

# Thames View Primary School Newsletter



*Responsibility*

*Resilience*

*Respect*

## Special events coming soon

### January:

5th February- Number Day

6th February-Internet Safety Day

7th February- Chinese New Year Dragon  
Dancing (Years 1,2,3)

8th February- Enterprise Day

12th -16th February- Half Term

20th February- Hook Day

26th February- Opal Trip to Temper  
Temper Chocolate Factory

27th February- Topaz Trip to Temper  
Temper Chocolate Factory

7th March- World Book Day (more  
information to follow)

11th -15th March - Science Week  
(Professor Sulphur Nitrate visiting)

13th March- Year 6 Trip to Matilda,  
Cambridge Theatre, London

26th March- Year 5 Trip to Horton Kirby  
(Rivers)

28th March- Easter Fun Day

28th March- Early closure; 1.15pm for all  
children

## Mrs Rogers Message

On Tuesday this week, year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Odeon Cinema, Chatham to see Wonka for their House Trip and as part of their upcoming topic of Chocolate! A lovely morning was had, with plenty of popcorn and snacks. Year 3 parents, please ensure you log on to Arbor and give permission for this year groups next trip to Temper Temper Chocolate Factory, when they will bring home lots of lovely Chocolate!

Today has been the re-launch of Times Tables Rockstars and we have enjoyed dressing as crazy rockers! There has been Maths competitions and Times Tables battles which have been lots of fun and we would encourage our families to log on this weekend and encourage their child to play some more, having fun while practising their tables!

Our Maths adventure continues on Monday when it is NSPCC Number Day here at Thames View. A link will be sent home for donations, please do not bring any money in to school on Monday. Children are welcome to come in to school in non-uniform with a number on for this day. Staff will be doing the same and their will be number related activities which will win prizes, so we can't wait for Monday!

Next Week is also Enterprise week, so every class in Key Stage 2 will be making their own business and producing products, then they will be selling them on Thursday afternoon. The class who earns the most money wins Enterprise Week and is allowed to chose what to spend their money on. This really teaches the children an awareness of business and enterprise and the value of money, as well as working as a team in their class groups!

Please note we break up from Term 3 next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Friday club is on as usual as this is a short break. We return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the usual times.

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



## Quote of the week

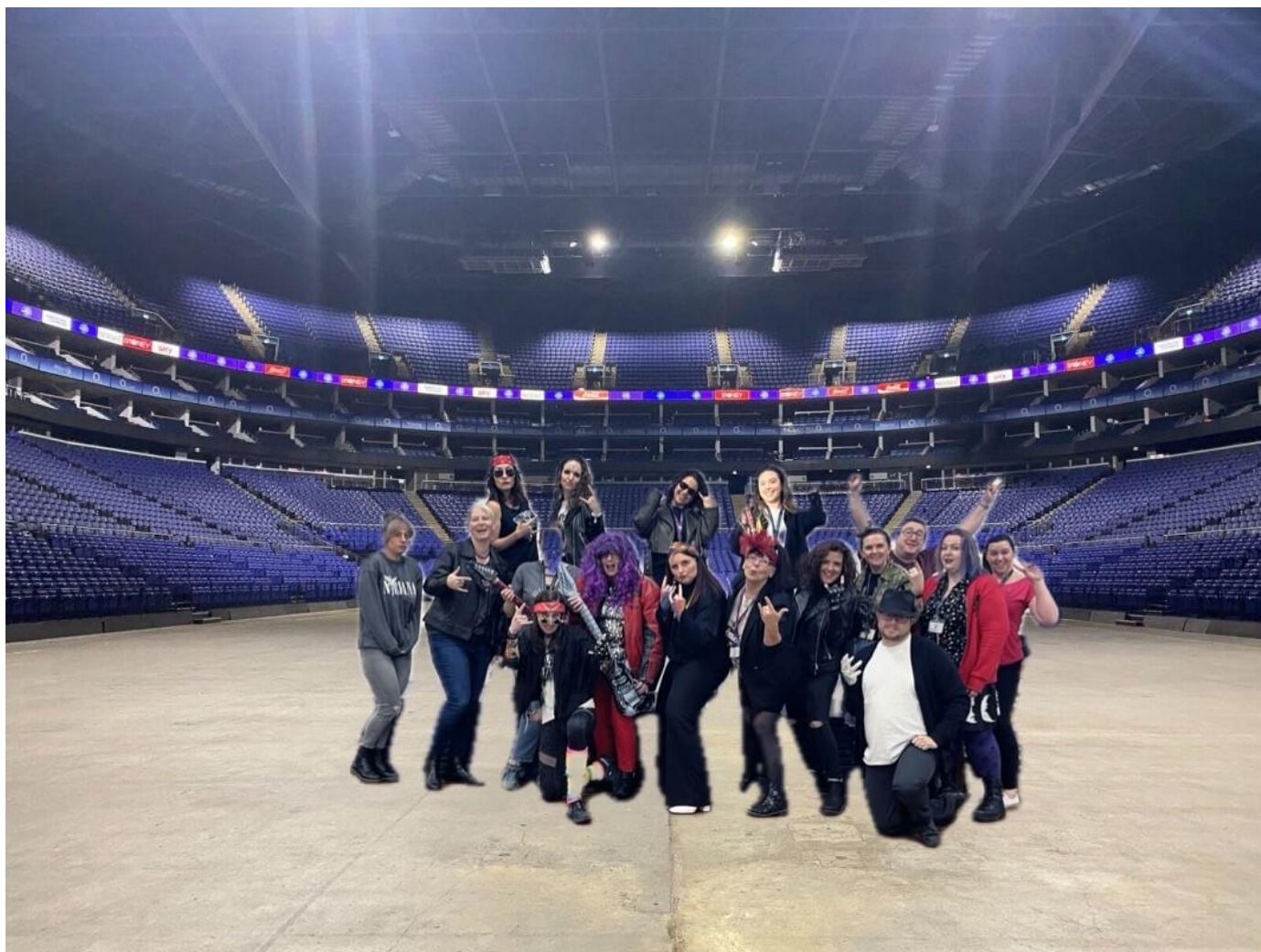


**"The flower that  
blooms in adversity  
is the most rare and  
beautiful of all."**

**—The Emperor of China, Mulan**



# Rockstar Re-Launch Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February



Welcome to some of your Rockstar staff!  
one of them has a “mask” on .... Can you tell who it is??





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.



**Eco Class**  
Discovery

**PE Class Trophy**  
Blenheim

**PE Champions:**  
Heidi E  
Rae  
Alice J

**Attendance Stars:**  
**KS1:** Pippin  
**KS2:** Opal

**Sparkles Nursery Star:**  
Koby

**Year 4 Timetable Stars:**

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Harper	Lexi	Charlie	Rex
Sunrise	Maze	Layla	Willow	Lyla
Elstar	Teddi	Ernest	Olivia	Jamie C
Kanzi	Logan	Olivia	Meaven	Andrea
Fortune	Elise	Alfie	Phoebe	Darcy
Liberty	Robyn	Albey	Fraser	Finley, Alfie, Vinnie
Opal	Raven	Lucy	Nancy	Olive
Topaz	Sophie	Chloe	Abdul	Esme
Enterprise	Abigail	Rio	Nancy	Andrew
Victory	Layla	Harry	Thomas	Amelia
Blenheim	Laynie	Mia	Toby	Parker
Windsor	Lily-Mae	Bailey	Jessica	Ollie
Discovery	Roxie	Ruby CF	Finley R	Ruby W
Pioneer	Joseph	Thomas M	Isla	Alice W



## Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about you 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 Be Real, an app that has an age rating of 13+ but is sometimes inappropriately used by some of the younger pupils, so parents please be aware!

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 BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

**AGE RATING**  
**13+**  
from the App Store & Google Play

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

#### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

#### PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

#### EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

#### VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

#### REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

#### KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

#### STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

#### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

### 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 comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Is our NSPCC Number Day – children can come in Number related own clothes for the day



## **World Book Day 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> March**

After the success of the Christmas Jumper appeal for the Eco shop Tesco in Rainham have agreed to have a box to collect dress up items to support world book day at Thames View school.



Internet Day 2024 which will take place on **Tuesday, 6 February 2024.**



Thames View will be taking part of this important day with children completing activities throughout the day. Children can also take part in a competition to create an Internet Safety Day poster, winners will receive prizes and their posters will be displayed in the school.



## **Thames View School Shop**

### **“NEW STOCK ALERT”**

All colours and sizes of PE t-shirts are now in stock ...  
from sizes 3-4 to 12-13

# P.T.A.

.... upcoming events ....

## PTA AGM

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

6pm – 7pm  
In KS2 hall

Please see separate Arbor for more details



## Mothers Day Gift Shop

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
March**

Gifts £2.50 each  
Please see separate Arbor  
message to buy gifts

## Mothers Day Tea

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
1.30 – 2.30 or 3.30 – 4.30

Please see separate Arbor  
message to book tickets

