



Remembrance Day Artwork

Last week, each class produced a piece of poppy themed artwork as part of our Remembrance Day commemorations. You can see Year 3's artwork displayed in their windows at the front of the building.



Spotlight On... Attendance

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to pastoral care. That's why school attendance is so important.

Being in school is important for your child's achievement wellbeing and wider development. Evidence shows that students with the highest attendance throughout their time at school gain the best GCSE and A-Level results. Research also found that pupils who performed better at the end of KS2 missed fewer days of school than those who didn't perform as well.

What are the risks of missing school?

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. For example, a child missing two days of school, each month will miss 18 days across the whole year. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more likely they are to learn and the better prepared they are for their future.

Data from 2019 shows that 84% of KS2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard compared to 40% of pupils who missed 18 days a year or more.

What if my child needs to miss school?

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure your child gets a full time-education. There are only a small number of circumstances where missing a school day is permitted. Your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on a specific day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot go to school on a specific day because they are observing a religious event.
- Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it's not available or has not been provided yet.

These are the only circumstances where schools can permit your child to be absent.

Our Assembly Theme This Week

This week in assembly Sam from ICON came to give us a demonstration of archery—well done to Matty and Poppy who showed off their skills with the bow and arrow!

This week is Anti-Bullying week and so in class we have been reflecting on the theme of kindness. We talked about what kindness is and how we can show it in different ways; these can be big things like helping someone when they fall over or small things like smiling at someone in the corridor.

We talked about the impact that kindness has:

- Doing kind things for others activates the part of the brain that makes you feel happy;
- Kindness makes people feel like they belong
- Being kind helps you to make friends
- Being kind encourages other people to be kind too.

We talked about all of the different ways we can be kind and how this week we are having a special focus on kindness. The teachers all set their classes the challenge of being extra kind this week and seeing the impact it can have. All of our staff have been looking out for those showing kindness and have been saying 'well done' and 'thank you'!



Book Character Competition

We had lots of brilliant entries for our 'Draw Your Favourite Book Character' competition where the children had to draw their favourite book character and explain why they were their favourite.

Well done to our winners Taiga, Amayah, Maisie M and Esme G who each won a book voucher to spend at the Book Fair.



Road Safety Around School

Please can we ask that when you are walking up towards the school, you take extra care before stepping out into the road. We have seen a number of near misses over the last few weeks with both bicycles and cars nearly hitting pedestrians when they stepped out into the road without looking.

Please can we also ask once again that you do not drive up Nairn Road unless you have permission to park in our car park. With over 200 children coming to school each morning, any traffic on the road creates additional hazards for children, especially with cars turning at the entrance to the school.



Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

Whole School

Autumn Term 2023

- Friday 24th November—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Saturday 25th November—PTA Christmas Event—Elf School
- Wednesday 6th December—Open Box Pantomime in school for all pupils
- Thursday 14th December—PTA Christmas Neon Disco (Year R and Year 1 4:15pm—5pm; Years 2-4 5:15pm-6:15pm)
- Friday 15th December—Last Day of Autumn 2 Half Term



Spring Term 2024

- Tuesday 2nd January—First Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Friday 26th January—After School—Messy Church in our school hall
- Thursday 1st February—4:30pm—6pm—PTA Film Night for KS1 Pupils
- Monday 5th February—3:30pm—7pm-Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February—3:30pm—5:30pm—Parents' Evening
- Friday 9th February—Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Monday 12th—Friday 16th—Half Term
- Monday 19th February—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (non uniform day)

Year R

- Year R Christmas Play—Tuesday 12th December—2:15pm
- Year R Christmas Play —Thursday 14th December—9:15am
- Friday 12th January—Little City Play Visit (in school)
- Friday 9th February—2:30pm—Year R Afternoon Tea for Someone Special
- Thursday 28th March—2:30pm—Year R Community Rocks!
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school

Year 1

- Wednesday 22nd November—2:45pm—Parent Event—Science Workshop
- KS1 Christmas Play—Tuesday 5th December—9:15am
- KS1 Christmas Play—Thursday 7th December—2:15pm
- Tuesday 23rd January—2:30pm—Sewing Workshop with parents
- Thursday 14th March—2:45pm—Recorder Concert for Parents
- Tuesday 19th March—Trip to Marwell Zoo - more details to follow
- Thursday 6th June—Trip to Portchester Castle - more details to follow

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Year 2

- Thursday 23rd November—2:45pm—Parent Event—Car Workshop
- KS1 Christmas Play—Tuesday 5th December—9:15am
- KS1 Christmas Play—Thursday 7th December—2:15pm
- Wednesday 24th January—Year 2 Trip to Portsmouth Aquarium and Beach
- **Hedgehog Class**—Tuesday 30th January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- **Fox Class**—Wednesday 31st January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- Wednesday 17th April—Trip to Sea City Museum -more details to follow

Year 3

- **Deer Class** Wednesday 29th November—2:30pm—Fossil Painting Workshop with parents
- **Mouse Class** Thursday 30th November—2:30pm—Fossil Painting Workshop with parents
- Monday 29th January—2:45pm—Share a Book with an adult
- Wednesday 13th March—2:45pm—Portrait Gallery for Parents
- Thursday 21st March—Trip to Staunton Country Park - more details to follow

Year 4

- Tuesday 28th November—2:45pm—Parent Workshop (Design Technology)
- Thursday 1st February—2:50pm—Art Exhibition for Parents
- Friday 23rd February — Trip to Winchester Cathedral - more details to follow
- Wednesday 20th March—2:45pm—Volcano Workshop for Parents



Thank you for all of your support. We raised £231.18 for Children in Need.

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **SMART TVs**

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



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