



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15th March 2019



Science Week 2019!

From 11th - 15th March 2019, Rotherhithe Primary School took part in Science Week 2019. This year has a sustainability theme.

With the growing concerns we have in regards to air pollution and the vast increase in non degradable waste, it is vital that we all embrace the importance of recycling and considering how we can all do our bit to reduce our own carbon footprint in order to tackle the amount of air pollution engulfing our towns and cities.

We took part in a number of workshops this week including "Jazzing up Junk", which involved converting waste products into toys. We also learnt how to grow our own food using organic, sustainable methods, planting and nurturing seedlings, which included fruit, vegetable and herbs. We found out how plastics are affecting Marine Life. The levels of plastic waste found in our seas and oceans now has reached an alarming level.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the week and particularly enjoyed finding out how to grow their own food!



We are a Nut Free School

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have recently found nuts or nut containing products in lunch boxes. Due to children and adults in our school with nut allergies, we kindly request that you do not include nuts or nut related products in your child's packed lunch.

We thank you for your cooperation.



E-Safety Workshop with the Met

Our Year Six class recently took part in an E-Safety workshop hosted by members of the Metropolitan Police.

The Police Officers discussed the pitfalls of certain types of behavior when using any form of social Network such as WhatsApp and Snapchat to name a few.

They also discussed the importance of ensuring that you protect your identity online as identity theft is a growing concern for all internet users.



Turn your car engine off when picking up your children from school

Parents and Carers, do you sit in your car with the engine running while you wait to collect your children after school?

Under new proposals to cut pollution, such 'idling' could be banned outside schools, as well as hospitals and other places where people may be particularly vulnerable to air pollution.

The proposed ban is among several recommendations to cut pollution in a new report from Public Health England (PHE), the government's public health agency. The report says that man-made air pollution causes between 28,000 and 36,000 deaths each year, with children, older people and people with chronic health problems the most vulnerable to air pollution.

"We should stop idling outside schools and we should make sure that children can walk or cycle to school," said PHE medical director Paul Cosford.

Growing battle against idling

There are already several campaigns across the UK to end idling in places such as schools. Among them is campaign group Mums for Clean Air, which in response to PHE's proposals, tweeted: "Parents, grandparents, child minders, nannies, anyone who does the school run must support this now. The evidence on the impact on children's health is conclusive and it can be avoided."

In Greater Manchester, primary school pupils have started patrolling the streets outside their schools dressed as police officers, issuing fake tickets to parents sitting with their engines running. Sheffield Council last year introduced no-idling zones outside schools, with the threat of £20 fines. And in Glasgow, stronger measures are being tried, with seven primary schools to trial car-free zones for 18 months to improve road safety.



Meanwhile, an initiative in the capital is attempting to change London motorists' behaviour. Vehicle Idling Action says when its volunteers approach idling drivers in a friendly and non-judgemental way, over four-fifths (80%) of them switch off their engines and many pledge to give up the idling habit for good.

Idling is already an offence

Many drivers may not be aware that idling is already an offence. While you can leave your engine running in traffic, the Highway Code says: "You must not leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

Other measures to cut air pollution

A ban on idling isn't the only action PHE wants to cut air pollution. Its other suggestions for local authorities include:

- Invest more in foot and cycle paths.
- Plan towns so people aren't so close to highly polluting roads, for example with wider streets or using hedges as screens against pollutants.
- Consider low emission or clean air zones to discourage the most highly polluting vehicles from entering populated areas. Several UK cities are already doing this; for example, to help tackle dangerously high levels of air pollution in central London, drivers of more polluting cars, including most diesels, will have to pay a new daily fee from April this year.
- Set more ambitious targets for electric vehicle charging points and encourage low emission fuels and electric cars.



Dates for your Diaries!

1 st March	Secondary school places emailed to parents after 5 pm
Week starting 4 th March	SEN parents' meetings Mock phonics tests
6 th March	Year 6 police workshop
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

Parent Code of Conduct

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is vitally important that any form of conflict resolution regarding any situations that have taken place at school involving children is handled by the school and not by Parents.

To ensure that all parents fully understand what the school expects in regards to conduct within the school grounds, please refer to the "Parent Code of Conduct" document, which can be found within the "Parents" section of our website.

We thank you for your cooperation.



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

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Wednesday 13 th March	Endurance
Wednesday 27 th March	Pearl
Wednesday 3 rd April	Kingfisher



Red Nose Day 2019

Great News! RPS is very proud to announce that we have managed to raise a fantastic **£180.72** for this amazing charity!!!

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone for taking part in Red Nose Day this year.

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Whale Class - 100%

KS2: Discovery Class – 99.4%



Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

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



Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children

0-5 Year Olds

Checklist

Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

Set boundaries

It's never too early to start setting rules about when and for how long your child can use devices and start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a communal area, keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so they can't go online without asking you first.

Pre-school children are online for an average of 71 minutes a day*

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Over half of 3-4 year olds use tablets*

Explore together

Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account which only allows access to sites and apps you've chosen.

Help them learn through games

Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. You can choose safe, fun and educational games free of charge from providers such as Fisher Price or about their favourite characters like Peppa Pig.

Children can now have a digital footprint before they learn to speak and often before they're even born.

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online as they grow up - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

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Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

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- ✓ **Agree boundaries**
Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Over 65 % of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online*



- ✓ **Explore together**
The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.
- ✓ **Check if it's suitable**
The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

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Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use and judge the quality and reliability of online resources

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
- Ask them about things online which might make them uncomfortable



Deal with it

You can find out where to get help and advice on the Report it page of internetmatters.org, where we include information on how to report problems - and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child; such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.

Stay safe at secondary school

Exposure to some of these issues increases when children move up to secondary school so make sure your child is prepared - find out more with our pre-teens age guide at internetmatters.org/ageguide10-13

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