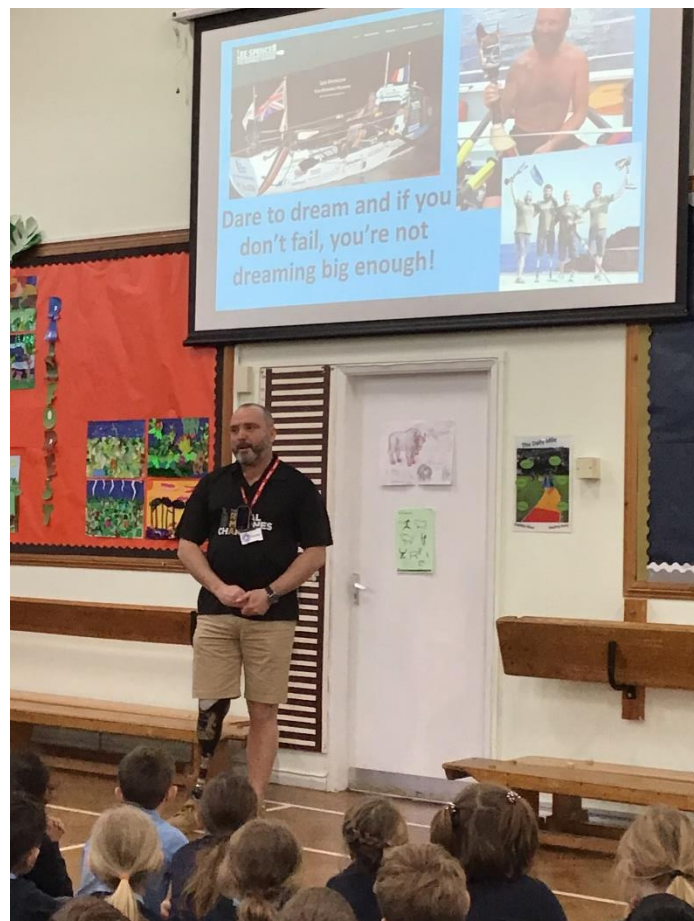
'Dare to dream and if you don't fail, then you're not dreaming big enough!'

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to enjoy a visit from Lee Spencer, The Rowing Marine. During his inspirational visit, Lee shared his life story with us and spoke candidly about how he lost his leg and the impact that it has had on him. He then went on to share his experiences since his accident, as well as lots of amazing stories from his two world record breaking rows.

During his 45-minute talk, the children were able to ask him questions about his life and his rows across the Atlantic. Throughout the assembly, they behaved impeccably.

Whilst he was with us, Lee had two key ideas that he wanted the children (and adults!) to take to heart. Firstly, that no-one should be defined by any disability (physical or mental); his passion about this was striking. His second key message, which really resonated with pupils and adults alike, was that failure should be embraced and that if you do not fail then you are not dreaming big enough.

Afterwards, Lee also took the time to be interviewed by some Y6 children (article to follow). If you wish to donate to Lee's charities, you can do so here:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=LeeJSpencer&pageUrl=5>





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Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th March

On Tuesday the children had an assembly on “**Together for a better internet**”, with a focus on **online identity**. To support parents, here are links to some useful websites.

Internet safety help for Parents from Internetmatters.org. Video about how to help children with their online identity:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnHOFIaxQtl"=&utm_source=Parents+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1ac05c93ff-school_newsletter_issue6_2020_02_07_&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_290cc150e6-1ac05c93ff-189709229

Information about how you can help your child to manage their online identity:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/helping-young-people-manage-their-online-identity/?utm_source=Parents+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1ac05c93ff-school_newsletter_issue6_2020_02_07_&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_290cc150e6-1ac05c93ff-189709229

How you can help your child with Social Media:

https://pwxp5srs168nsac2n3fnjyaa-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SocialMediaParentsGuide_final.pdf

How you can help and keep your child healthy and well:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/wellbeing-apps-guide-for-kids/?utm_source=Parents+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1ac05c93ff-school_newsletter_issue6_2020_02_07_&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_290cc150e6-1ac05c93ff-189709229

Kurling

A team of 4 New Age Kurlers took part in a tournament at Bohunt School. It was well-attended with 20 teams competing. Although our team did not get through to the finals, they performed enthusiastically, coming a well-earned second in their group. Well done Billie, Harvey, Joe and Reggie!

Modeshift STARS Bronze Award

We are very proud to have achieved our bronze award for encouraging sustainable travel to school and we are already working our way towards achieving the silver. Councillor Jorgenson and My Journey Wokingham’s Active Travel Officer, Domhnall McFarline, visited the school to present the award in a special assembly. They were impressed with the politeness, maturity and enthusiasm of the children. They were shown by two school councillors around the school grounds, including viewing our all-weather running track which was partly funded by the award.

New Clubs

Please check our website for new clubs starting after half-term.