

Kennington Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 18th January 2019



Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a great break and enjoyed the festive season however you spent it. You'll be pleased to know that the children have settled in quickly and are already working hard. We have a very busy term in store and hopefully an enjoyable one for all the children. If you have any questions or queries please see your child's teacher first. If they are unable to deal with it, they will refer it to a member of the senior leadership team.

Book Donations

A huge thank you to all the wonderful book donations we have had so far this year. The children really enjoy coming out during assembly and having their book, with its printed donation plate inside it, shown to the rest of the school. Remember, instead of donating chocolates for birthdays, we have asked parents to donate a new book for the children's class librarys. More reading, less fillings!

Icy Paths



Please take care when walking within the school grounds as the playgrounds can get slippery in the mornings in this cold weather. We will grit those areas that are icy but please take extra care. The children will be told the same in order to minimise the risk of slips and falls.

Year 3 Swimming

After half term, the Year 3 class will be starting their swimming lessons at West View Leisure Centre on a Tuesday morning. Before then, you should receive information about what the children will need to wear, including a letter regarding the wearing of goggles.

Hand Washing Hygiene

We are at that time of year when there seems to be more nasty stomach bugs around than usual. Hand washing can be a really effective way of reducing the spread of germs. The school nursing service used to come into schools to do handwashing lessons but this is not offered any more. So in an attempt to educate our children we have purchased our own hand washing training kit and will deliver our own lessons to the children. It would help if at home parents got children into good habits by asking them to wash hands before meal times.



Cash Payments — Please can we remind parents that we no longer accept cash payments. All payments should be made through your Parent Pay Account. Please contact school if you are unable to access your account for any reason. Dinner money should be paid on Monday's if not before. Thank you.

Residential Information

Just a reminder that instalments are due on the following dates:

Plas Menai Y6 £50.00 8th February 2019
£78.50 8th March 2019.

Borwick Hall Y3/4 £53.50 1st February 2019.

Childhood Illness

Can we please remind parents to inform school should their child have symptoms of any childhood illness such as chicken pox as soon as they know about it. Also please keep your child off school if they are suffering from such illnesses for the amount of time recommended by your doctor. Thank you.

Parking

As ever, please be considerate to neighbours, pedestrians and other road users when parking around school. We have installed new banners to remind parents not to park on the the zig-zags outside the gates. Please avoid parking on the corner of junctions as it is difficult for other cars to turn in and out of streets. There has been another 'near miss' this week involving a parent driving onto the pavement with pedestrians very close by and also parents driving the wrong way up Kennington Road which is a one way street.



★ Head Teacher Awards ★

Oak: Luke M
Cherry: Patryk B
Willow: Hibaan A
Beech: Jannat A
Y3: Adam A
Y4: Humairah H
Y5: Mohammed A
Y6: Casey G B

Oak: Haniya Q
Cherry: Bethany T
Willow: Moksha M
Beech: Rayyaan A
Y3: Miley W
Y4: Aleesha A
Y5: Fatimah P
Y6: Rayyan B

Little Acorns Holiday Club

Little Acorns, the on-site nursery unit, are looking at holding their first holiday club. To make it viable, they need at least 16 children. If you are interested in child care during the February half term (18th-22nd Feb) please contact Alison 01772 717881.

£25.00 per day 8:00am – 4:00pm. Packed lunch required.

Attendance

Target: 96%

Last Week: 93.5%

This week: 93.9%

KS1 Best: Beech

KS2 Best: Y4 & Y6

On-Line Safety

We are constantly making children aware of how to stay safe in this ever changing digital world we all live in. The children are taught Digital Literacy and Citizenship sessions as well as exploring on-line safety issues in their PSHE lessons. Below this edition of the newsletter is a parents guide on how to have conversations with your child about their online world. The guide is provided by the not-for-profit organisation Internet Matters. I hope you find the guide useful. Over the course of the year we will publish a range of parent guides about the different issues your child may face regarding online safety.

Sports News

On Tuesday Miss Clarke took the Girl's Football team to take part in the Girl's Football Tournament at UCLan Sports arena. The girls played four games, one one, drew one and lost two so a very commendable effort. Well done to Charlee, Georgia, Abigail, Nevaeh, Safiyyah, Michelle and Grace.

Dates For Diary:

Tues 5th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Fri 15th Feb: School closes for half term at 3pm.

Mon 25th Feb: School re-opens.

How to create a great environment for kids to talk

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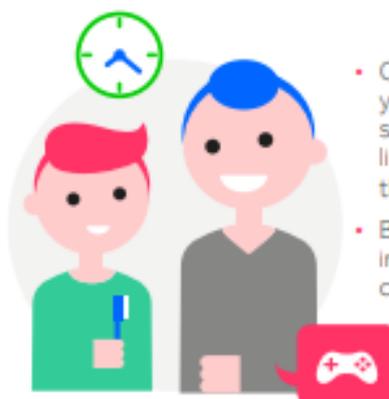
TALK EARLY AND OFTEN



- Talk with children from an early age to make it easier to maintain good communication
- Have bitesize conversations that are relevant to them

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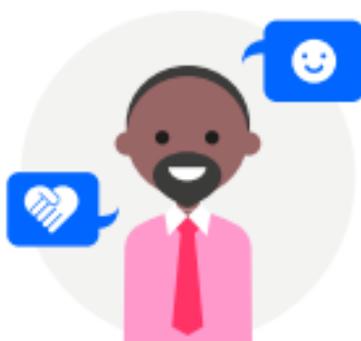
CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME



- Choose to talk when you are due to spend some time together, like over a meal or during their bedtime routine
- Bring digital experience into normal, everyday conversations

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OPEN UP AND SHARE TOO



- Model the behaviour you want them to show by sharing about your day
- Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported

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CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD



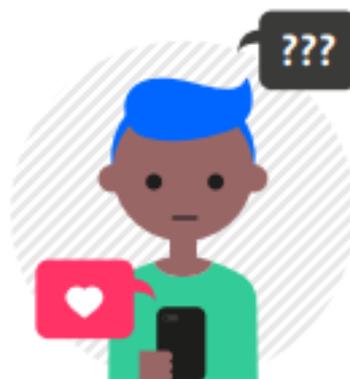
- Ask open-ended questions
- Ensure that your child feels listened to rather than cornered
- When they start talking, hold off with questions and really listen
- Be prepared, calm and patient with them

ONLINE REPUTATION



- Understanding how online activity creates a 'digital footprint' that lasts forever
- Being a good digital citizen e.g. treating people like you would face to face
- Thinking before posting

CRITICAL THINKING



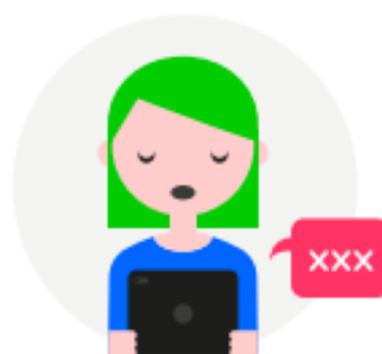
- Making them aware that some people hide behind fake profiles
- Being critical about what they see online as not everything is true
- Agreeing digital boundaries to allow them freedom to make informed decisions

PERSONAL SAFETY



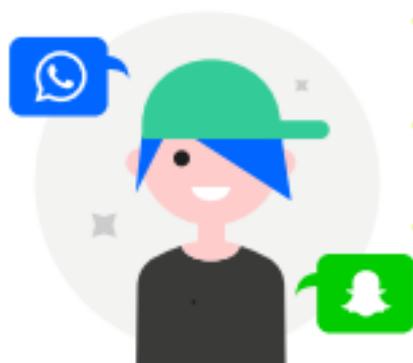
- Keeping info private on devices and apps they use through privacy settings
- What a good social media profile looks like
- Create strong passwords for every online account

RESOLVING ONLINE ISSUES



- Tools and strategies to deal with issues they may face online such as cyberbullying or seeing inappropriate content
- Where & how to report an issue – encouraging them to speak to an adult

BEST OF THE NET



- What they enjoy most about their favourite apps or sites
- The coolest sites and apps among their group of friends
- Talking about things online you can enjoy together and ways to stay involved in their digital world

Internet Matters App



Download our free tablet app for a fun way to start a conversation about online safety with your child and help them make smart choices online

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