

Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility

Resilience

Respect

Special events coming soon

15th – 19th July – Thames View Fun Week!

Own clothes all week

(see separate letter for each year group)

16th July – Yr 6 performances

18th July – Yr 6 leavers BBQ –
3.30 -5pm

19th July Yr 6 Leavers Assembly –
9.30 – 10.30am

19th July- End of the school Year

4th September- Children back to school

Mrs Rogers Message

This week, we have had our Key Stage 2 SATs results! We are so pleased to tell you that we have our highest data set to date! This is a big recognition of the hard work and efforts of our current year 6 children and to the staff who have supported. We also have to recognise the support of our parents with your child's learning and attending many of the intervention sessions before and after school. A team effort but with a real celebration for our children and their achievements!

We also had our second big Parents Evening of the year this Tuesday. This gave our parents a great opportunity to discuss their child's school report which was sent home from school on Monday. Parents Evening gave parents a good opportunity to ask teacher's any questions about their child's learning and what they should be focusing on next year, so thank you to all of the parents who came along to speak to us!

Year 6 have been busy practising for their school production next week and all parents should ensure they have tickets for the performance that they intend to go to. We look forward to seeing the show!

Thursday's weather allowed us to enjoy a lovely PTA Summer Fayre. We thank all of our families for attending and all money raised at PTA events goes back to school and benefits the children and their learning. The fayre was such fun with usual favourites, such as our bottle throw and soak a teacher, a really fun afternoon!

Our football team are playing their last league fixture of the year at Balfour Junior School this afternoon, so we wish them lots of luck and hope that they have a great last game together, just as we wish England well in the Euro Final on Sunday !

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



Quote of the Week

Never stop doing little things to help others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their heart.



End of Year Congratulations

..... to Dahl House

They are the overall winners of the House Points this year, as you can see from the photograph it was close this year.



Well done to everyone for their hard work in gaining their House team tokens and working together as a team this year!

..... to Topaz Class

who have won the PE Uniform Trophy – part of their treat was to soak Miss Bailey – which they all thoroughly enjoyed !!



.....to Opal Class

Miss Bailey organized a Paris Pursuit this term in celebration of the Paris Olympics which start later this month

The children took part in 3 events :

- 400m throwing – the length of the Olympic track
- 770m running - the length of the River Seine
- 300 times jumping! - the height of the Eifel Tower

Well done everyone who took part – enjoy the Paris Olympics 2024 !





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

Golden Ticket will return in September 2024



Attendance Stars:
KS1: Fortune
KS2: Blenheim

PE Champions:
 Returns in September

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Sparkles	Nellie			
Pippin	Whole Class 😊			
Sunrise	Arlo	Cohen	Ernest	Jamie C
Kanzi	Emma	Meaven	Logan	Salina
Fortune	Tommy S	Elena	Luna	Luther
Liberty	Alfie & Vinnie	Violet	Aesha	Oscar
Opal	Whole Class 😊	Madison	Bethany	Violet
Topaz	Whole class 😊	Rose	Clara	Walter
Enterprise	Gracie	Owen N	Teddy W	Rose
Victory	Evie	Logan	Polly	Leo
Blenheim	Freya	Taylor	-	ashanti
Windsor	Katie	Zach	Seb	Ollie
Discovery	Whole class 😊			
Pioneer	Whole class 😊			

Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about your child, please come in and discuss these with Mrs Flynn or a member of our Inclusion Team. Each week there will be safeguarding tips here, let us know if we can help! Today's focus is on the dangers of online friendships!

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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

Artificial intelligence – particularly in terms of how it generates natural language – has seen significant development over the last six months, with companies releasing new AI-based software or adding an AI element to existing apps (such as Snapchat, for example). One form of AI to become especially popular has been the 'AI friend' or chatbot, as children eagerly experiment with these new-found computer-generated companions. There are now numerous apps available with this 'virtual friend' functionality, with the likelihood of it being added to other successful platforms soon.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

AI chatbots may not always be able to recognise when content is age inappropriate or harmful and should be filtered out. So there's a possibility that children could be exposed to offensive language or explicit material while conversing with their virtual friend. The companies producing such AI solutions are also unlikely to take responsibility for any content that their algorithms generate.

REDUCED SOCIAL CONTACT

An excessive reliance on chatbots for social interaction could potentially cause a child to begin reducing the amount of face-to-face communication they have, leading to social isolation. If young people become dependent on chatbots to provide companionship, it could very likely hinder the development of their real-life social skills.

LACK OF SENSITIVITY

Chatbot software isn't always sophisticated enough to pick up on subtle emotional cues or recognise signs of distress in children, as most humans would. It might therefore fail to respond appropriately, AI misinterpreting what it's being told or replying insensitively to a young user who's already struggling could potentially impact a child's emotional wellbeing or exacerbate any existing emotional issues.

UNINTENTIONAL BIAS

AI companions are only as reliable as the information they've been programmed with. The algorithms they use, therefore, may unintentionally promote bias, stereotypes or discriminatory behaviour (as many originate from the USA or the UK, for instance, they can display a distinctly western-centric worldview). This could lead to children developing skewed attitudes and behaviours.

COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS

Although many are now undeniably advanced, AI-powered chatbots still have limitations in terms of understanding complex concepts, context and nuance. Depending heavily on chatbots to help with learning or solving problems may stunt the development of a child's own powers of critical thinking, creativity and ability to engage in open-ended discussions with other people.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Chatbots typically collect data about users, including personal information and conversations. This is ostensibly to improve their performance as they gradually learn about our behaviour – but many experts are warning that there may be significant risks associated with how this information is stored and used (the possibility of potential breaches or misuse by third parties, for instance).

Advice for Parents & Carers

CHAT ABOUT CHATBOTS

If your child is already expressing an interest in AI apps, a relaxed, natural chat should help you to discover which ones they're aware of and how they're using them (or are planning to). Discuss these options with your child and perhaps do your own research to ensure you think they're suitable. Once you're totally happy, you could sit with your young one and begin exploring AI chatbots together.

CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

If your child is keen to engage with AI chatbots, encourage them to do so in a safe environment: ideally in a shared space at home, so you can easily keep an eye and ear on their progress. Set up appropriate content filtering measures in advance – and gently remind them that you'll be close by and ready to help with any questions or concerns that may arise.

FIND A BALANCE

Work alongside your child to establish the right balance in terms of how they might use AI-powered chatbots – and when it's appropriate. It's important to make sure that children are still getting plenty of opportunities to learn to solve problems for themselves, as well as building their interpersonal skills through face-to-face conversations with friends, family members and teachers.

TAKE CONTROL

As with any form of app or game, when it comes to AI chatbots we'd strongly recommend that you consider employing parental controls (either on the device being used or within the software itself) to manage which apps your child can download and use. This is particularly important for younger children, who may be more at risk of being upset or frightened by inappropriate content.

RECOGNISE THE RISKS

It's unlikely that most children will have even considered the potential risks attached to having a virtual companion. So it's probably wise to explain some of the possible hazards and challenges of AI chatbots to your child. In particular, emphasise that AI isn't a real person (however much it might sound like one) and may occasionally tell them something that isn't entirely impartial or accurate.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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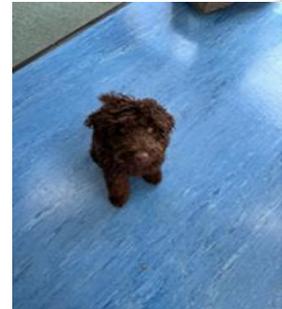
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Weekly Dog Mentor Spot!
What have our dogs been
up to this week?



Rocky

Ruby

Rolo

Reggie

Rocky, Ruby, Rolo and Reggie would like to wish you all a “paw-tastic” summer break. They want to thank everyone for looking after them this year, for taking them on walks, and being their friends. Enjoy the fresh air and walks in the park.

They are looking forward to seeing everyone again and making new friends in September.

The Inclusion Hug would like to thank the Paw Patrollers and the Blue Badge winners for their hard work and enthusiasm this year



.... Other news

Donations needed :



As we have fun week next week it is the ideal time to have a look through and donate to the Eco Shop any items that won't fit your children come September. Mrs Cull has especially asked for logo items and blue joggers as these are always in high demand. Footwear is always welcome too.

The shop will be open each morning next week at school drop off time, until 9am, **so please take your donations directly to the shop** where you will be greeted with a big thank you.

Thank you for supporting in either donating or buying from the Eco shop over this year, it has made a big difference to our school community.

Please note the opening times on the leaflet for next year.

WELCOME!

WE'RE THRILLED YOU'VE JOINED US

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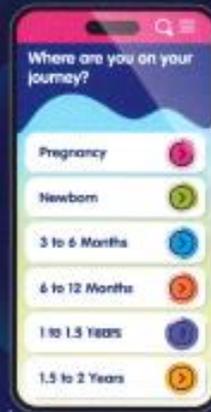
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