



Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Attendance: Year 2 and Year 6

Punctuality: Year 6

Good to be Green: Y1, Y3 and Y5

Sports Class of the Week: Year 3

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 2 Ibrahim Ahmed

Year 3 Mishal Hafeez

Year 4 Raahim Naqvi

Year 5 Sienna McLennan

Year 6 Daoud Ishaq

	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	28	4
Reception	34	9
Year 1	42	5
Year 2	13	6
Year 3	24	3
Year 4	19	3
Year 5	15	3
Year 6	13	1
	Attendance Stars Year 2 and Year 6	Punctuality Stars Year 6

Road Safety

As we are starting to get out and about again, going on local walks and visiting exciting places, we are noticing that many of the children have no road sense and we are having to do a huge amount of work with children on the dangers of walking on to roads. This is partly as Covid prevented people from going out and therefore parents/carers haven't had as much opportunity to model to their children how to stay safe when out and about and crossing roads.

Please can I ask all parents/carers to talk to your children about the "Green Cross Code" and to take them out and show them how to cross a road safely.

Children under 7 should always hold a parent/ carer's hand when crossing the road and should always walk on the pavement



THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children **over 7 years:**

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

STOP - LOOK - LISTEN



Zebra crossing



Traffic island

Safe places to cross a road



Subway



Pelican crossing, puffin crossing or toucan crossing



News and Notices

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NOT AUTHORIZED

Extended Leave—Not Authorised

We have had a few parents recently come to inform us that they are taking extended leave. Extended leave is **NOT AUTHORISED** and will be recorded on your child's record. **After 5 days, you will be fined by the Local Authority and this fine is £60 per parent per child.**

Our children have missed so much education due to Covid and have a huge amount to catch up on. Taking them out of school for extended periods is extremely harmful to their education and will see them falling behind the other children in class. There are 13 weeks each year, where children can be taken on holiday so please can I urge you to think very carefully before booking any family holiday that is not in the holidays given. Thank you for your support



Homework Club

Please can all parents be aware that if you require your child to attend Homework club you must let the school office know **before 2pm on the day you need it.** If you need this on a regular basis, then please let the office know which days you require it. Thank you

Decoration making with your children

Next week we are holding our decoration making sessions in classes. This will be a lovely event and a chance for parents to get back into school and see what your children are doing. Each session starts at 2.15pm and will last till the end of school at 3.15pm. Check below for which day you need to attend.

Monday 28th November 2.15pm—Parent/ Child Christmas decoration making Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 29th November 2.15pm—Parent/ Child Christmas decoration making Years 2 and 4

Wednesday 30th November 2.15pm—Parent/ Child Christmas decoration making Years 1 and 3

Thursday 1st December 2.15pm— Parent/ Child Christmas decoration making Reception

Friday 2nd December 11am — Parent/ Child Christmas decoration making Nursery

Children will NOT be allowed to go home early so please do not ask members of staff to allow this. Thank you for your understanding

We are really looking forward to seeing you all!!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 29th November 2.15pm—Year 5/6 children. Dream Big Games

Wednesday 7th December—Christmas Dinner

Thursday 8th December—Christmas dress up / Jumper day—Cake donations

Thursday 8th December— Pantomime

Wednesday 14th December 9.30am —Christmas Productions

Friday 16th December—Break up



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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 for further guidance, tips and sign for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

18 CONSIDERED

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. Studies show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins as they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

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