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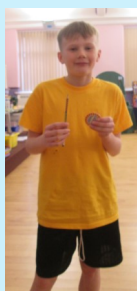
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PUPILS OF THE WEEK



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD



Tommy T—Well done!

WOW WORK OF THE WEEK



Attendance Winners



Last Week's Attendance Winners

Whole School— 93.6%

Winners—Year 2 98.7%

House Points Winners - Winter—242 Points Well done!



Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Parents' Evening via phone again this year. The appointments have been sent out this week, on SchoolPing. Please ensure that you provide an up to date phone number for your child's teacher to contact you. These appointments are filling up quickly, so please do book as soon as possible. If you are having any problems receiving messages, please check your Junk Mail, and ensure you have enough storage to download the SchoolPing app onto your phone. Please call school if you need any further help. Thanks

Christmas Gifts

The Christmas gifts have arrived this week and they have been distributed with the children. The designs looked amazing. We really hope you are happy with your purchases.

Children in Need



On Friday 19th November, we will be fundraising for Children In Need. In exchange for a £1 donation, children are invited to come to school wearing something with spots, if you can.

We are also holding a colouring competition which will be 20p per entry. There will be one prize per class.

The money raised through these donations will help support local charities and projects which are providing essential frontline help to children and young people in communities throughout the UK.

Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti-bullying week and this year's theme is 'One Kind Word'.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that **'One Kind Word'** has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place next week.

To launch anti-bullying week, we will be taking part in **odd socks day**. The children are being invited to wear odd socks with their school uniform on **Monday 15th November**. This is not a charity-based event so we will not be collecting money for this, just something fun to join in with (if you choose to!)

"It starts with one kind word—start today"



Church Links

This week in Collective Worship, Father David will be holding a Remembrance Service with all of the staff and children in school.



Bonfire Celebrations in Early Years

Early Years enjoyed creating edible sparklers using bread sticks, melted chocolate and sprinkles. We discussed the importance of washing our hands to ensure we do not contaminate our food with germs.

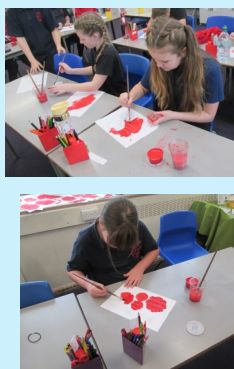
We then learnt all about fire safety especially on Bonfire night! Once the children had followed our safety rules, they enjoyed practising writing their names, shapes and letter sounds in the sky.

Finally, to finish off a magical afternoon the children sat around our home-made campfire listening to nursery rhymes and campfire stories.



Remembrance Day

Year 6 have been painting poppies to create a soldier collage for Remembrance Day. The finished artwork can be seen from the front playground in the Year 6 window. When you are in the playground ... look up to see the finished work!



Year 6 pupils will be attending the Remembrance Service in Elland on the 11/11/21 at 11am.

Pantomime Photos

Last week the children enjoyed the fantastic pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty! Here are a few photos of what they saw during the production. A big thanks to everyone at M & M Productions!



JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

Keep the kids entertained in the Winter holidays with fun activities and healthy meals



Following on from the successful Summer programme, we have thousands of places available to keep children and young people entertained during the December school holidays.

Children who join Healthy Holiday schemes will take part in a range of activities e.g. yoga, street surfing, crafts, climbing and music and receive a healthy, nutritious meal too. These schemes will run in Calderdale between Saturday 18th - Thurs 30th December.

Free places are available for school aged children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. If your child isn't eligible for free school meals, some providers will also be offering free paying places.

Places will be available to book mid-November, please like and follow the @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale Facebook page to keep up to date and be notified when places are available for you to book online.

"We really needed this after lockdown. It gave my kids something to do, something to look forward to, they made new friends and it filled up a good chunk of a very long school holiday, giving Mum a break too!"
Parent / Carer of children attending Healthy Holidays programme

"I wish we could stay even longer, there is so many cool activities to try and it gets me out of the house during the holidays I love it!"
Child, Age 9, attending the Healthy Holidays Programme in Greetland



Parents and carers told us that as well as keeping children entertained and out of the house for a few hours, the holiday schemes encouraged children to try new foods and be more adventurous in their eating habits.

Make sure that you keep up to date and are the first to know when places are available to book for the Winter school holidays by following @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale on Facebook. Thousands of places will be available to book from November.

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, and young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok jumps a introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspire to fame, some may be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Snaggy, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parvati Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Health Update

Children with simple cold symptoms such as runny noses or sore throats **without fever** should not be tested for COVID-19, and can attend school if they feel well enough to do so.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home and arrange testing.

Please contact school to advise us of any absence.

When you receive your test result, **please email admin@elland.calderdale.sch.uk**

with details before your child returns to school. If your child develops any of the key symptoms for COVID-19 in school, we will contact parents/carers and ask for you to arrange a test.

If someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFD or PCR), children and young people in that household, who attend school, are advised to stay at home. This absence will be authorised.

If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away.

If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms). If this test is negative, the child can return to school but must stay at home and arrange another test if they go on to develop symptoms.

Symptoms

High temperature
New continuous cough
Loss or change to sense

Upcoming Events

Every Friday afternoon
Thursday 11th November
Monday 15th November
Wednesday 17th November
Friday 19th November
Wednesday 24th November
Friday 17th December

Year 5 swimming
Year 6 Remembrance Service in Elland at 11am
Wear Odd Socks with your uniform today (as part of Anti-Bullying Week)
Parents' Evening by phone
Wear something spotty for Children in Need Day—£1 donation
Flu Nasal Spray Rec-Y6
School closes for Christmas

