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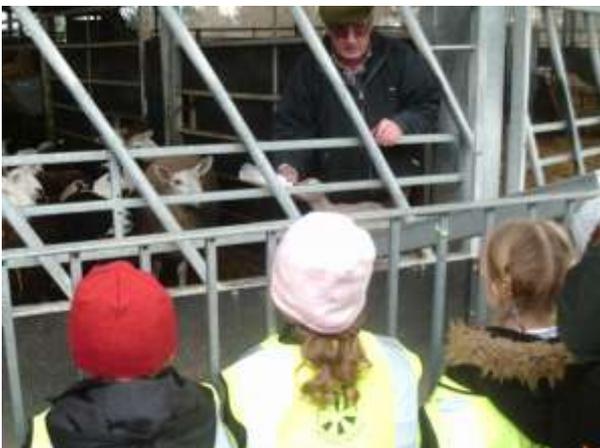
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Thursday 9th February 2017

Events in the Academy this week

F2 visit to Cannon Hall farm

Children in F2 had a very exciting visit to Cannon Hall farm this week. All the children in F2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Cannon Hall Farm - they were very well behaved and had lovely manners. The children were lucky enough to see some new lambs born early this year, baby pigs and were delighted to see the meerkats. The children learned all about animals as part of their topic work and had a great day.



Year 5 visit to the Co-op

As part of their learning about the Brazilian rainforest, Year 5 children visited the Co-op. They had a tour of the store identifying fair trade items, and had a discussion with staff members about the reasons behind fair trade products.



Safer Internet Day – Information from Mr Noble

We know many of our children use You Tube, Minecraft and Roblox, but there are some other popular apps you might not know about.

Trending apps amongst your children change faster than you can say Pokemon Go. The main issue with many apps is the ability to chat and share content with other people. Do you know the apps that your children use?

The experts at Family Zone have put together a useful list of new apps that some children may have access to.

<https://www.familyzone.com/blog/five-risky-apps-children-chat-share-videos>

It is an Australian site but the apps are available worldwide so still very relevant.

This week has been Safer Internet Day, an international push to raise awareness of staying safe online. It will be an ideal opportunity to have a discussion with your children about their internet habits, many of which are increasingly away from your parental eye. Attached to this newsletter is a very useful Information and Online Resource leaflet from the UK Safer Internet Centre. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact Mr Noble or anyone else in school

Upcoming events in the Academy

Date	Event
Thursday 9 th February	Valentine's disco organised by the PTA (after school).
Friday 10 th February	Ms Atkinson's class will be holding a coffee morning after the assembly. Lost property available for inspection in school before disposal. Please see the office if you would like to come in and have a look at any of the items to check if they are your child's. Break up for the half term holidays.
Tuesday 21 st February	Children return to school.
Wednesday 22 nd February	World Thinking Day - World Thinking day – beavers, cubs, scouts, brownies, rainbow brownies, girl guides can come in their uniforms (see below) Y3 Parents meeting re Kingswood Residential – Miss Kemshell has already sent details out about this.

World Thinking Day - It is World Thinking Day on Wednesday 22nd February. This day has been celebrated since 1926 and World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Let's Grow'.

On Wednesday 22nd February, children who are members of Girl Guiding (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) and Scouting (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) are invited to wear their uniforms to school to celebrate World Thinking Day.

As part of World Thinking Day the children will have an opportunity to learn all about World Thinking Day during a celebration talk in assembly from Alison Hartley who is the Division Commissioner for Guiding in our area.

Sickness Absence - If a child is ill with a sickness bug or upset tummy then they will need to be off for 48 hours following the last occurrence. However, we recognise that occasionally young children may be sick for different reasons - over excitement, eating too quickly, drinking too much, heat - and that this is not always due to an actual illness. We recognise that parents know their children best and can make that judgement.

After School Clubs - If your child is interested in attending the KS2 multi-sports, drama or football club (KS1 upwards) please contact the school office for more details.

Out of School Care Questionnaire - Thank you to those that have returned their completed questionnaire, please can you return this if you have not already done so by Tuesday 21st February.

Change of Contact Details - Please remember to inform the school office if you have moved address, your telephone number or email address, or any of the emergency contacts we have listed for your child have changed contact information, so that we are able to contact you quickly if need arises.

Yours sincerely

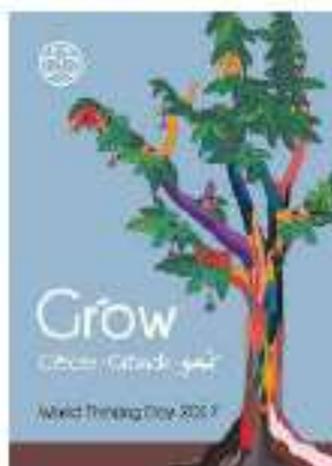


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WORLD THINKING DAY is coming!
February 22, 2017



If you are a member of Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides or Scouts wear your uniform to school on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 to celebrate World Thinking Day.



1. UK Safer Internet Centre



UK Safer Internet Centre: The European Commission appointed UK Safer Internet Centre is made up of three partners; Childnet International, the South West Grid for Learning and the Internet Watch Foundation. Together we raise awareness about internet safety, develop information materials and resources and organise high profile events such as Safer Internet Day. You can access a range of resources from across the UK, Europe and wider afield at www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents.



Registered UK Charity: 1080173

Childnet: Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. The Childnet website hosts all the online resources detailed below, as well as a number of recommended resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers. The Parents and Carers area also contains key advice, information on reporting and detailed information on a range of e-safety topics in the Hot topics section. www.childnet.com



Registered UK Charity: 1120954

South West Grid for Learning: The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) is a not for profit, charitable trust dedicated to the advancement of education through information and communication technologies. They provide safe, supported broadband internet, teaching and learning services for 2,500 schools in the South West of England and e-safety education and training regionally, nationally and internationally. They provide professionals, parents and children with advice, resources and support to use internet technologies safely to enhance learning and maximise potential. www.swgfl.org.uk



Registered UK Charity: 1112098

Internet Watch Foundation: The Internet Watch Foundation is the UK's hotline for reporting illegal content found on the internet. It deals specifically with child abuse and criminally obscene images hosted in the UK and internationally. The IWF works in partnership with the online industry, law enforcement, government, and international partners. It is a charity and a self-regulatory body with over 100 Members from the online industry. www.iwf.org.uk

2. Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day: Celebrated globally every year, Safer Internet Day offers the opportunity offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together and play their part for a better internet. Ultimately, a better internet is up to us! www.saferinternetday.org.uk

3. Factsheets/information for parents and carers



Supporting Young People Online: A free guide created by Childnet providing information and advice for parents and carers on supporting young people online. The advice is also available in 12 additional languages including Arabic, Hindi, Polish, Spanish, Urdu and Welsh. www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online



Information and Advice for Foster Carers/Adoptive Parents: The UK Safer Internet Centre has worked together with Islington Council to create leaflets for foster carers and adoptive parents. The leaflets, which are free to download and easy to print, include top tips and conversation starters to help foster carers and adoptive parents get to grips with internet safety. www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption



Keeping Under Fives Safe Online: Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age. This advice contains top tips for parents and carers for keeping children aged five and under safe online. www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online

4. Online resources for parents and carers



A Parents' Guide to Technology: The UK Safer Internet Centre has created this guide to answer commonly asked questions and introduce some of the most popular devices used by children, highlighting the safety tools available and empowering parents with the knowledge they need to support their children to use these technologies safely and responsibly. www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech



Internet Parental Controls: The four big internet providers - BT, Sky, Talk Talk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls that can be activated at any time. Video tutorials on how to download and use these controls are available on the UK Safer Internet Centre website. www.saferinternet.org.uk/parental-controls



Safety Tools on Social Networks and other Online Services: Information and advice on the safety tools, age requirements and terms and conditions for a variety of online services popular with young people. www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools



Online Gaming: Childnet's guide contains helpful advice and information on supporting children and young people playing games online. www.childnet.com/online-gaming



Young People & Social Networking Sites: Aims to help parents understand the positive and creative ways young people are using social networking spaces (e.g. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). It also points out the potential risks of using these sites and ways to minimise these risks. www.childnet.com/sns



Social Network Checklists: Free guides produced by the UK Safer Internet Centre that contain detailed instructions and information on privacy and account settings on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. www.saferinternet.org.uk/checklists

5. Where to report / get help



Need help? Information about what to do if a child comes to you for help and advice about how to report online concerns such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content or illegal behaviour. www.saferinternet.org.uk/need-help



Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP): A police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online www.ceop.police.uk. CEOP's Think U Know website contains information for children and parents, as well as a link for children to report abuse online. www.thinkuknow.co.uk



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NSPCC: The NSPCC has partnered with O2 to provide an online safety helpline for parents and carers to answer questions and address concerns about a child's online safety: 0808 800 5000



Children can talk to someone for advice and support at any time by contacting Childline on 0800 1111 or chatting to a counsellor online at www.childline.org.uk



True Vision: Online content which incites hatred on the grounds of race, religion and sexual orientation can be reported to True Vision; a UK website set up to tackle all forms of hate crime, including those on the grounds of disability and transgender identity. www.report-it.org.uk



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