

REASIDE NEWSLETTER

29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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DIARY

MESSAGE FROM MRS CARRIER

We have had another super week at Reaside. On Tuesday, we had a spot check visit from Environmental Health who inspected our school kitchen. We are delighted to say that we have retained our 5 star rating for cleanliness and hygiene. Huge well done to the catering team; Mrs Prosser, Mrs Mazur, Ms Charles and Ms Keates for their continued hard work to keep our school kitchen in pristine condition.

We also held two really successful coffee afternoons for Macmillan this week. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated either money, cakes or both. We raised £152.67.

As is always the case in September, we are seeing illness starting to rise. Unfortunately, we are also seeing a rise in covid cases. The current advice from Public Health England is that children under 18 years of age who test positive for covid should try to stay at home for three days. Although there is no set legislation for people to isolate, we would ask that people follow the guidance to try to minimise the spread.

Finally attached to this newsletter is a handy guide for what parents and carers need to know about keeping their children safe on WhatsApp.

Have a lovely weekend!

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that our breakfast club runs every day from 8am. This is completely free! If you would like your child to attend, please add your child to the waiting list at the school office as breakfast club is now full.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st October Black history month

9th October School photo day

10th October World mental health day
(wear yellow donation to Young Minds)

16th & 17th October Parents evening

20th October 5B class assembly

20th October 'Show racism the red card day' wear red.

27th October - End of term

8th & 9th November Reaside open day
(2pm-3pm)

6th November - Children back to school

Please see Reaside academy 23/24 parent's plan

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

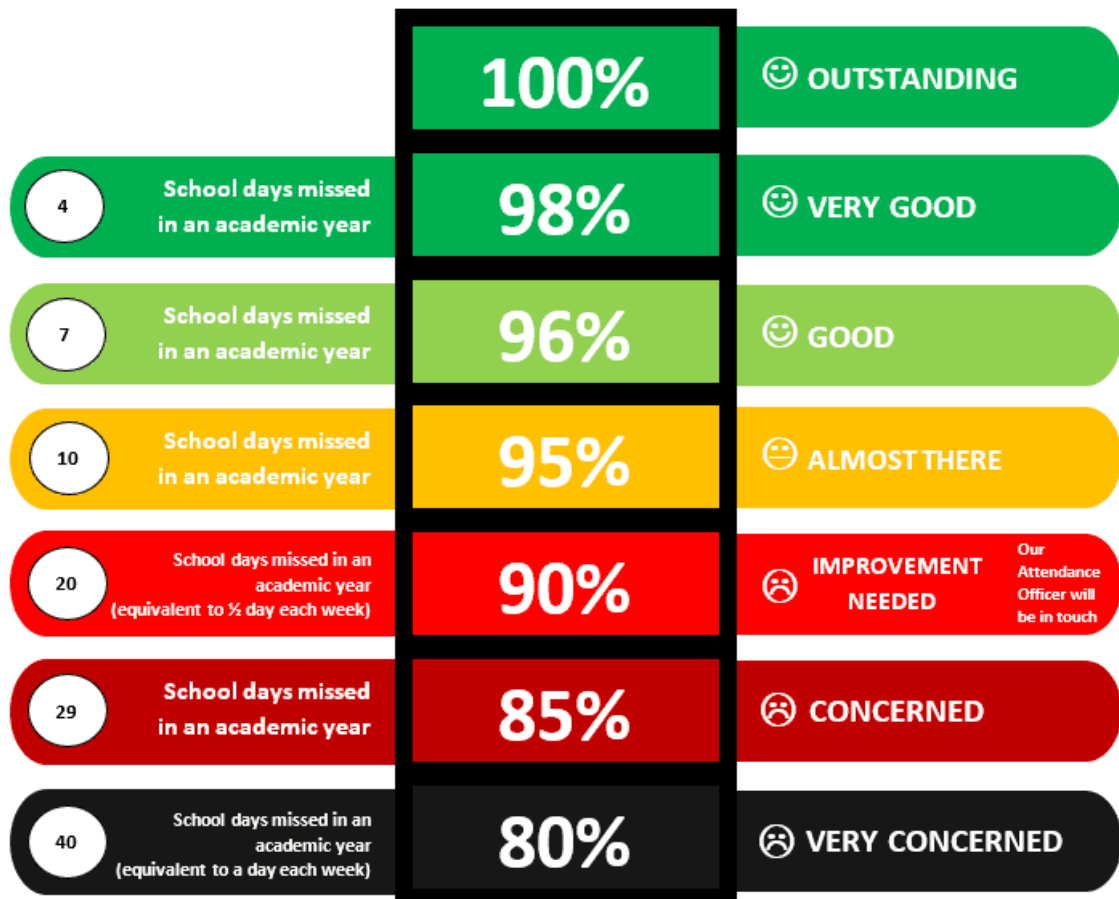
All children will be having their photos taken on Monday the 9th of October.

Children with siblings in school will have the opportunity to have their photo taken together during the school day.

However, if you would like your child/ren in school to have their photo taken with other siblings, there will be an opportunity to do so. For this, you will need to arrive at school with all children between 8.15-8.40 a.m, so their photo can be taken before the start of the school day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Ladder



Our school attendance target is 96%.

Best classes attendance this week: 6K with an amazing 97%!

Whole school attendance figure year to date: 94.1%

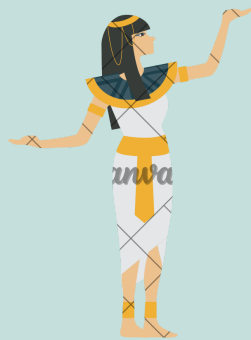
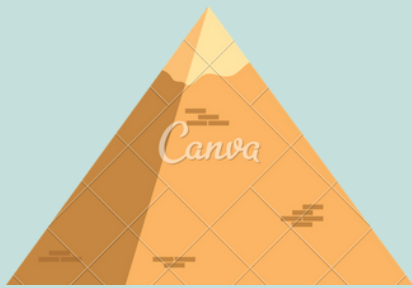


Class attendance:

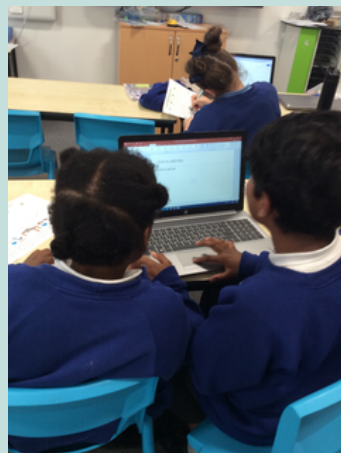
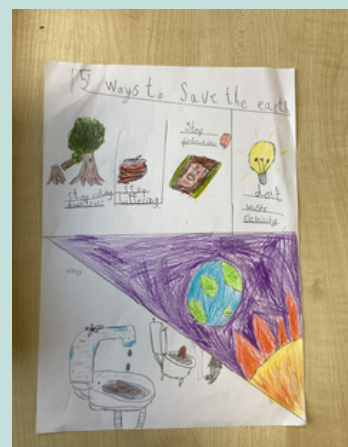
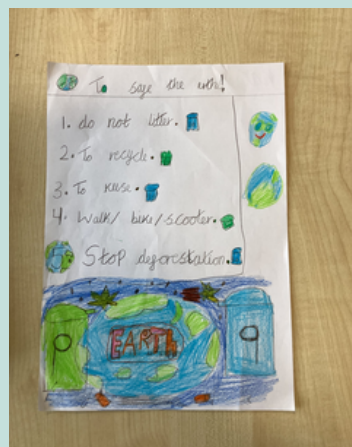
3B – 96%
4J – 95%
5B – 91%
6K – 97%

3S – 91%
4OL – 95%
5C – 94%
6W – 94%

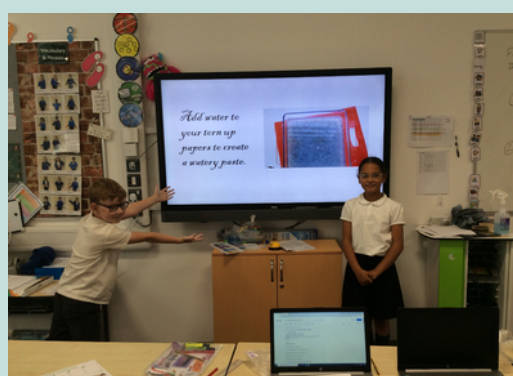




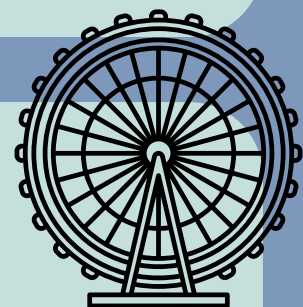
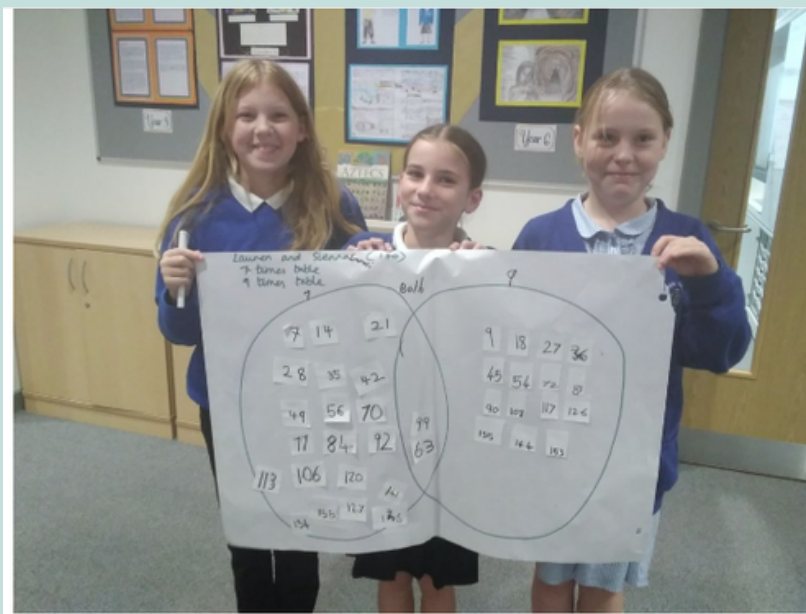
Year three have had a very creative few weeks centered around our Ancient Egyptian topic. We have learnt about gods and goddesses, looked at the symbols associated with them and created our own papyrus paper in preparation for drawing a god in the style of Ancient Egyptian art. For recycling week, we had a class discussion about the ways we can help protect the earth and the children then presented their ideas in a poster with a partner.



For recycling week, year 4 researched how to make recycled paper and created an instructional power point presentation for others to learn how to do it too.



Year 5 have created Venn diagrams to represent common multiples. The children loved creating times table strips and using their knowledge to sort them. They noticed patterns and used their knowledge to answer SATs style questions through an extension task too!



This week in Year 6!

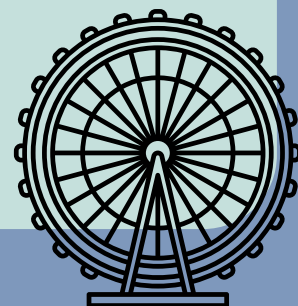
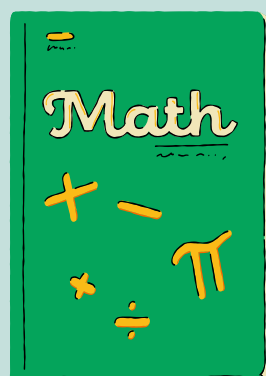
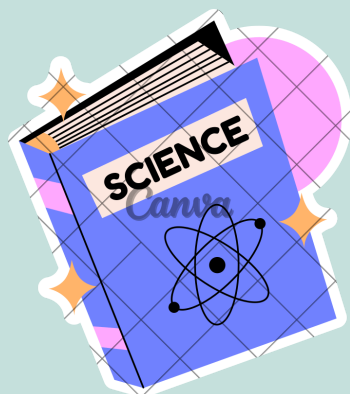
It has been another busy week in Year 6.

We have continued reading our thriller novel – The London Eye Mystery – this week writing in the role of Ted to help the police find a missing person.

We have been revising and extending our knowledge of fractions, looking carefully at the denominators so we can compare more easily.

We've continued with our science topic and have created circuits both in the real world and virtually!

The Year 6 team.



Northfield and Selly Oak Household Support Fund

Summer 2023

Round 4

BVSC will be distributing grants of up to £200 to Birmingham households, currently facing financial hardship, with the funds intended to help households with food costs and energy payments.



NORTHFIELD
Community Partnership

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You must be a Birmingham Resident

You must be experiencing financial hardship, particularly with regards to covering costs linked to food and energy

Your household must not have received a hardship grant payment in the last 12 months



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

in UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRNACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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