

NEWSLETTER

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ROAD SAFETY SESSIONS!

This week, children in school have had some road safety sessions. They learnt all about how to keep safe when crossing the road and took part in different workshops that involved practicing some of these skills. Take a look at some of pictures below!



SHROVE TUESDAY!

On Tuesday this week, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. We had a special assembly where we learnt all about the history of Shrove Tuesday. We enjoyed watching Miss Broomfield flip some pancakes! Some of us were lucky enough to try some - but not the ones that she dropped on the floor!



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 - Scavenger Hunt!



SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you be the fastest at finding your items?

HOW TO PLAY GET HUNTING!



- > Ask someone in your house to set you a mission!
- > They need to make a list of 10 things that are in your house
- > Find all the items on their list
- > Can you find everything on your list before anyone else in the house?



REMEMBER

Anyone can do this - All children in the house could each play, trying to be the first to find everything on the list!

A-Z

SUITABLE FOR: Ages 6-14

TAKES: 20-40 minutes



YOU WILL NEED:

- > Pen and paper to make the list



SAFETY...

As with any activity consider the space and make sure you have enough room that is free of sharp edges



EARLY YEARS STAY-AND-PLAY FEEDBACK!

Now that we are half way through the year, we would like some feedback on our Early Years stay-and-play sessions. We will then use this feedback to help tailor our future sessions. Please click the link below to access the questionnaire.

[QUESTIONNAIRE LINK](#)

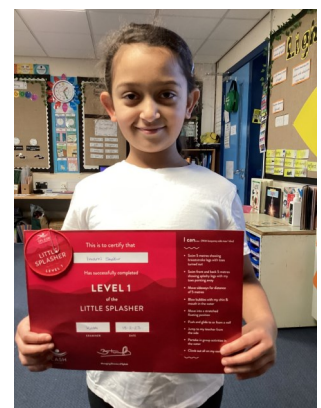
COOKING CLUB!

Last half term, some of our children in school enjoyed attending an after school cooking club. They learnt all about cooking and baking and enjoyed making some tasty treats to enjoy at home!



SHARING YOUR NEWS!

We would like to say a huge well done to Imarni in Year 3 who has achieved another swimming badge! It is a new level and she is really proud of herself. She had to swim 5 metres, jump in from the side of the pool and even jump in at the deep end. She has said she is going to keep on trying her best and get the next badge!



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!

CLICK THE LINK TO SEE REGULAR UPDATES ON
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!



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	Lyla
Roald Dahl	Abiha
Jacqueline Wilson	Binyameen
JK Rowling	Alayna
Elgar	Amelia-Jo
Mozart	Noah
Beethoven	Maryam
Vivaldi	Maahira

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.

Journeys - The story of migration to Britain

It's about the story of migration to Britain, which started in 1066. The book goes through the ages up to modern day. It includes lots of interesting topics including racism and how different religions were treated badly. I really liked the book in general but I mostly liked looking at the portraits from different eras over the years. This book also includes world maps, old and modern pictures as well as timelines which gave me a variety of things to look at whilst reading. I learnt a lot from reading this book and would recommend it to anyone who loves history.

Oliver, 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 **24/02/23**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	94.2%	1
Willow	92.3%	2
Kandinsky	99.0%	3
Matisse	93.5%	3
Lowry	93.5%	2
Van Gogh	96.0%	1

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	98.6%	4
Roald Dahl	94.2%	2
JK Rowling	95.8%	1
J Wilson	96.1%	0
Elgar	95.9%	1
Mozart	98.2%	2
Beethoven	96.1%	1
Vivaldi	100%	3

Congratulations to **Kandinsky Class**, **Van Gogh Class**, **Anne Fine**, **Jacqueline Wilson Class**, **Mozart Class**, **Beethoven Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

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

Our whole school attendance this week:

96.0%

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 - Spotify
LETTERS:	20/02/2023 - Dairy dates for this half term 22/02/2023 - World Book Day 23/02/2023 - NEU Strike Action
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	

MENU W/C 27/02/23

Swain House Primary School

Week Commencing
14th Nov, 5th Dec, 16th Jan
6th Feb, 27th Feb, 20th Mar

MENU Week 3

MON	Choose from... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pasta BologneseHalal Pasta BologneseItalian Tomato Pasta	Desserts... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Orange & Lemon SpongeFreshly Prepared Fruit
TUE	Choose from... <ul style="list-style-type: none">BBQ Chicken & RiceHalal Chicken Tikka MasalaSoya Mince Keema Curry	Desserts... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chocolate Ice Cream RollFreshly Prepared Fruit
WED	Choose from... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Halal Sheesh KebabQuorn Meatballs in GravyBraised Sausage	Desserts... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ginger SpongeFreshly Prepared Fruit
THUR	Choose from... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Desserts... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Oat CookieFreshly Prepared Fruit
FRI	Choose from... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fish FingersSouthern Fried Quorn Burger	Desserts... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chocolate SpongeFreshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



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





City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	28/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly (Rescheduled)
Thursday	02/03/23	All Day	World Book Day
Thursday	02/03/23	9.00am-10.00am 1.45pm -2.45pm	Reception Stay-and-play session
Thursday	09/03/23	2.30pm	Holi Assembly - Kandinsky Class
Thursday	16/03/23	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	23/03/23	2.30pm	Wesak Assembly - Lowry Class
Thursday	30/03/23	2.30pm	Easter Assembly - Mozart Class

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	23/02/23	2.30pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Tuesday	28/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh 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

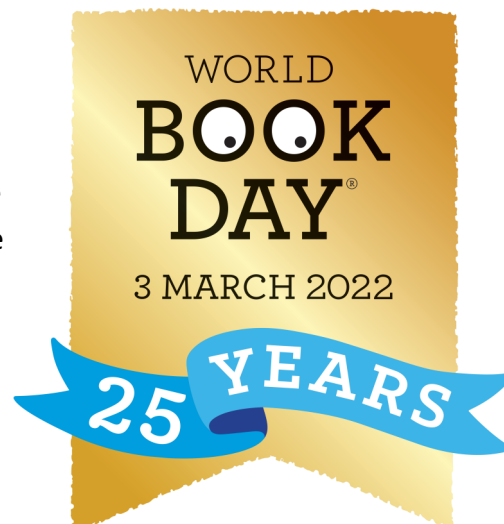
EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOPS!

This half term parents will be invited to some Easter crafts workshops with their children. Keep an eye out for some more information soon!



WORLD BOOK DAY!

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Your child may come to school in pyjamas or dressed as their favourite story book character. We also have a competition running - The Extreme Read! Please could you take a photograph of your child reading in a strange or unusual place and either send it into school to your child's class teacher or email the year group email with your photo. There will be a prize per class and this will be announced on Thursday 2nd March, in a special assembly. Please have all entries in by 9am on Wednesday 1st March 2023.



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!
Pay Monthly Option Now Available

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- SATURDAY MORNINGS
- GOALS SOCCER CENTRE
- 9:30AM TIL 10:30AM
- AGES 5-7 & 7-11
- £30 (6 WEEK TERM)
- TERM TIME ONLY
- FA QUALIFIED COACHES

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Thackley Juniors
26 mins ·



Good news
spaces available for
year's 1,2 & 3 girls
training Friday evening
6.30pm-7.30pm
#wearethackleyjuniors

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE
INFORMATION](#)

Bradford Libraries Rhyme Challenge



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



AWARE World Autism Acceptance Day 2023

Thursday 30 March 2023 - 10am to 2pm
McCall Suite, Bradford B08 7DY

AWARE will be holding a World Autism Acceptance Event (WAAD) at Bradford City AFC on Thursday 30

March (10am - 2pm).

The day is a drop-in event (tickets required) for families with autistic children or young people (no diagnosis needed).

This is an unmissable chance to meet a whole host of services including, but not limited to, education and health care, speech and language, social care, sports and activity clubs and much, much more!

You can attend the event any time that suits you between 10am and 1.30pm (the event closes at 2pm). You are more than welcome to bring children with you - the plan is to have a sensory chill out room that they can access if needed.

We have Urdu and Bengali speakers available. There is free parking available on site and the surrounding roads.

the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by Sleep76, Aug 2021

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SPOTIFY

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – graying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

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