

# NEWSLETTER

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## CHILDREN IN NEED!

Last week, we celebrated and raised money for Children in Need. With your 50p donations and contributions towards our bun sale, we are pleased to announce that we raised a total of £466.44. We are so pleased that we could all come together to raise money for Children in Need.

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## YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE MOSQUE!

This week, children in Year 5 visited a local mosque as part of their learning from their RE lessons. The children were greeted by a Faith tutor from the Interfaith Centre and were introduced to the wash area, the prayer room and were able to look at the Islamic artefacts such as the Qu'ran, prayer mats and beads and some traditional clothing.



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

We will be having our Scholastic Swain House Book Shop in school and it will be open to children and parents from 5th December to 8th December. Please visit the small hall after school to view and purchase any books and children will be able to purchase books in school as well. At our last book fair, we raised an incredible £1278.61 for school books and spent lots of money on class novels, improving our Reading Café and the library. We would love to purchase some new books for reading areas in each classroom. The School Council have already told us some of the books and authors they would like to see in their classrooms.



## GROW TO SCHOOL!

We are very pleased that we are working with 'Grow to School' again this year to enhance our outdoor learning. They are a small company who work with schools to deliver outdoor learning programmes. They will be working with all year groups to plant, grow, tend and harvest fruit and vegetables throughout the year.

This year, Grow to School will also be working in the wildlife area with children at different points in the year. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 had a session in the wildlife area on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November. Children learnt about how World War One soldiers foraged for food, about life in the trenches and also tasted nettle tea! Children are looking forward to working in the raised beds and in the wildlife area this year.





# 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.



## ***Anne of Green Gables (Mars)***

*I think the Anne of Green Gables is a fantastic book so far because it is funny. This book is good because there is a good sister and a bad sister. My favourite character is the good sister because she is kind and helps her mum. I can't wait to read the rest of the book!*

**Millie, Year 4**

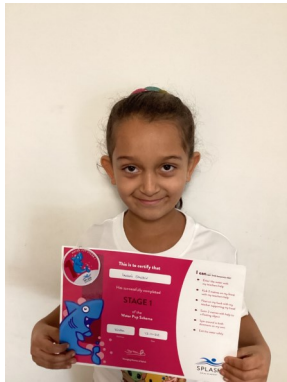
# RESOURCED PROVISION PARENT DROP IN!

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the Resourced Provision invited all of the parents into school to take part in a games and activities morning with the children. They started the day with arts and crafts and puzzles in their teaching groups. They then had a talk given by Bradford's Educational Audiologist, Antony Limbert. Lastly, all of the children came together to play games like pass the parcel. We all had a super morning!



# SHARING YOUR NEWS!

This week we would like to say a big well done to Ismail Aslam in JK Rowling class. He has learnt how to solve a rubix cube very quickly and has been demonstrating this to the class it is very impressive!



We would also like to say a huge well done to Imarni Shabir in Anne Fine class. Imarni has been awarded a certificate for swimming.

She said she had to swim 2 meters without her noodle. She floated on her back and spun around in both directions.

Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to Jessica Driver in Beethoven class. She received her 400m badge at swimming this week.



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!

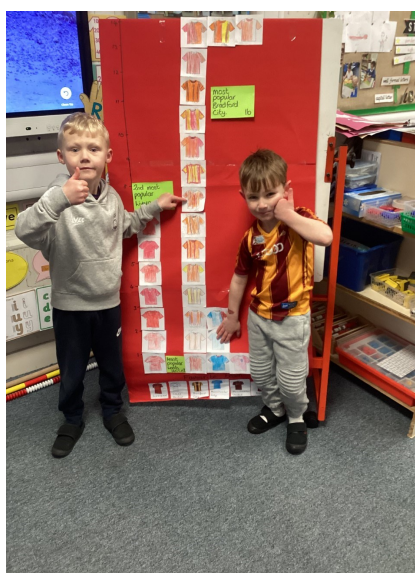
# ASSESSMENT WEEK!

Next week, lots of our children in school will be doing their first assessments of the year. In order to give them the best chance that they can, please ensure they come to school on time and have breakfast before coming to school. Also ensure your child has a water bottle in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

# WORLD CUP DAY!

On Monday 21st November, we held a World Cup Day to celebrate England's first World Cup game. Children came to school in football kits/ country colours and took part in lots of World Cup related activities. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed watching the game in the main hall!



## 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	Olly Chadwick
Roald Dahl	Abiha Hassan
Jacqueline Wilson	Abaan Khan
JK Rowling	Alex Obi
Elgar	Hareem Hussain
Mozart	Oscar Ross
Beethoven	Dylan Morrow
Vivaldi	Logan Lingard





# 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 **25/11/22**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	86.4%	7
Willow	90%	7
Kandinsky	85.5%	1
Matisse	95.2%	0
Lowry	89.7%	1
Van Gogh	84.3%	4

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	82.1%	3
Roald Dahl	88.1%	2
JK Rowling	88.3%	1
J Wilson	95.6%	3
Elgar	87%	1
Mozart	90.3%	2
Beethoven	92.9%	2
Vivaldi	95.3%	4

Congratulations to **Matisse Class** and **Jacqueline Wilson Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well Done to **Matisse Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

**89.3%**

## 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 - 'Tik Tok'
LETTERS:	25/11/22 - Year 2 Trip to Eccleshill Library
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	24/11/22 - Wellies! 25/11/22 - Reception Christmas Craft Reminder

# MENU W/C 28/11/22

## Swain House Primary School

Week Commencing

7th Nov, 28th Nov, 9th Jan  
30th Jan, 20th Feb, 13th Mar

### MENU Week 2

MON

#### Choose from...

- Meat Lasagne
- Halal Lasagne
- Cheese Pasta Bake

#### Desserts...

- Cornflake Tart
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

#### Choose from...

- Fruity Chicken Curry
- Halal Chicken & Spinach
- Mexican Burrito

#### Desserts...

- Decorated Fruit Jelly
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

#### Choose from...

- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Vegetable Roll
- Roast Gammon

#### Desserts...

- Plain Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

#### Choose from...

- Cheese & Tomato Pizza

#### Desserts...

- Butterfly Buns
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

#### Choose from...

- Fish Fingers
- Vegetable Pakora
- Salmon Fish Fingers

#### Desserts...

- Chocolate Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



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



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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	01/12/22	10:30 - 11:15 2:00 - 2:45	Great Oak Nursery Christmas Crafts Session
Monday	05/12/22	9.00 - 10.00 1:45 - 2:45	Reception Christmas Crafts Session
Tuesday	06/12/22	10:30 - 11:15 2:00 - 2:45	Little Acorns Nursery Christmas Crafts Session
Tuesday	06/12/22	8:30 - 12:30 1:30 - 3:30	KS2 WW1 Exhibition
Thursday	08/12/22	2:30pm	JK Rowling Hanukkah Assembly



# COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

## SWAIN HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Friday 2nd December, we are hosting our first Swain House Christmas Fair. There will be lots of stalls from local business owners where you can buy some lovely gifts for Christmas. There will also be some Christmas themed games for your children to play and be in with the chance of winning some prizes in our raffle.

We are also excited to announce that we will have a Santa's Grotto in our small hall where you can take your children to visit the man himself, Father Christmas.

Remember to bring cash on the day of the fair as most stalls will be cash only. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



## CHRISTMAS DATES!

As we know this time of year can be busy, we want to give parents and carers plenty of notice for our upcoming Christmas events!

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	02/12/22	4pm-6pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday	07/12/22	2pm	Y3/Y4 Carol Concert
Thursday	08/12/22	10am	Y5/Y6 Carol Concert
Friday	09/12/22	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday	09/12/22	Lunch Time	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday	12/12/22	Afternoon	Y1—Y6 Christmas Parties
Tuesday	13/12/22	10am and 2pm	Early Years Nativity
Wednesday	14/12/22	Afternoon	Early Years Christmas Parties
Thursday	15/12/22	10am and 2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday	15/12/22	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Glitz and Glam Disco

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**SONIC BOOM**

**New term starts**  
**31.10.22/4.11.22**

1 class	2 classes
Mini/Junior £35	Mini/Junior £59.50
Inter/Senior £42	Inter/Senior £66.50
Siblings £24.50	Siblings £49

7 week block!  
Pay Monthly Option Now Available

**LITTLETOPS TODDLER CLASSES**

Circus sensory classes aimed at toddlers and preschoolers. Siblings older and younger are welcome with plenty for them to do too!

A great balance of instructor-led activities including dance, acrobatics, props, sensory, throwing and catching and free exploration time on our circus equipment.

Aerial hammock and trapeze, climbing frames, bouncy castle, slides, balance equipment, sensory area and a large matted area.

**Fridays**  
9.30-10.30  
Footsteps Theatre School  
Westfield Lane, Idle

First child £6 class. Additional children £3 a class or £25 for 5 classes (£12.50 siblings)

SAVE THE DATE 12.11.2022

**FESTIVE LAUNCH**

12PM-7PM WITH LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 6:30PM  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 7PM

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**BRADFORD INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM**

**Sat 26th & Sun 27th November**  
10am - 4pm each day

**OVER 80 STALLS**

Scrooge  
Santa's tram  
Costumed characters  
Concert band  
Face painting  
Sandy Kidz Sand Art  
Other events also running throughout the day

**Victorian Christmas Market**

**Free Admission**

Moorside Mills, Moorside Road, Bradford, BD2 3HP. Tel: 01274 435900



# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## 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-18 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.

#### 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

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns - leading to irritability - and distract them from other activities.

#### 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.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with 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.

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## 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

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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