

Friday 17th March

Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 21st March
 Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.

GET YOUR LOTS OF SOCKS ON!
21 March
#LotsOfSocks
#WorldDownSyndromeDay

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www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

Milton Keynes Nationals

A huge well done to our New Brighton Gymnasts Mila, Indie-Mai, and Josslyn for getting to their first National Competition in Milton Keynes. The girls did an amazing job and brought home lots of medals.

Indie Mai- 2nd in Beam
 Josslyn- 3rd in Vault
 Mila- 1st in Beam and 3rd in floor and bar.

What an achievement.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

These children were invited to Mr Armer's hot chocolate afternoon. They were nominated by teachers and parents in recognition of them going above and beyond or excelling in an area, not just academically.



Well done to: Artie, Matilda, April, Ethan, Hattie and Jasmine.

If your child has done something that you feel is worthy of a hot chocolate then send in details to

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Thanks for all of the parent nominations last week, we take them all into consideration- looking forward to next week



Hot Chocolate with the Head

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Well done to: Dylan, Nova, Max, Jasper, Jax, Summer-Leigh, and Lennon.

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This week, Class BD were lucky to have a secret reader visit our class.

Sky's dad brought a brilliant book in that told a heartwarming story about a boy called Bryant. It also taught us more about dyspraxia.

Afterwards, he even said we could keep the book, so more children can read it.



As part of our geography topic, we have also been using our increasing knowledge about volcanoes to help us create some fantastic artwork inspired by the artist Van Gogh.



WOW





10-19 March
British
Science
Week
2023

At NBPS, we love science!
We are currently on the hunt for
science ambassadors across school.
Do you think you would like the role?



QUOTE

'Science is like magic except real.'
Theo, Y1



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 10-19 March 2023

British Science Week 2023
poster competition



Submit entries
before 6.00pm
31 March 2023

OPEN NOW!

Poster entries must be on one side of A4 or A3 paper. Hand these to your class teacher before Friday 31st March. Miss McCann will be selecting 5 winners to win a prize and be entered into the national poster competition!

Egg Run

This year's Egg Run takes place on Sunday 26th March. Lily in Year 4 and her family are looking forward to taking part.



We love the outfits and are sending lots of support from #TeamNBPS



Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
1RL	52%	4LF	54%
1BT	67%	4CH	73%
1OT	74%	BD	41%
2BP	75%	5TS	57%
2SA	78%	5JH	44%
2RM	54%	5DD	72%
3NF	37%	6CJ	72%
3CH	50%	6RS	79%
3CM	62%	6JH	88%
4DH	79%	Total	61%

Well done to class 6JH who have the highest reading average this week. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.

Open Morning

Our family support open morning takes place next Wednesday in the sports hall. There will be representatives from a range of local agencies on hand to offer advice and support for all of your family needs.



FAMILY SUPPORT OPEN MORNING

Date: Wednesday 22nd March

Time: 9:30am - 12pm

Venue: Sports Hall

(access via the carpark on Dalmortan Road)



British Science Week



Today we held a science assembly to celebrate British Science Week!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people; compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs: increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert




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NOS
National
Online
Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Mac & Cheese Macaroni pasta mixed with a homemade cheese sauce and served with or without a rash of smoked bacon</p>	<p>Brunch Sausage, bacon, and scrambled eggs served with crusty baked beans and crusty bread</p>	<p>Roast Dinner Choose from home roasted turkey breast or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, Stuffing balls & gravy</p>	<p>Katsu Curry Choose from breaded chicken goujons or Quorn pieces baked in the oven and served on a bed of basmati rice with a homemade Katsu curry sauce</p>	<p>Fish and Chips Choose from battered cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers or a simple salmon fillet all baked in the oven & served with chips</p>
Served with				
Peas	Mushrooms and Tomatoes	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli	Peas or Beans
Or				
<p>Jacket potatoes served with a side salad are also available daily – chooses from a variety of fillings cheese, tuna mayo, ham, turkey & baked beans (when available)</p>				
Or				
<p>Deli Bar - Available Everyday Design your own sandwich, first choose your bread – wraps or batch, then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily – ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey, roast beef, egg and finally finish with a choice of salad – carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot, and peppers.</p>				
				
And for dessert				
Iced Bun	Sticky Toffee Cake	Ice Cream	Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Sauce	Shortbread
Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yogurt or Cheese & Crackers are available everyday as an alternative to the daily dessert.				
And finally, a drink				
A selection of the following drinks will be available daily freshly made milkshakes - chocolate, strawberry or banana, fresh fruit juice – apple or orange or water.				



Attendance

We aim for 100% our target is 98%

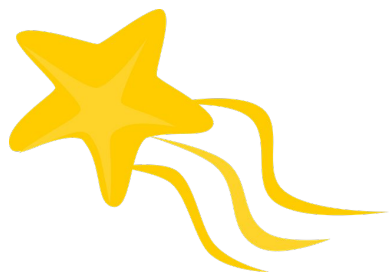
Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.



Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nursery	85.10	20	3CH	86.1	65
Poppies	88	9	3CM	91.3	36
Sweetpeas	90.2	34	4DH	93.8	122
Buttercups	90.1	98	4LF	91.5	71
1RL	84.4	58	4CH	94.2	2
1BT	87.5	85	BD	81.1	
10T	91.8	134	5TS	89.2	43
2BP	97		5DD	91.6	10
2RM	89.2	10	5JH	83.7	261
2SA	88	93	6CJ	89.2	38
BK	91		6RS	87.5	121
3NF	87.4	82	6JH	88.9	14
Whole School					
Whole School Attendance	89.23% 2 Strike days		Lost Learning	23 hrs 40 min	

Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. You can speak to the office staff or leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register. **Punctuality is also very important, we now have a signing in screen for late arrivers and early leavers at reception.**



Owl Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

Nursery Mathew G	Class 3CH Tilly
Buttercups Meadow & Bella	Class 3CM Hattie
Poppies Freddie & Zeta	Class 4DH Jack B
Sweetpeas Robin & Lily S	Class 4LF Noah L
Class 1RL Bryony	Class 4CH Reuben P-N
Class 1BT Alice	Class BD Amelia
Class 10T Effie	Class 5TS Nathan S
Class 2BP Emily H	Class 5JH Connie
Class 2RM Imogen	Class 5MW Anthony
Class 2SA Rosey and Freija	Class 6CJ Poppy A
Class BK Holly	Class 6RS Thomas T.
Class 3NF Aeira T	Class 6JH Amelia W

