



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8th February 2019

Police visit Year 5

On Wednesday 6th a policeman (PC Williams) visited our year 5 classes to talk about on line safety and use of social media.

He talked to them about the dangers of online activity and how easy it is for others to collect data and identify who a person is and their location.

He informed them that they should not be using many social media apps as they are not old enough.

Cyber-bullying was a key aspect he spoke about. He talked to them about being responsible when using social forums and how to react to online bullying if they ever experience it.

Did you know that children who are aged 10 and over can be taken to court and prosecuted if they commit a crime? PC Williams explained to the children that they are now at an age where they are considered responsible for their own actions in the eyes of the law. He also explained that they may think they have deleted a message but it can be traced by the police.

We encourage all parents to monitor their children's phone use. Most popular apps have minimum age restrictions so our children should not be using them. Whats app is 16+, snap chat, instagram are 13+ Tik Tok is 12+.

For further information about how to keep children safe online please go to our website or visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Year 5 impress at the Royal Festival Hall

On Tuesday 5th February our year 5 children went to the Royal Festival Hall to participate in a music concert. They were led by Joe their Ukulele teacher. The children were fantastic and had a great time. The music was very beautiful.

Thanks to Joe, and all the teaching staff for making this such a great experience.



Attendance

Can I remind parents that it is your duty to inform the school of the reason for your child's absence on the first day that they are absent. If we are not informed of the reason for absence, we will ring parents and emergency contacts.

The purpose of this is to ensure children and families are safe. If we cannot gain a response from an emergency contact or the family directly, we will consider doing a home visit.

Attendance meetings will be scheduled for children whose attendance falls below our high expectations. We expect all children to have at least 95% attendance.

Debate Mate

On Thursday afternoon RPS hosted the Debate mate competition. Children from a number of schools arrived to consider, puzzle and debate a range of questions.

The event was a resounding success with a number of wins for Rotherhithe. Adnan Kazi-Hussen received a special mention from one of the judges who complimented him on his clear, persuasive responses to questions.

Well done to Adnan and all the children. You have made us all very proud.

Thank you to Colleen and Kofi for organising this event and to Danielle, Simone, Daniel and Heather for setting up the event.

Riot Act – road safety workshops

On Friday 1st February Year 5 & 6 participated in workshops about road safety. The children were encouraged to walk to school considering health benefits and how we can work towards creating a sustainable environment.

They were encouraged to be aware of themselves and cars when crossing roads, making sure that they are paying full attention by not: Being distracted and talking to friends, not using mobile phones while crossing, not having headphones in so that they can hear cars coming.

How to Cross a Road Safely

THINK FIRST - PLAN. Find the safest place to cross then stop. ...

STOP. Stand on the pavement little way back from the edge. ...

WATCH AND LISTEN. Look for traffic in all directions and listen.

WAIT UNTIL IT'S SAFE. Wait patiently and let the traffic pass. ...

WATCH AND LISTEN. When it's safe, walk directly across the road.

Please keep safe!

Lost Bear

There have been some exceptional samples of year 1 writing posted around the school this week. The children have been hunting for a missing bear and have written 'Lost' posters to try to find him.

I am relieved to say he has now been found. Because of these posters I kept a vigilant look out for him as I walked around the school and I am pleased to tell you that I found him and put him in the lost and found box.

Well done year 1!



Year 1 star Writer is



Godwyn

Lost

"Our teddy bear is lost. He is big and brown. He has black eyes. He is cute, He is fluffy. He is cuddly. He is a giant. Please help because he is somewhere and he is sad".



Medical Needs

Please remember to inform Sharon Hudson in the school office if your child has any medical needs or allergies. Parents must sign forms to give permission for medicine to be administered.

Medicine must be in date or we cannot administer it. Parents are asked to collect any medicine that has expired and take it to a pharmacy for safe disposal. Avoid throwing out of date medicines down the sink at home as this causes medicines to enter the water system.



Dates for your Diaries!

11 th Feb	Bike balance training for Reception
13 th Feb	Governors Meeting
14 th Feb	Asthma training year 5
Week starting 11 th Feb	Poetry Week
18th-22nd Feb	Half Term week
27 th Feb	Tate Photographer in to photograph year 3 children Inclusion Flagship Quality Mark review
Week starting 4 th March	SEN parents' meetings Mock phonics tests
1 st March	Secondary school places emailed to parents after 5 pm
7 th March	World Book Day
Week starting 11 th March	British Science Week
14 th March	Urban debate mate round 2
15 th March	Red Nose Day
22 nd March	Athletics competition day
1 st April	KS1 Achievement Awards at 11:15 Year 1 -6 Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
2 nd April	KS2 Achievement Awards at 11:30 Nursery Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
3 rd April	Reception Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
5 th Apr	Attendance Awards Last day of term finish at 2pm
23rd April	Children return to school

Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Keeping children safe is of utmost importance to us at Rotherhithe. We have recently updated our safeguarding policy. Please read it at <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/>



You are warmly invited to attend your child's class performance.

Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time: 11:15 am

Wednesday 13 th February	Coral
Wednesday 27 th February	Whale
Wednesday 6 th March	Octopus

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Wednesday 13 th February	Belfast
Wednesday 27 th February	Kon Tiki
Wednesday 6 th March	Cutty Sark
Wednesday 13 th March	Endurance
Wednesday 27 th March	Pearl
Wednesday 3 rd April	Kingfisher

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Seal Class – 97.1%

KS2: Belfast Class - 100%



Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.



Phonics workshop for parents

Parents in Year 1 are invited to our second phonics workshop

- Would you to know more about how phonics is taught in school?
- Would you like useful resources to help support phonics teaching at home?

Find out how the **year 1** phonics screen is administered in June.

Please come to our phonics workshop on

Friday 8th March

at 9:15 am in the Infant Hall

Free Resources and tips available.



Internet Matters six tips for keeping children safe while online gaming

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matters.org

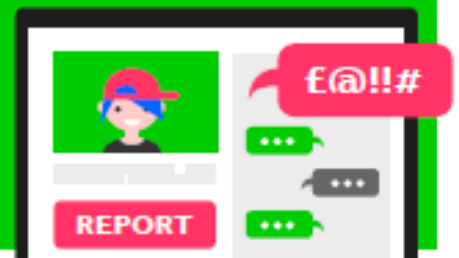


Take an active interest in the games your children are playing to get to grips with how they work and why they enjoy playing them

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Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and talk about what kind of language is being used. Make sure your child knows how to do report abusive or anti-social behaviour

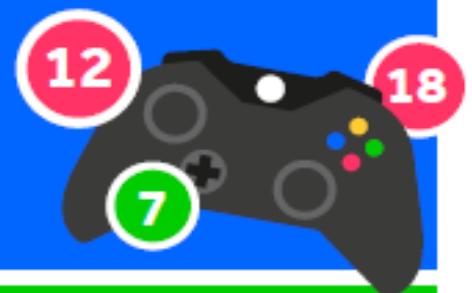


For younger children, use 'airplane' mode settings on your tablet or smartphone. That way, they can play offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know

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Use PEGI ratings and App store ratings to ensure your children are playing age appropriate games. Help children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't

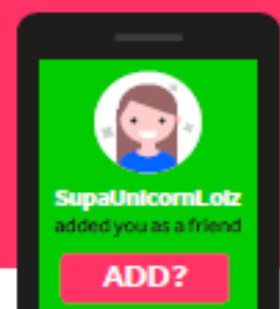


Gaming can be very addictive, so agree boundaries and how long they're allowed to play for and with whom they are allowed to play online with. Remind them that people may hide behind fake profiles and not be who they say they are

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Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks



Set Up Safe checklist

We've designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind regarding your child's safety on the internet.

Set your children's device up before you give it to them so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing.



Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't

[Visit our step-by-step guides to find out how](#)

Get started



For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

Set up the device safely

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Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games



Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others



Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally



Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

Talk about staying safe



If your children are 8-10 years old, download our parent / child Internet Matters app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way.



Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online

[Click here to learn about key issues](#)



If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know

[Visit our handy social networking how to guides for checking privacy settings](#)