

# Thames View Primary School Newsletter



*Responsibility*  
*Resilience*  
*Respect*

## Special events coming soon

- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July- Celebration Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery open visit for the parents AM & PM
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term for Nursery children
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 production
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 BBQ 3.30-5.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 10.00am
  
- 21<sup>st</sup> July- Last Day of Term- All finish at 1.15pm (no Friday Club)

## Mrs Rogers Message

This week, we have seen year 1 and 2 participate in Infants Sports at the Howard School. They represented Thames View in such a positive way, showing excellent behaviour, respect, resilience and responsibility. We are so proud of our students when they represent our school in competition and this will continue to occur regularly next year as we have re-signed up to Mini Youth Games and PSG.

Reports went to parents virtually on Monday and this was successful for the first time we have tried to send reports electronically. Hopefully, this gave parents a great insight in to their child's progress this year. The Reports were followed with Parents Evening on Tuesday night and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school, coming to hear how their children have been achieving this year.

We also had our Governance meeting on Thursday, which allowed us to further inform our governing body of our school attainment and progress data. We will be recruiting for parent governors early in September. If any parents are interested in this, please keep your eye out for more information coming soon.

Our SATs results came this week and we are proud of our children for all of their hard work. We will be updating parents on our whole school data and how that compares to national average and that will also be added to our website in due course. Our EYFS, Phonics and KS1 data is ready and many parents will have received this in your child's report this week. This is data to celebrate and an increase across all of the core subjects, so we are so pleased with our children and thank our families for their support!

EYFS (GLD) 70%

Year 1 Phonics 79%

Year 2 Phonics 95%

KS1 SATs Reading: 73%, Writing 66% and Mathematics 80%

We will keep parents updated soon on the KS2 data and how all of this compares to National when the data is released. We are very proud!

We are looking forward to our celebration week next week and don't forget it is non-uniform! Any donations for our ECO shop will be gratefully received and recycled!

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

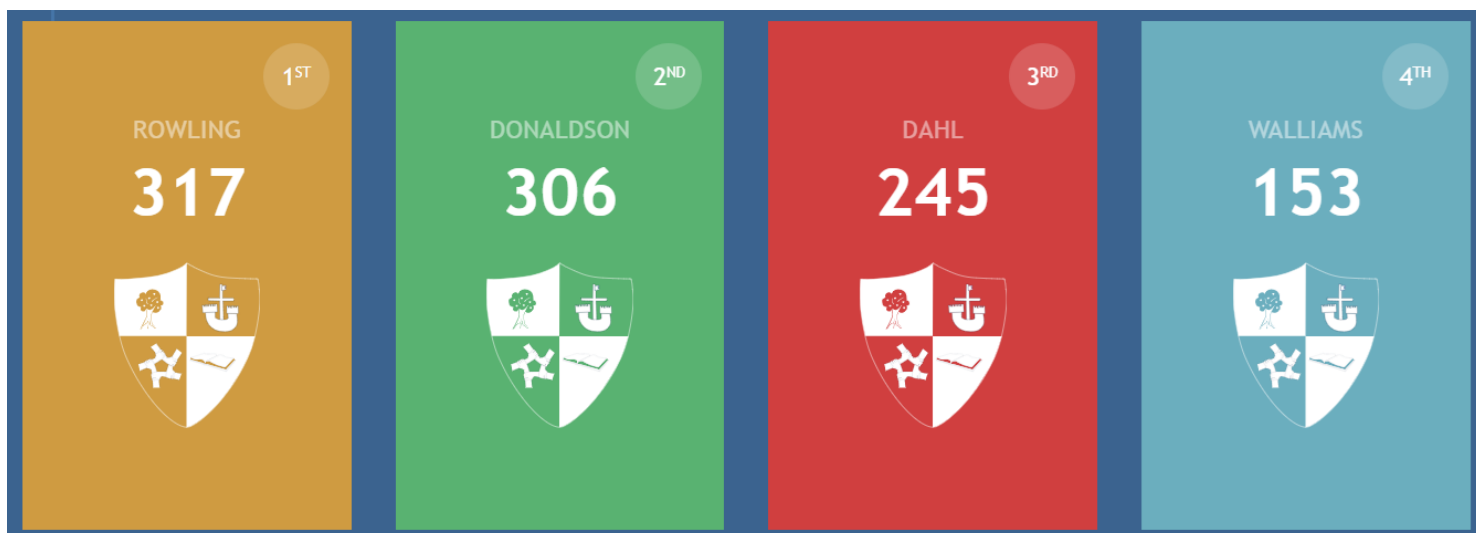
## Quote of the week

A.A.Milne



"A day without laughter is a day wasted"

## \*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\*



Well done to all the children in all our Houses, for all their hard work during the year to gain House Points. The House winning team for 2022 / 2023 is:

### \*\* ROWLING \*\*

*As their reward, the ice-cream van will be giving each child in **Rowling Team** a free ice cream during our Celebration Week.*

## \*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\*

### **PE Kit Reward**

Congratulations to **Enterprise Class** who won the reward for having the best PE kit across the year. Their reward was to pelt Miss Bailey with sponges and enjoy ice lollies!





..... Golden ticket will return after the summer break .....



**PE Champions:**  
Completed for the year

**Attendance Stars:**  
**KS1:** Liberty  
**KS2:** Discovery

**Nursery Stars:**  
**AM:** Ho-Shun  
**PM:** Bethany / Freya

**Year 4 Timetable Stars:**  
Zachary

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Evie	Reggie	Millie T	Harrison
Sunrise	Ralph	Reuben	Summer	Amelia
Elstar	Ava	Buddy	Isabella	Isabella
Kanzi	Violet	Megan	Louis	Florence
Fortune	Sofia	Samuel	Warren	Autumn
Liberty	Chloe	Daisy	Alba	William
Opal	Jack	Igor	Nancy	Mahad
Topaz	Freddie	Katie	Anthony	Eden
Enterprise	Lyall	Dylan	Cooper	Matei
Victory	Ronnie	Toby	Niyanna	Isabel
Blenheim	Jack R	Evie	Ruby C-F	Maddison
Windsor	Aston	Eddie	Bradley	Hayden
Discovery	Emily	-	-	-
Pioneer	Sophie	-	-	-

## 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 Smartwatches and the risks of these!

# 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

### AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

### CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

### BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

### MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

### BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is down stairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

### TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

### THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

### STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'fall fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

### USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

### Meet Our Expert

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