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AIMING HIGH ... FLYING HIGHER

Everything we do makes a difference to our children; empowering minds and shaping futures.



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THIS TERM'S SCHOOL VALUES ARE TO SPOT OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE:

CURIOUS



THIS WEEK:

THANK YOU!

- DYSON WORKSHOPS
- MUMMIFIED TOMATOES
- ONLINE CHAT
- POTTY ABOUT PUTTY
- IMPORTANT MESSAGES
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE... 😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
 MWh produced = 77.65
 CO₂ saved = 44.10t

GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THANK YOU FOR MY BIRTHDAY WISHES 😊
(AND FOR THE BALLOONS IN MY OFFICE!)

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Lime 97.3%		Birch 96.2%		Beech 96.0%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	72	152	106	84	140	120
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				ELDER CLASS		



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



THANK YOU

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all my personal well wishes, happy birthdays and cards today – it has been really lovely!

Y1 PUPPETS

Y1 have been working hard in DT and have designed, created and evaluated these superb glove puppets. An array of vibrant colours,



children used a variety of tools and methods to construct a sturdy puppet. They were very excited to show me their work when I went to visit! Well-done Y1 😊

Y5&6 DYSON WORKSHOPS

Y5&6 had the opportunity to (also) take part in a special DT project, starting with a zoom workshop with the engineers from Dyson. With the aim to inspire STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), the children discovered to process of bringing a product to market and the steps taken in turning an

idea into reality. Next, they will be having a go themselves! They asked great questions and I know learned lots from this experience...thank you to Miss Blandford for organising the

session.



PUTTY IN SCHOOL?

Becoming a bit of a craze, many of our children are beginning to bring putty into school as a 'fiddle toy' to help them concentrate during lessons. In many cases it is actually having the opposite effect and we have had several disagreements between children as a result. Please can 'home equipment' (putty, toys, loom bands, etc.) stay at home and we will provide the

children with anything they need to help them in school by arrangement. Thank you! 😊



Y3 MUMMIFICATION







The children in Y3 have been 'hands-on' with their learning this week, all about life for the ancient Egyptians. They have even been turning their hand to the mummification of...tomatoes! They really enjoyed the activity and Mrs Smye was very proud of them!

ONLINE CHAT SPILLING INTO SCHOOL

Just a quick note to parents (and children) about keeping safe online. We do lots in school about the dangers of being online but we can't do it without parental support at home too. We have had several cases recently, mostly amongst older children, of online chats going 'wrong' and inappropriate language, messages and images being shared more widely. In several cases, older children and family members at other schools have become involved. I know that technology is amazing and I know that technology is becoming a way of life for many if not all of our children and families, but the longer we spend in school sorting out issues happening outside school, the less time we have to do the things we want to inside school. We ALL have a responsibility to keep your children safe and them being online, in bedrooms, late at night, without permission or supervision is a potentially risky environment. Any incidents reported in school (because a child is feeling scared or worried or upset) will be dealt with immediately and all parents contacted. There is a poster about parental controls below and lots more information on our website. Thank you for your support – it is important.






IMPORTANT MESSAGES

CURRENT VACANCIES	We currently have a full-time admin / receptionist and a midday supervisor vacancy in school. For more information, please visit the vacancies section on our website.	
SPRINGBUCKS GATE OPEN	To help keep you safe, we will from next week ensure the pedestrian gate is open to the school garden when you are dropping off early for Springbucks Gym club. Please use this rather than the car park vehicle gates. Thank you.	
PARKING PROMISE	This week's reminder is not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school entrance and to not drive onto the school premises at the end of the day unless it is by prior arrangement. Thank you for helping us to keep the children safe.	
POLYTUNNEL HELPERS	We have secured a polytunnel and gardening equipment for our school. If you are able to spare an afternoon to help Mr Rose and I put it all together, please do let me know by contacting the school office. Thank you! 😊	
LOVELY LIBRARY LADIES	I would like to thank our brilliant parent volunteers who are now collectively offering 10+ hours per week to help keep our library amazing for the children and to listen to our children read. It makes a huge difference!	
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD	From this week, the lunch service team will be awarding a special award to the class who demonstrate the best conduct and manners in the hall at lunch time. Each week the winner will receive a special certificate in assembly, be recognised in the newsletter and have a small class treat. I look forward to seeing who our next winners will be next week!	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the next month or so.
For a full list please see (and link to) our calendar on the school website.

JANUARY 2024			
Thu 25 th	Cherry class assembly 9am	Y2	
Tue 30 th	Safer Internet Day	All	
FEBRUARY			
Thu 1 st	Holly class assembly 9am	Y4	
5 th - 8 th	KS2 History week	All	
Fri 9 th	School closes for half term (usual time)	All	
Mon 19 th	School returns today	All	
Thu 22 nd	Prunus Class Assembly	Y6	
Thu 29 th	Larch Class Assembly	Y5	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	
Please note change of date / info.			

Stronger together



The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes.

Walking With You is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people, up to the age of 25, experiencing mental health difficulties.

You can take part discussing shared experiences with other parents and carers as well as having **mental health professionals from CAMHS** on-hand to support and answer any questions you may have.

Currently sessions are being ran by Microsoft Teams, you can join or leave as any point (meetings are not recorded).

Our next sessions are:

Friday 19th January 10-11.30 Parent Check-in.

Focus on how we're doing as parents/carers. Buckinghamshire County Council and SENDIASS will also attend.

Friday 23rd February 10-11.30 Food Issues & Eating Disorders

Friday 22nd March 10-11.30 Self-harm and violent behaviours.

Article 12, Barnardo's youth forum will support this session. (Face to face meeting, venue details to follow).

If you would like to join our session/s or would like further information, please contact:

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Please also confirm your consent to use your e-mail address.



Walking With You



Green Eden

Monday 12th - Friday 16th Feb

Join us under the big green leaf this half term for interactive stories, puppetry, crafts and more.

📍 Located outside Black Sheep Coffee.

For further details visit edenshopping.co.uk



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edenhighways.com



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to lead an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for, when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to Screen Time. From here you can customise important settings, including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link, you can set device, screen time and content restrictions on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a Playstation before it's even unwrapped. At myaccount.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On-line play, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones, however, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (Under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when), you can reset up the console with your own account and then add child profiles. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reset them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account. (If you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details.) Microsoft Family safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up on the admin before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on that profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and what your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under Broadcast, you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even so, it's foolproof, however, some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Benny Collins is a technology journalist and writer with more than 20 years experience of writing for titles such as the Sunday Times, Windows PC and Computerworld. He's reported regularly on child safety on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight. Benny has worked for 10 years at National Online Safety and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.

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