

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Monday 20th September 2021



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Good to be green: Year 5

Attendance: Year 6

Punctuality: Years 5 and 6

This Week's

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Aisha Khan

Year 2 Mia Akinola

Year 3 Jenson Nellist-Day

Year 4 Azaan Asim

Year 5 Taibah Begum

Year 6 Aaliya Fazal



	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	6	4
Reception	7	9
Year 1	13	10
Year 2	5	10
Year 3	13	6
Year 4	23	8
Year 5	6	3
Year 6	3	3
	Attendance Stars Year 6	Punctuality Stars Years 5 and 6



Come on Year 1 and Year 2 let's get into school on time!!!

Remember that school starts at 8.45am and the gates are open from 8.35am.

**CREATE A
BETTER WORLD**

As a school, we are committed to improving the health and well-being of our children and communities.

Spending time outside, in nature, is one of the best ways for us to feel good about ourselves but we can only do that if we have beautiful spaces around us to share.

This year we will be setting up our "Eco Committee". This will consist of children throughout the school who will share the eco messages and complete activities with the whole school.

Welcome to Brimrod Primary School's Eco Committee

Rec - Zaara Ghafoor, Ifra Naqvi

Year 1 - Anam Adrees, Ibbi Ahmed

Year 2 - Hadi Ghaffar, Nhaila Halim

Year 3 - Zac Johnson

Year 4 - Ifra Usman, Areebah Ahmed, Azaan Asim

Year 5 - Thushaknaa Navaneethan, Taibah Begum, Nimra Khalil

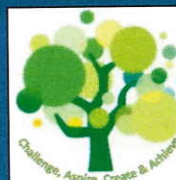
Year 6 - Sara Hakmoui, Zunairah Nadim, Ali Irfan



Challenge 2

**PLEASE
HELP US
KEEP OUR
SCHOOL
TIDY**

Our challenge this week is to keep our school and where we live tidy. Make sure that you take any rubbish home with you and think about how your actions impact our world!





News and Notices

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Covid-19

Even though things are starting to get back to normal in some ways, we are continuing to be very thorough as far as cleaning and hygiene is concerned.

In addition to this, positive cases are also being dealt with as they were previously and any child who has symptoms will be asked to get a PCR test and isolate until results come back negative. **Children under 18 and adults who are double vaccinated no longer need to isolate if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive and can continue to stay in school however they need to get a PCR test.**



Parking around school

We are still having complaints from residents that live on the streets surrounding school regarding cars blocking people's driveways. Please can I ask parents to think carefully about where they are parking and to be considerate of the people who live near the school. Thank you



School times

Please can I remind everyone that the school times are now back to normal. **School starts at 8.45am** and gates are open and staffed from 8.35am to allow children to be dropped off earlier. **School finishes at 3.15pm.**



WOW

We are starting the year with a real push on getting our children moving and active again. We are once again taking part in WOW (Walk once week) to encourage our children and their families to walk to school. We will be using an online tracker to look at how children come to school. **The Theme for this year's badges is walk for the world (apart from the first two which are carried over from last year due to lockdown) and feature some of the world's most endangered animals.**



After school clubs

After school clubs will start again this week. Please make sure that you collect your children promptly at 4pm. Thank you



Dates for the diary

Monday 4th October 2021—Reception Open day
Friday 8th October 2021—Mental Health "Hello Yellow" day
Tuesday 19th October / Wednesday 20th October—Parent's afternoons
Friday 22nd October 2021—School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 1st November—School returns

Items to buy from the office

Book bags £3.50
T-shirts with school logo - £4.00
Ties—£3.00

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TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 800 million active users worldwide.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About



TIKTOK



AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – so it is possible for a child to be exposed to explicit and age-inappropriate content.

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and want to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be "the next big thing" will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep you intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP PURCHASES

There's an in-app option to purchase "TikTok coins", which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. Buying coins is now restricted to over-18s – but TikTok doesn't require users to verify their age on sign up, so a young person could easily access this feature if they were determined to.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

In early 2021, TikTok changed the default setting for all under-18s' accounts to "private". Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The "Stitch" (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and "Duet" (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over-18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY SAFETY MODE

Family Safety Mode lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok refreshed its Safety Centre in May 2021, providing new resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's "Digital Wellbeing" section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using "Restricted Mode". This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the "Digital Wellbeing" section. Under "Screen Time Management", you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet our expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Chicks, a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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