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Friday 18th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been anti-bullying week, which we kicked off with odd socks day. The theme this year is Reach Out! Activities this week have included learning songs, watching virtual lessons, writing pledges and sock art! Kaya and Thomas.E have written a report about some of the learning taking place – take a look at in on my headteacher blog [here](#), along with some more photos. You can also find out more about the anti-bullying alliance [here](#).



On Friday 11th November the whole school came together for Remembrance Day. All of the pupils made a poppy to hang on the school fence; with groups of pupils adorning the playground with pictures of poppies and names of those we remember. We were grateful to have Annabel from Blewbury Silver Band with us in our special assembly, to play the Last Post ahead of our minutes silence. We ended with prayers read by Elspeth and Alfie in Picasso class, which you can read [here](#). Our Chair of Governors, Ann Parham, joined us for the assembly and commented afterwards that “This was a very moving Act of Worship,” adding “The singing was beautiful.”. She also shared that “The children showed respect throughout the assembly but also when placing their poppies on the fence and chalking on the ground.”

I am incredibly proud of all involved and want to add a special thanks to Mrs Troskie, for leading the organisation of the Remembrance Walk.

Upcoming Events

With the festive season fast approaching, here are the details of events taking place in school:

Tuesday 22nd November – Banksy, Klimt and Picasso sharing event for parents. (Please see details in related ParentMail)

The classes will set up the hall as an exhibition of work they have completed so far this term, including artwork, recorded gymnastics routines and key pieces of writing.

Picasso - 2.30pm

Klimt - 2.45pm

Banksy - 3.00pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner Day! This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day.

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December – O’Keeffe and Goldsworthy Nativity.

Both showings will be at 2pm, in the school hall.

Tickets are FREE, with a maximum of 2 tickets, per family, per show. (Please note that pupils in our school and at Nursery will have their own viewing in school time). You will be able to select your tickets from Tuesday 22nd November on ParentMail.

Friday 16th December – PTA Christmas disco. Details sent last week.

Monday 19th December – Carol Concert in Church at 2pm. Pupils in Picasso, Klimt and Banksy class will be sharing songs, readings and prayers. Parents and carers are welcome.

Celebrations

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Star of the Week** certificate in our celebration assembly:

O’Keeffe - Jack

Goldsworthy - Charlie

Picasso - Riley

Klimt – Thomas M

Banksy – Coby and Gaby

House points:

Attenborough	Anning	Hawking	Curie
656	714	673	853

Yours sincerely,

Miss Reeder

Headteacher

Diary Dates	
Picasso, Klimt, Banksy sharing event to parents	Week beginning 22nd November
Picasso, Klimt, Banksy trip to Oxford Synagogue.	Tuesday 29 th November.
O’Keeffe and Goldsworthy Nativity – parents invited	Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th December, 2pm
Blewbury Village Carol Concert – community event	Wednesday 14 th December, 8pm
Picasso, Klimt and Banksy Carol concert – parents invited	Monday 19th December, 2pm
End of Autumn Term 2	Tuesday 20th December 3.15pm
Christmas Holiday	
InSET (school closed to pupils)	Wednesday 4 th January
Start of Spring Term	Thursday 5 th January

Online Safety - We have had reports that some pupils are using Snapchat outside of school. Please be advised that this app is for those **over the age of 13**. See the poster below for tips and guidance on how to keep your child safe. You can also find out more information [here](#).

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."

What parents need to know about
SNAPCHAT

EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION
The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story', stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!" When uploading to 'Our Story', your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

LENS EXPLORER
The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES
While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshots are possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION
'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXTING
Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies'. Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

SNAP ORIGINALS
Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.



Top Tips for Parents



THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com.



USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images through gallery in the chat on the app) as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app's settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.



National Online Safety

A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

Status of Mind: Social media and young people's mental health | Life in Likes - Children's Commissioners Report | Google Play Store | <https://support.snapchat.com/en-US> | <https://netsanity.net/snapchat-parent-review/> | BT.com | Independent.co.uk

Community News

🍂 Next weekend is The Big Blewbury Rake Off! 🌲

👜 Collect a black bag from Play Close on Sunday 20th November at 2pm, and start collecting leaves from the footpaths 😊

😁 How many bags will you fill?! 🤝

Pyjama Party
STORYTIME!
AT WANTAGE LIBRARY
FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
5.30PM - 6.30PM

Come and join in with our fun Storytime! Don't forget to bring your second-best Teddy - Teddy will be staying in the Library overnight for a Teddybear sleepover!

Suitable for children aged 5 yrs +
BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET BY PHONING 01235 762291!

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JOIN THE ORC TRIBE
OR
DEFEND YOUR KINGDOM AGAINST THEM
AN ADVENTURE FOR CHILDREN 7 TO 13

NOV 19TH 2022
10 AM TO 12.30PM
£15.95

tickets at www.eventbrite.com real-kingdoms

Didcot Town Council's
Festive Fun Day
 Saturday 17th December 2022
 11am to 5pm

Meet Father Christmas!

Join our craft room where children over the age of 3 can complete a Christmas craft then meet Father Christmas.

The price is £8 per child for 1 hour of the craft room and meeting Father Christmas.

Children must be accompanied by an adult, siblings under 3 are welcome to join but will not be able to take part in the crafts.

If you would like to take part or have any queries please email events@didcot.gov.uk - the link to book is on our website and Facebook.




Event kindly sponsored by Bloor Homes



As part of this year's fundraising for the Mayor's chosen charities; Home Start Southern Oxfordshire and Wynter's Wish.

