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Primary and Pre-school



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Is technology anti-social?

I was blown away by the quality of answers from children on this topic as part of the oratory cup event and I wanted to publish this one from Zac as I think there's a clear message in here from children to adults:

Let me ask you something; have you ever been talking to someone, and they're just staring at their phone? It feels a bit like they're not really there, doesn't it?

I want to talk about something affects us all – kids and adults. Is technology anti-social?

Some people say yes. We've all seen it: people together, but not *really* together. Maybe they're texting, watching videos or just scrolling and not paying attention to what's happening around them. It can make us feel ignored or left out.

But I want you to think about this: is it really the technology that's anti-social, or is it how we use it?

Because actually, technology can be amazing. It helps us talk to friends and family who live far away. It lets us play games and learn our times tables. It even helps me talk to my Dad when he's away with the army. So, it's not all bad.

Here's something else to think about – we need adults to show us how to use technology the right way too. If grown-ups are always on their phones at dinner, or when we're talking to them, it teaches us that screens are more important than people. But if they put their phones down and really listen, we learn to do the same.

So what's the real answer?

I think it is this: Technology doesn't have to be anti-social. It's up to us. We have to be the ones to use it wisely – taking breaks, talking face to face and really being there for each other. I'll leave you with a final question:

Can we really control ourselves so that we don't allow technology to be anti-social?

I believe we can and I believe we should.

Zac Yeates, Year 5.

Broad and balanced curriculum

You may be aware that the Government are reviewing the national curriculum with an aim to reduce content and ensure children receive a broad and balanced curriculum. We already have this...in spades! In the last 3 weeks, we've embraced skateboard and scooting lessons, learnt a flash mob dance for the whole school, taken part in the flower festival in St Peter's Church, celebrated VE day with our older generation, taken part in the inaugural Oratory Cup, competed at Tri-Golf and football and also booked exciting trips and visits for this term and next and been learning about the geography of the UK as well as rivers across the world. There's never a dull day at our school!

VE day celebrations



We began the 8th May with a whole school assembly and looked at the front pages of the day's newspapers then watched some archive footage of VE day to ensure children understood the significance of this important day in history.



At 10.30am we joined villagers at the war memorial for a short service and our house captains read a prayer and laid a posy of spring flowers for the fallen on the memorial.

We followed all of this up with a super cream tea in the afternoon where we were joined by 25 locals who were happy to share their memories of growing up post war and our



children then enjoyed old school street party games. It really was glorious and their behaviour was unanimously impeccable.

Arbor parent app

If you haven't signed up for this yet please do!

This is a more efficient and quick way to get notices to you and we no longer send texts – the app is the only way to get a message to you other than email. It will pop up like a WhatsApp message when you have a notification of communication from us.

It also enables you to update your details so you can make sure that we've got the right contacts, addresses and emails for your child.

Sport

Cluster Tri Golf

We took a budding group of Golfers from Year 2 to Broughton Primary School to compete in a Tri Golf Competition. The children took part in a variety of different activities related to golf. They worked fantastically as a team and represented the school beautifully.

Cluster Boys football at Wallop

This competition was a highly contested event! We took a group of Year 6 children to compete against 5 other schools. The boys played fantastically well together and ended up coming a fantastic third place! Well done!



Denim for Dementia

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

Having just had a tea party, we're changing it up for our Dementia fundraiser this year!

Wear Denim all day on Friday 23rd May and bring £1 in for the privilege to raise money for this very worthy cause.

We're raising this money in honor of Mrs Spayes' father and all families we know who are feeling the effects of this difficult and challenging disease in the hope that it helps members of our community in the future.

Music

We are exploring K-pop for our Musician of the term.

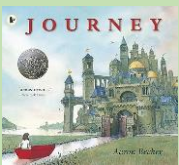
Rather than looking at one person we are looking at lots of different groups. We are loving dancing along!

REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



Year R

This week in Sprat and Winkle we have loved our Drawing Club book- Journey. A different kind of book as it has no words, the children have loved drawing their own imaginary world, just like in the book. Outside they have enjoyed lots of water play, including making their own drive thru car wash! In forest school we have been looking for signs of life, so lots of careful looking for mini-beasts and pond life.



Lower School

In lower school we have been stuck in learning about the United Kingdom and its countries in our topic "What Unites Us?" The children have taken part in Highland Games, baking Welsh cakes, Irish dancing and created dragons for St George's Day as well as learning about the important landmarks of each country in the UK. We have also been scientists researching in our year longitudinal study to answer the question "Do all animals stay in the same place?" reflecting on migration.



Upper School

Upper school have had a busy start to Summer Term. Year 6 have been completing last minute revision for SATs and Year 4 are now fully recovered from their trip to Tile Barn! In Geography, we enjoyed learning about the water cycle particularly the STEM challenge regarding condensation. We have researched the River Nile and the River Amazon. Next week, look out for this alongside the River Test!

Wellbeing

This half term, all of our WOW work and celebration assemblies as well as our day to day assemblies are focused on friendships.

How to form them, how to maintain them, how to deal with conflict and disagreement and how to repair them when they've gone wrong.

We know that friendships and attachments are critical to children's (and adults) wellbeing; friends can lift you up and make you feel on top of the world but they can also provide angst, upset and confusion. Helping children navigate these ups and downs is all of our jobs

We've been talking to children in the last fortnight about what makes a good friend. This is their list:

- Kindness
- Someone who listens
- Someone who compromises (we've talked about what this means)
- Taking turns and sharing nicely
- Someone who's there who doesn't have to always say anything – they show up when you need them.



Diary Dates Spring term 2024-25

These are diary dates for parents for the next fortnight until the next newsletter is out.

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates and will now be up to date as we've bravely moved to an online diary for all staff!

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
MAY			
w/b 12 th	Year 6	All week	SATs
Thurs 15 th	Pre-School Year 6	9am 12noon	Pop up farm with pre-school & Year R Celebration meal out
Fri 16 th	All	3.15pm	Wonka bars out
Tues 20 th	S&W	9.00am-3.00pm	Basingstoke Canal trip - please send permission slips back and pay online
Wed 21 st	KS2	9.00am-3.00pm	Bucklers Hard trip - please send permission slips back and pay online
Fri 23 rd	All	All day 9.30am	Denim for Dementia day Piano concert
WHITSUN HOLIDAYS			
JUNE			
Mon 2 nd	All	8.50am	Back to school
Sun 8 th	All	10am – 12noon	Bags2School drop off
Mon 9 th	All	Any time	Bags2School drop off
Mon 9 th	KS1	10.00-12.00	KS1 Athletics – letters to follow
Mon 9 th	KS2	12.00-2.30	KS2 Athletics – letters to follow
Tues 10 th	All	Before 9am	Bags2School final opportunity to drop off as collection is at 9am.
Fri 13 th	All	1.30pm-3.30pm	Father's Day shop
Sat 14 th	All	9.30am-11.30am	Grounds Working Party
Tues 17 th	Y5/6	4.00pm-5.30pm	Rounder's at Danebury – Letters to follow
Tues 24 th	KS1	9.00am-3.00pm	Hurst Castle – letters to follow
Fri 27 th – Sat 28 th	Y3	5.00pm – 8.30am	Year 3 Camp Out – letters to follow