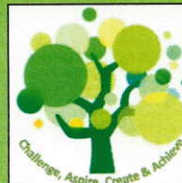


# Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th June 2022



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## This Week's winners:

Good to be green: Year 6

Attendance: Year 6

Punctuality: Year 6

## Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Muhammad Mubashir

Year 2 Muhammad Sultan


Year 3 Areeba Bhatti

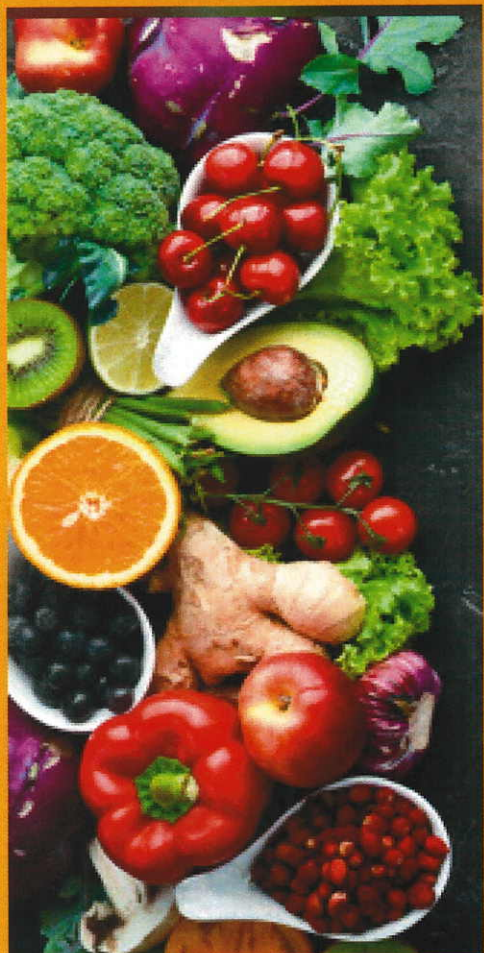
Year 4 Shani Zulfiqar

Year 5 Safa Usman

Year 6 Taha Umer Butt



	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	11	3
Reception	19	12
Year 1	8	12
Year 2	26	4
Year 3	22	2
Year 4	3	6
Year 5	3	5
Year 6	1	1
	Attendance Stars Year 6	Punctuality Stars Year 6



## Healthy Eating at Brimrod



### Snacking

We understand that snacks can be an important part of the diet of young people and can contribute positively towards a balanced diet. Children may bring in fruit/vegetables, cheese or breadsticks for their mid-morning break. Snacks high in fat and sugar such as **biscuits and crisps are not allowed**. Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are provided with an additional free piece of fruit on a daily basis.

### Drinking water

The National Nutritional Standards for Healthy School Lunches recommend that drinking water should be available to all pupils, every day, free of charge. We encourage children to drink plenty of water and ask **children to bring their own water bottle to school each day** to access drinking water throughout the day.

### Packed Lunches

Our whole school food policy gives clear guidance about what should be included in a healthy packed lunch. **Fizzy drinks, bars of chocolate, and sweets are not allowed**. Reminder slips will be placed in lunch boxes as a reward or a reminder to parents about what should be included.

### Use of food as a reward

The school does not encourage the regular eating of sweets or other foods high in sugar or fats, especially as a reward for good behaviour or academic or other achievements. **If you wish to bring in something for your child's birthday then please bring in pencils, balloons etc. or a book/game for the class library.**

## News and Notices

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### Names on Jumpers

Please can I remind parents/carers that every jumper/cardigan must have the child's name in. Classes have 30+ jumpers of similar sizes and staff cannot spend valuable teaching time trying to work out which jumper belongs to who.



### Year 4 Times Table Check

Well done to all those children who took the times table test this week in Year 4. You have worked really hard and we are really proud of you!!!



### Diversity Week

Next week is Diversity Week where each class looks at different cultures and religions through music, art, dance and cookery. The children then share what they have learned about their class' chosen country with the rest of the school at the end of the week in a special assembly. This is a lovely week for our children who really enjoy learning about how we are different and similar.



### MP visit regarding Holborn Street

On Friday 24th June, Chris Clarkson (MP) and two other local councillors will be in school to talk to us and the children about the issues on the one way system. Our School Council will be talking to them but if you have anything you would like to share with them regarding traffic calming on Holborn Street, please email it into the school office. Thank you



### Warm Weather

We are enjoying a period of warm weather at the moment, which may not last, however when the sun is out please can I ask parents/carers to apply sun cream to your child before they leave for school. If they have a cap then this can also be brought into school as long as it is named.



### Road safety on Finsbury Street / Holborn Street

Please can I ask parents/carers to talk to your children about staying safe when walking to school. Children (and parents) should be walking on the pavement and **not in the middle of the road**. It is very busy around school, with cars in all areas and the only way to keep them safe is to model road safety and ensure they stay on the pavements.

### Dates for the Diary

Wb Monday 20th June 2022—Diversity Week

Friday 24th June 2022—Year 3 Linking school event

Thursday 30th June or Friday 1st July 2022 - Sports Day (weather dependent)

Tuesday 5th July 2022—Year 6 Transition to high school

Tuesday 5th July 2022—School move up day

Friday 8th July—Eid Parties



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, "Bits" and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them – including horror games.

#### HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch is free to use because it's supported by advertisers. Removing the ads requires a subscription to Twitch Turbo – or the Twitch Prime package (free for anyone with an Amazon Prime account), which blocks the ads and offers additional goodies such as bonus games. Streamers earn most of their income by asking users for direct donations or gifts of the virtual currency Twitch Bits.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audiences, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching. It's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams – including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

#### WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and provides bullies with visual reactions to their hurtful behaviour.

#### PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary. The best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

### LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

### WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content; some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag – including users who (accidentally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

### LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'Bits' is optional.

### Meet Our Expert

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