

# Thames View Primary School Newsletter



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*Respect*

## Mrs Rogers Message

Another busy week of learning around our new topics. We have enjoyed Virtual Reality workshops as part of our computing curriculum and ECO initiative in years 1 and 4. Year 1 have journeyed through space and been reminded of their exciting adventure to Greenwich Planetarium where they sat in the space dome and year 4 have been for a virtual swim in the oceans, learning about wildlife and how to conserve our animals! Our next important computing event is Internet Safety Day which is on the 6<sup>th</sup> February. All classes will be looking at E-safety and discussing the risks through a range of activities, we will update you on these activities in February's newsletter!

Year 3 parents, if you have not yet logged on to arbor to give your child permission for the trip to the Odeon Cinema to see the film Wonka, then please can you do so, as this is on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. This is the year 3 House Trip for this year, celebrating one of our 4 houses; Dahl, Donaldson, Rowling and Walliams and is also linked to year 3's next big topic of Chocolate, one of our favourites!

The PTA discos are coming soon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, so we look forward to getting our dancing shoes on. If you want to buy your child a ticket for this, please look at the PTA e-mail sent to you on arbor and follow the link. The times are as follows;

EYFS/KS1 (Reception, Years 1 & 2): 4:45PM – 6:00PM

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6): 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Advance notice that we will be celebrating NSPCC Number day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. On this day, children can come in to school in non-uniform with a number theme and a link will be sent by the office to make donations to the NSPCC for any families who would like to, please do not bring any cash in to school on this day! Also, this will be the start of our Enterprise week, where we teach the children maths and business-related skills and thinking. Children will be making their own businesses with their classes which will contribute to our Enterprise afternoon. The winning class will be the class who make the most profit and they will be able to celebrate with a prize. This is always a fun, learning activity that we look forward to being entrepreneurs!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe, Mrs Rogers.

## Special events coming soon

### January:

26<sup>th</sup> - PTA School Discos

30<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Trip to see 'Wonka'

### February:

5<sup>th</sup> - Number Day

6<sup>th</sup> - Internet Safety Day

7<sup>th</sup> - Chinese New Year Dragon Dancing  
(Years 1,2,3)

8<sup>th</sup> - Enterprise Day

**12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term**

20<sup>th</sup> - Hook Day

26<sup>th</sup> - Opal Trip to Temper Temper  
Chocolate Factory

27<sup>th</sup> - Topaz Trip to Temper Temper  
Chocolate Factory

### March:

4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - PTA Mothers Day gift shop

7<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - Science Week (Professor  
Sulphur Nitrate visiting)

13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Trip to Matilda, Cambridge  
Theatre, London

25<sup>th</sup> - Open Classroom

26<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Trip to Horton Kirby (Rivers)

28<sup>th</sup> - Easter Fun Day

28<sup>th</sup> - **Early closure; 1.15pm for all**

**children**

## Quote of the week



Sometimes the smallest things  
take up the most room in your heart

- Winnie the Pooh



Golden Ticket is every Friday and a child in each Key Stage 2 class can win the golden ticket for outstanding effort, behavior and for showing our 3 school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Nursery Star:

Harry

### PE Class Trophy

Victory

### PE Champions:

Sienna

### Attendance Stars:

**KS1** Elstar

**KS2:** Windsor

### Year 4 Timetable Stars:

Lola, Chenlin, Sophie, Teddie, Eden

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Evie P	Ethan	Myles	Daniel
Sunrise	Layla	Mason	Lyla	Maximus
Elstar	Evie	Millie	Logan	Ernest
Kanzi	Andrea	Arabella	Summer	Oscar
Fortune	Patrick	Freddie	Elise	Lily
Liberty	Logan	Ryan	Austin	Aesha
Opal	Robert	Bethany	George	Eliza
Topaz	Rosebelle	William	Walter	Alba
Enterprise	Mia	Owen	Eliza	Lily
Victory	Lucas	Polly	Lola	Emily
Blenheim	Ashanti	Niyanna	Elsie	Taylor
Windsor	Cooper	Jessica	Alfie	Scarlett
Discovery	Maddison	Holly	Jack J	Mason M
Pioneer	Eddie	Joseph	Emily	Befrin

## Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about your child, please come in and discuss these with Mrs Flynn or Mrs Stevens. Each week there will be safeguarding tips here, let us know if we can help! Today's focus is on YouTube, which is a platform that many of our children use!

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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