

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Attendance: **Year 4**

Punctuality: **Years 3 and 6**

Good to be Green: **Years 4 and 5**

Sports class of the week: **Year 2**

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Ifra Naqvi


Year 2 Bethany Agg

Year 3 Matin Salih

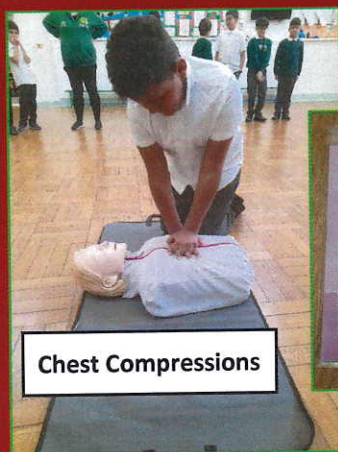
Year 4 Muntazir Abbas

Year 5 Amad Muhammad Shakeel

Year 6 Alisha Khawaja

	Attendance (LA Expected 95%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Nursery	19	81%	9
Reception	22	92%	15
Year 1	14	95%	18
Year 2	20	93%	10
Year 3	37	84%	7
Year 4	10	97%	8
Year 5	31	89%	11
Year 6	57	81%	7
School total	210 sessions missed this week!	89%	85 late arrivals this week!
	Attendance Stars Year 4		Punctuality Stars Years 3 and 6

Year 5 and Year 6 MiniMedics!!!



Chest Compressions



Opening Airways

Information and certificate to take home



Check for response



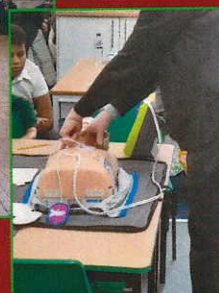
Choking



Recovery position



Ask for help!



News and Notices

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PE kits

A letter has gone home regarding the correct PE kits that should be worn for these lessons. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit on the correct day. If you are not sure about anything then please see the uniform policy on the school website, your child's class newsletter or ring the school office. Thank you for your support.

Express

Let's Apply and Reflect!

The opportunity for children to express their learning and show their understanding with others.

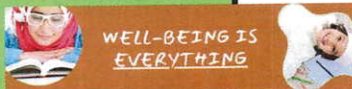
Thursday 16th February 2.15pm

Express Afternoon

Express afternoon for all classes will be held on Thursday 16th February at 2.15pm. These sessions allow your children to share with you what they have been doing in their topics and gives parents a chance to see their work and join in with their children. These were really well attended before Covid and this is the first one that we have been able to do in person since. We are all really looking forward to seeing you!

Well-being and Mindfulness Parent and Child Sessions

In response to the parent surveys returned and the success of the Christmas decoration sessions, we will be holding Parent/Child well-being and mindfulness sessions in classes during week beginning 6th February. These sessions will involve calming art and relaxation activities. Specific dates and times for each class will be sent home shortly.



Brimrod Fundraising Committee Meeting—Not attended

We have lots of requests from parents to run extra clubs and trips and set up events such as Summer fairs and bake sales. Clubs and trips cost money and the other events take time to set up and school staff do not have the time to organise these as they are busy teaching the children. Events like these need groups of parents to come together and support the school.

I have sent letters and texts, put items on the newsletters and held two meetings for parents/carers in the last few months in order to try and put a committee together and **unfortunately I have not had the response required.** Without parental support, these events can not take place and trips and clubs will be limited to what school can afford in our reduced budget.

If you feel that you can help us please speak to the school office. Thank you



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 26th January—UKS2 cross country at Holy Trinity (3.15pm—4.45pm)

Tuesday 31st January—Dream Big Games UKS2 (3.30pm—4.30pm)

Week beginning 6th February—Parent/Child Well-being and mindfulness sessions (Dates/times to follow)

Friday 4th February—Last Year 3 swimming lesson

Thursday 9th February—LKS2 cross country at Holy Trinity (3.15pm—4.45pm)

Thursday 16th February—Express Afternoon (2pm—3pm)

Friday 17th February—Break up

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TWITTER

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in October 2022 for \$44 billion, he has implemented several major changes to the platform.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

INTERACTION WITH STRANGERS

Tweets are public by default, meaning that anyone can view and interact with posts, follow someone and send direct messages. The concern here is that young people may therefore connect and communicate with strangers. Some individuals may follow a young person's Twitter account simply because they have similar interests; however, others may turn out to have more sinister intentions.

FIXATION ON VIEW COUNT

Twitter has recently introduced a 'view count' feature – telling users how many people have seen their tweet (even if they haven't reacted to it). Previous research has found that unfavourable comparisons with other social media users can cause young people to experience feelings of insecurity, jealousy and low self-esteem – leading to an obsession with increasing their numbers.

TROLLS AND BULLYING

The anonymity offered by fake profiles encourages some users to send tweets designed to provoke a reaction; to disrupt conversations; to spark an argument; or to harass the recipient. Such trolling and bullying can impact the mental wellbeing of both the target and anyone who witnesses it. Encourage your child to come to you if they experience such behaviour on Twitter, or if they see it taking place.

PAID-FOR VERIFICATION

Previously, if a Twitter profile displayed a blue tick icon, it meant that the owner – usually a celebrity or a major organisation – had been verified as genuine. Now, however, anyone can pay for a Twitter Blue subscription to receive the tick, with the platform carrying out limited checks on the account's authenticity. This could easily lead to more fake accounts impersonating real people or companies.

CONTENT MODERATION CHANGES

In late 2022, Twitter stated that their 'policy enforcement will rely more heavily on de-amplification of violative content: freedom of speech, but not freedom of reach'. No policies have changed yet, but this wording suggests they may limit who can see posts rather than removing them. While supporting free speech, this could encourage an environment where some toxic content remains online.

HIJACKED HASHTAGS

The hashtag (#) is one of Twitter's most recognisable facets, allowing users to find specific trends or topics. But the sheer volume of tweets each hour can rapidly distort a hashtag's meaning; an initially innocent search term can quickly end up returning inappropriate results. This is common with 'trending' hashtags, as people know that using them will get their tweet seen by a larger audience.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET ACCOUNTS TO PRIVATE

To reduce some of the fear of your child's tweets being seen and shared by anyone, you can always make their account protected. This means that your child has to give approval for another user to view their posts. You can change Twitter's privacy settings so that your child can't be messaged directly by other people on the platform and their geographical location won't be shared.

FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

It can be difficult for anyone to ascertain if something online is real or false, but particularly for young people. Encourage your child to check several reputable sources to determine if a story they've seen is true, remind them to watch out for scams and think about the message's possible motive. Emphasise that it's not a good idea to retweet something if they aren't sure it's correct.

ENGAGE SAFETY MODE

When Safety Mode is activated, Twitter checks for abusive or spammy behaviour such as hurtful language or repeated negative replies. The platform then flags these suspect accounts and blocks them from responding to your child's tweets. The autoblock function then prevents these accounts from interacting with your child's again for seven days.

EXPLORE THE NEW SETTINGS

Previously, any user could reply to anyone else's tweets. However, the new conversation settings let your child determine who can reply to their posts – either by selecting everyone (the default option), people they allow or only people they mention (using the @ symbol). This improvement has given users extra control, providing them with more protection from trolls and online abuse.

PAUSE BEFORE POSTING

It's important that young people think about what they're about to post and whether they might regret it later. Twitter has developed 'nudges': little prompts which appear if someone is about to tweet using harmful or offensive language. These nudges promote more positive online behaviour by giving users an opportunity to pause and consider their words before they post something.

BLOCK, REPORT OR MUTE

If someone is upsetting your child on Twitter, you can block and report them. Blocking stops them from messaging or following your child, while reporting an account alerts Twitter to investigate possible misuse. The 'mute' feature, meanwhile, keeps tweets from a specific account (or which include certain words) out of your child's timeline. The other user won't know that they've been muted.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

BE CAREFUL WHO TO FOLLOW

As accounts are no longer being as rigorously verified under the 'blue tick' system, it's essential that young Twitter users understand what this means, in terms of people not necessarily being who they claim. Anyone who your child only knows online is still a stranger, regardless of how long they've been communicating for. Remind your child never to disclose personal information on social media.

Source: <https://blog.twitter.com/en-common-threads/en/topics/stories/2022/how-twitter-is-nudging-users-healthier-conversations> | <https://blog.twitter.com/en-us/topics/product/2022/twitter-blue-update> | <https://blog.twitter.com/en-us/topics/company/2022/twitter-2-0-our-continued-commitment-to-the-public-conversation> | <https://scholarworks.lib.csu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2314&context=ed>



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Please see the school website for more information on online safety and the school policies.