

Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility

Resilience

Respect

Special events coming soon

- **24th January**
Year 5 Virtual Reality Bullying Workshop
- **6th February – NSPCC**
Number Day
- **8th February**
Table Tennis Championships at Medway Park
- **10th February**
Half Term Break
- **20th February**
Staff Training Day
- **21st February**
Children back to School

Mrs Rogers Message

Census Day this week has been an adventure! Lots of children dressed as superheroes and villains and a superb number of children having a school meal. Thanks to all of our parents and carers for facilitating this. All children who had a school meal took part in the raffle which we drew in assembly for some book or house related prizes. We also had the visit from the Fire Service on Thursday, who gave a very interesting Fire Safety Talk to every year group from Reception to Year 6, involving a very noisy fire alarm. Thank you to Medway Fire Service for facilitating this!

Year 5 represented the school in the Medway Swimming Championships and showed such a fabulous effort, as well as having exemplary behaviour on their trip. We are really proud of their achievements and we continue to put Thames View at the forefront of Medway competitions. We are in the process of organizing a big Football Tournament for the summer, as well as exciting sports days and family picnics, more details on this will be available nearer the time.

The children in Years 2, 3 & 4 enjoyed a visit with the Chinese Workshops on Monday. The children learnt about the meaning of the Chinese New Year and took part in the Dance of the Lion and Dragon, as you can see from some of the photographs on the next page, they had a great time.

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

Quote of the week

"Somewhere inside all of us, is the power to change the world."

Roald Dahl

Chinese Workshops – Monday 16th January 2023



Attendance reminder

Regular attendance and punctuality at school is important to secure social and academic achievement. The Law says that Children must receive an education between the school term after their 5th birthday and the last Friday in June in the school year they turn 16. Recent DFE policy says: 'parents should ensure their children attend school regularly, arrive at school on time, properly dressed and in a condition to learn.'

It is expected that a child should attend school at least 96% of the academic year. Attendance targets are set by the local authority, but at Thames View we are aiming for 97%

If your child is unable to attend school, it is expected that parents/carers contact the school by 8.45am on their first day of absence and every day of absence after that, unless told by the office not to do so.



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



PE Champions:

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Attendance Stars:

KS1 Sunrise
KS2: Pioneer

Nursery Stars:

AM : Finn
PM: Ruben


Year 4 Timetable Stars:

Emma
Ollie


Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Jakob	Asher	Cohen	Millie
Sunrise	Tristan	Catherine	Aalyrah	Nathan
Elstar	Bella	Ashanis	Phoebe	Emily
Kanzi	Kian	Johnnie	Austin	Aliye
Fortune	Luella	Bailey	Warren	Nancy
Liberty	William	Alex	Clara	Oliver
Opal	Igor	Eliza	Alfie	Harriet
Topaz	Logan	Evie	Teddie	Lacey
Enterprise	Bella-Rose	Lyall	Sebastian	Bailey
Victory	Ashanti	Emelia	Toby	Eliza
Blenheim	Nuha	Roxie	Rex	Holly
Windsor	Vanessa	Poppy	Emily	Eddie
Discovery	Kailon	Max	Abigail	Cherri
Pioneer	Alfie	Frankie	Louis	Emily B (Disc)

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.










RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

 Universal, suitable for all ages	 Parental Guidance required	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over, anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	 Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.






RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.









WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

Source: www.pegi.info

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

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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 keeping safe online. Internet Safety Day is coming on the 8th February 2023, but your children will be learning about e-safety in nearly every computing lessons. There will be regular coverage on internet and computing expectations.

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