

NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 6 GREEK DAY!

On Monday, Year 6 had a special visitor! We learnt all about Gods and Goddesses, took part in a quiz, completed puzzles, saw Greek weapons and even took part in our very own Olympic games!



NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2023

On Friday 3rd February 2023, we will be joining schools and nurseries across the UK to celebrate number day. We will have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support the NSPCC. We are not asking for pupils to dress up and it is up to you if you would like to contribute to help raise money for the NSPCC.



VAN GOGH EXPERIENCE!

On Wednesday, we had a special visit to the Van Gogh Alive exhibition. We got to see Van Gogh's art work like we have never seen it before! It was amazing!



TIME TO TALK DAY!

On Thursday 2nd February, we will be celebrating Time To Talk Day. Time to Talk is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. Happening every year, it's a day for friends, families, communities, and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives. We will be spending some time during the day doing activities that encourage talking and making links to our PSHEE themes.



JU:MP @ HOME!

Stuck for something to do? Want to play a game with your children and be active? Try out this week's JU:MP @ home activity - Hot Potato!



HOT POTATO

Keep it off the ground!

HOW TO PLAY GET THROWING!



- > Roll up your socks and make it into a ball
- > Ouch! It's a hot potato!
- > Pass it on to someone else in the house!
- > See how long you can keep it off the ground!

SUITABLE FOR: All ages
TAKES: 20-30 minutes



YOU WILL NEED:

- > Socks



SAFETY...

As with any activity consider the space and make sure you have enough room



CHALLENGE!

Do it whilst dancing to a song and carry on until the song finishes!



YEAR 1 BEEBOTS!

This week, children in Year 1 have been enjoying using the Beebots in their computing lesson. They have learnt how to make the Beebot move and follow a simple programming instruction.



YEAR 6 PRACTICE SATS WEEK!

Next week, children in Year 6 will be doing their practice SATs. Please make sure your child comes to school on time, having had breakfast so that they are well prepared for the day ahead! Please can your child bring a water bottle into school and please make sure they have an early night.

SHARING YOUR NEWS!

If you have any news about your child's achievements that you would like to share in our newsletter, please speak to your child's class teacher!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!

This week our Times Tables Rock Stars, Class Stars of the Week are:

CLASS	TT Rock Stars Star of the Week:
Anne Fine	Kai Porter
Roald Dahl	Logan Ilett
Jacqueline Wilson	Millie Jackson
JK Rowling	Alayna Hussain
Elgar	Abby Cornwall
Mozart	Sofia Shafiq
Beethoven	Summer-Rose Brown
Vivaldi	Adam Hatton

READING PLANET REVIEWS!

Following the successful introduction of our new Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

Class of the Titans 'The Great Escape'

At the start of the book you are introduced to the Titan children, Athena, Apollo, Hermes and more. I like how there are Greek gods in this story as it makes it very interesting. There is a war between Grandfather Kronos and the Titan children's father, Zeus, who has stolen two magic artefacts. Hermes, a Titan child, tries to help to get the artefacts back by putting a key in a puzzle box which has 5 layers. I want to know how the war ends and why they let the prisoners out and what happens to the 3 headed dog. The illustrations are amazing and I always enjoy looking at these after reading the page.

Ishar, Year 5



WEEKLY UPDATES

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **20/01/23**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	90.3%	3
Willow	89.0%	6
Kandinsky	98.3%	7
Matisse	88.0%	2
Lowry	91.3%	4
Van Gogh	89.3%	1

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	95.9%	1
Roald Dahl	91.6%	4
JK Rowling	96.8%	3
J Wilson	97.5%	0
Elgar	98.1%	0
Mozart	93.3%	4
Beethoven	97.4%	1
Vivaldi	97.1%	4

Congratulations to **Kandinsky Class**, **JK Rowling Class**, **Jacqueline Wilson Class**, **Elgar Class**, **Beethoven Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well done to **Jacqueline Wilson Class** and **Elgar Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

93.8%

COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

WEBSITE UPDATES:	National Online Safety - Twitter
LETTERS:	17/01/2023 - Year 1 Phonics Meeting 19/01/2023 - Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly 20/01/2023 - Strike Action
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	18/01/2023 - Year 3 Stone Age Theme Day 18/01/2023 - Number Day

MENU W/C 23/01/23

Swain House Primary School

Week
Commencing

31st Oct, 21st Nov, 12th Dec,
2nd Jan, 23rd Jan, 6th Mar
27th Mar

MENU Week 1

MON

Choose from...

- ☒ Mascarpone Pasta
- ☐ Pork Meatballs & Spaghetti
- ☐ Halal Pasta Bolognese

Desserts...

- ☒ Decorated Vanilla Sponge Cake
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

Choose from...

- ☐ Mild Chicken Curry
- ☐ Halal Keema & Peas
- ☐ Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos

Desserts...

- ☒ Volcano Buns
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

Choose from...

- ☐ Roast Chicken
- ☐ Halal Chicken Tikka Roast
- ☐ Vegan Cottage Pie

Desserts...

- ☒ Syrup Sponge
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

Choose from...

- ☒ Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Desserts...

- ☐ Flapjack
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

Choose from...

- ☐ Battered Fillet of Fish
- ☐ Savoury Roll

Desserts...

- ☒ Chocolate Sponge
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



A selection of additional options e.g. sandwiches, jackets etc. will be available each day.



For full allergen & nutritional information
go to the FM School Meals App:
<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.00 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.

If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	19/01/23	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	26/01/23	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Friday	27/01/23	All Day	Reception Dino Day
Thursday	02/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thursday	02/02/23	All Day	Time To Talk Day
Friday	03/02/23	All Day	NSPCC Number Day

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	26/01/23	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Thursday	02/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thursday	23/02/23	2.30pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Thursday	09/03/23	2.30pm	Kandinsky Holi Assembly
Thursday	16/03/23	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	23/03/23	2.30pm	Lowry Wesak Assembly
Thursday	30/03/23	2.30pm	Mozart Easter Assembly



Friday 3rd February 2023

GR  W TO SCHOOL

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
23rd January 2023



On Friday 27th January, children in Reception will be having a 'Dino Day' as part of their theme. Children can come to school dressed in green or dinosaur inspired clothing!

COMMUNITY NEWS

SONIC BOOM

New term starts
9.1.23/13.1.23

1 class	2 classes
Mini/Junior £25	Mini/Junior £42.50
Inter/Senior £30	Inter/Senior £47.50
Siblings £17.50	Siblings £35

5 week block!
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- GOALS SOCCER CENTRE
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year's 1,2 & 3 girls
training Friday evening
6.30pm-7.30pm
#wearethackleyjuniors

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INFORMATION](#)

THE HALIFAX YMCA PANTOMIME SOCIETY

HUMPTY DUMPTY
By STEPHEN DUCKHAM

**28TH JANUARY
TO
4TH FEBRUARY 2023**

£6 Conc/child, £8 Adults
Other ticket deals available

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or call 01422 353626

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The Marborough Hall
13 Crossley Street
Halifax
HX1 1UG

Bradford libraries Rhyme Challenge

BRADFORD LIBRARIES
• Rhyme •
CHALLENGE

Families with children under 5 years old are invited to take part in this year's Rhyme Challenge.

1st Feb
1st March
5th April

Baby Photo Booth
City Library

Book Now on Ticket Source
www.ticketsource.co.uk/bradford-libraries

Tim Simpson is an award-winning photographer and these are the perfect sessions to have a portrait of your little one taken. Each ticket includes a printed photo with the option to choose others. Our free weekly Rhyme Time session will also take place 10am on the same day, so why not make a morning of it.

Bradford Libraries
City of BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about Twitter.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TWITTER

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in October 2022 for \$44 billion, he has implemented several major changes to the platform.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INTERACTION WITH STRANGERS
Tweets are public by default, meaning that anyone can view and interact with posts, follow someone and send direct messages. The concern here is that young people may therefore connect and communicate with strangers. Some individuals may follow a young person's Twitter account simply because they have similar interests; however, others may turn out to have more sinister intentions.

FIXATION ON VIEW COUNT
Twitter has recently introduced a 'view count' feature – telling users how many people have seen their tweet (even if they haven't reacted to it). Previous research has found that unfavourable comparisons with other social media users can cause young people to experience feelings of insecurity, jealousy and low self-esteem – leading to an obsession with increasing their numbers.

TROLLS AND BULLYING
The anonymity offered by fake profiles encourages some users to send tweets designed to provoke a reaction; to disrupt conversations; to spark an argument; or to harass the recipient. Such trolling and bullying can impact the mental wellbeing of both the target and anyone who witnesses it. Encourage your child to come to you if they experience such behaviour on Twitter, or if they see it taking place.

PAID-FOR VERIFICATION
Previously, if a Twitter profile displayed a blue tick icon, it meant that the owner – usually a celebrity or a major organisation – had been verified as genuine. Now, however, anyone can pay for a Twitter Blue subscription to receive the tick, with the platform carrying out limited checks on the account's authenticity. This could easily lead to more fake accounts impersonating real people or companies.

CONTENT MODERATION CHANGES
In late 2022, Twitter stated that their "policy enforcement will rely more heavily on de-amplification of violative content: freedom of speech, but not freedom of reach". No policies have changed yet, but this wording suggests they may limit who can see posts rather than removing them. While supporting free speech, this could encourage an environment where some toxic content remains online.

HIJACKED HASHTAGS
The hashtag (#) is one of Twitter's most recognisable facets, allowing users to find specific trends or topics. But the sheer volume of tweets each hour can rapidly distort a hashtag's meaning: an initially innocent search term can quickly end up returning inappropriate results. This is common with 'trending' hashtags, as people know that using them will get their tweet seen by a larger audience.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET ACCOUNTS TO PRIVATE
To reduce some of the fear of your child's tweets being seen and shared by anyone, you can always make their account protected. This means that your child has to give approval for another user to view their posts. You can change Twitter's privacy settings so that your child can't be messaged directly by other people on the platform and their geographical location won't be shared.

FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING
It can be difficult for anyone to ascertain if something online is real or false, but particularly for young people. Encourage your child to check several reputable sources to determine if a story they've seen is true; remind them to watch out for scams and think about the message's possible motive. Emphasise that it's not a good idea to retweet something if they aren't sure it's correct.

ENGAGE SAFETY MODE
When Safety Mode is activated, Twitter checks for abusive or spammy behaviour such as hurtful language or repeated negative replies. The platform then flags these suspect accounts and blocks them from responding to your child's tweets. The autoblock function then prevents these accounts from interacting with your child's again for seven days.

EXPLORE THE NEW SETTINGS
Previously, any user could reply to anyone else's tweets. However, the new conversation settings let your child determine who can reply to their posts – either by selecting everyone (the default option), people they follow or only people they mention (using the @ symbol). This improvement has given users extra control, providing them with more protection from trolls and online abuse.

PAUSE BEFORE POSTING
It's important that young people think about what they're about to post and whether they might regret it later. Twitter has developed 'nudges': little prompts which appear if someone is about to tweet using harmful or offensive language. These nudges promote more positive online behaviour by giving users an opportunity to pause and consider their words before they post something.

BLOCK, REPORT OR MUTE
If someone is upsetting your child on Twitter, you can block and report them. Blocking stops them from messaging or following your child, while reporting an account alerts Twitter to investigate possible misuse. The 'mute' feature, meanwhile, keeps tweets from a specific account (or which include certain words) out of your child's timeline. The other user won't know that they've been muted.

BE CAREFUL WHO TO FOLLOW
As accounts are no longer being as rigorously verified under the 'blue tick' system, it's essential that young Twitter users understand what this means, in terms of people not necessarily being who they claim. Anyone who your child only knows online is still a stranger, regardless of how long they've been communicating for. Remind your child never to disclose personal information on social media.

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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Source: <https://blog.twitter.com/common-thread/en/topics/stories/2022/how-twitter-is-nudging-users-healthier-conversations> | https://blog.twitter.com/en_us/topics/product/2022/twitter-blue-update | https://blog.twitter.com/en_us/topics/company/2022/twitter-2-0-our-continued-commitment-to-the-public-conversation | <https://scholarworks.lib.csusb.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=213&context=std>

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