Thames View Primary School Newsletter





Responsibility Resilience Respect

Mrs Rogers Message

Welcome back to the second half of the academic year and we are slowly approaching Spring! It has been a busy four-day week, with our Hook days happening on Wednesday. As usual, they were a real point of interest for the children and many of them have spoken to me about their new topics! It is always lovely to see a true love of learning.

This week, we have seen class photos, which are always exciting and encourage lots of smiles between friends. The proofs can be ordered through Kittle for parents who want to purchase these. We have also been visited by the ECO Virtual Reality workshop in years 3 and 4 as part of our ECO initiative. The children in these year groups went on a virtual mission to learn about how we can protect our planet! We hope to do this workshop again for years 1 and 2 in the summer term. Year 1 and 2 have been representing Thames View in the PSG Balance Bike competitions, as our sporting reputation continues to grow.

Next week we have Jamie Knight, the world top ten Football Freestyler visiting years 3, 4 and 5 to show us his skills and tell us about how he became a global success. We will endeavor to put photos on social media for our parents to see.

For our Reception and Year 1 parents, we have the House trip to Room on the Broom at Tunbridge Theatre coming soon, please ensure you have logged on to your arbor account to give consent for your child to go on this trip. We would also ask our year 3 parents to do the same and give consent for your child to attend the chocolate workshops in Tonbridge happening in the next couple of weeks. Year 5 parents, you will be receiving information soon about the year 5 trip to Riverside Park and will also need to give permission for your child to attend.

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

Special events coming soon

- 28th February Freestyler Football Workshop for Years 3,4,5 & 6
- 28th February Year R visit to Rainham Library
- 2nd March Teacher Strikes
- 3rd March
 World Book Day
- 9th March- Opal
 Chocolate Trip
- 10th March- Year R and
 1 Room on the Broom
 Trip
- 13th-17th Science Week
- 14th March- Year 5 Trip to Riverside Park
- 16th Topaz Chocolate
 Trip
- 17th- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
- 31st March- Easter Fun Day
- 31st March- Early closure- 1.15pm for all

Quote of the week

""Where are you going to, little brown mouse?" Julia Donaldson

Hook Day

Year 2 – we had so much fun creating our Flanimals. Where do you think Flanimals come from?











Opal: Science learning – Exploring plant parts, naming them and identifying their jobs.

Hook Day Chocolate taste testing – inspired writing and inspired Maths surveys and data handling

VR Eco Workshop – learning about how we can better look after our planet





Year 5: The children worked together to create river murals.





Year 6 making a human timeline of the Mayan people, including the death of the King

Year 1 – Dressed as Wild animals





Year 4 - Glorious Greece day



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, Responsibility and Resilience.







PE Champions:

Attendance Stars:

K\$1 LibertyK\$2: Topaz

Nursery Stars: AM: Evie P PM: Layla

Year 4 Timetable Stars:

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Logan	Dixon	Bowie	Harrison
Sunrise	Aalyrah	Savana	Aiden	Logan
Elstar	Oscar	Darcy	Thomas	Isabella
Kanzi				
Fortune	Autumn	Lucy	Michael	Warren-James
Liberty	Betsie-Mae	Freddie	Daisy	Hadi
Opal	Elyas	Nancy	Rio	Eliza
Topaz	Leo	Polly	Thomas	Katie
Enterprise	Katie	Sebastian	Lily-Mae	Giselle
Victory	Azuha	Bobby	Elliott	Freya
Blenheim	Ruby	Chloe	Kieran	Erin
Windsor	Jake	Jamie	Vanessa	Alice
Discovery	Ruby	Kavern	Tyler	Phoebe
Pioneer	Sukhmani	Ruby	Riley	Alfie

..... Other Thames View News



Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Horne in the office. She is off to a new role after 10 ½ years working here at Thames View.

We are all going to miss her and wish her the very best in all she does

Strike Day – Thursday 2nd March 2023.

As you will have seen in our email, the school will be closed to Years R, 2,3,4,5 including our Nursery for the day.

The only year groups who are to be in school are Years 1 and 6.

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TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company ByteDance that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok. In early 2019, TikTok was hit with a record \$5.7m (£4.2m) fine in the US over child data privacy



What parents need to know about



ONLINE PREDATORS

By default, users accounts are automatically set to public when they first create an account. TikTok encourages users to share creative expression through their videos, but if postate publicity, anyone in the world can see your child's humanade content. There have also been concerns the Chinese government could access data or sway public opinion through the app. If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this lant always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

IN-APP PURCHASES

As with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts - for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coles to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased - there is the uption to buy 10,000 coins for 509.00 with a one click how buston.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain sweer words or sexual themes. So not only can shilden be exposed to patentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves minning or singing these lyrics. In addition to this, sonse of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-haim and violence.



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BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'actail media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TakTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge,' from singing to dancing to returns and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes an comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the age in order to become the next star. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-exteen or become swayed by certain opinions. On TakTok, there are always 'trending challenger' and hashtags that users can copy or boild upon. Sometimes these challenges can pose risks to young people.





Top Tips for Parents

DISCUSS THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your chief to always thrink before they do, say, like or pent anything online. Explain that their digital footprint shapes their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find furnry and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them. Remind them that they do not have to do anything they are not conflortable with. To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your chiefs location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or news a landmark that divers away where they fire.

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantantic to use your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be owner that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure your child knows how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback, is the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest altering these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child sees something inappropriate on TATOK, you can flag up an account, video, comment or chat by simply tapping Report. In the app's Digital Wellbeing' feature, there's also an Enhanced Restricted Mode;

USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

Setting up a private account means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click Privacy and Safety. Scroll down until you find Private Account and burn this

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up, users are prompted to input a their date of birth. If the input and the control of birth means your child is under 13, the app will birds them. However, this doesn't intended for users aged 13 to explain the prints is there for a reason to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch Tift his videos without creating an account, so make sure your child, if under 13, hasn't downloadfed it.

USETHE'DIGITAL WELLBEING'SETTING

If you're concerned about how long your child is spending on TikTok, it has a setting called Tigital Wellbeing' which allows you to manage the amount of screen time your child can have. We also advise that you turn off push notifications in the settings to prevent your child from receiving 'spam-like' notifications from TikTok that

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your chief making accidental in apppurchases, back them exactly what in app-purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Welfbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

Users can also follow the account stitktoktips, Tik Tok's official account fronted by established TikTok users which offers useful online safety tips for promoting safety on its platform, rather than hiding information in FAQs.

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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 the Tik Tok and the dangers of this platform!