



BORINGDON NEWS

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Dear Parents,

EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 3 continued with their tennis coaching from Tom Wyman (LTA Coach).

Year 5 had multi skills coaching with Argyle FC.

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team competed in a Rugby Festival – report below.

Reception had a story afternoon with Plympton Library.

TAG RUGBY REPORT

On Tuesday 9th October, ten children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the inaugural Plympton Tag Rugby Festival, at Glen Park Primary School. The children took part in four different skills sessions, then competed in small sided games against other schools. The children showed great aptitude and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



ASSEMBLY

The children had an interesting assembly all about marine biology. They are running a session at Plymouth Central Library during half-term, on 25th October 2018, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This is open to children and their families; they will be running different marine workshops and will be joined by a guest scientist from the MBA.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Year 3 are continuing with tennis coaching.

Also Year 5 will be continuing with their multi skills coaching.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents Evening will be held on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th.

Please note: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN BY TEACHERS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON THESE DAYS 'Newlife' will continue as normal.

REMINDER

Year 6 parents - if you haven't yet applied for your child's secondary school, please do so as soon as possible as the closing date is 31st October. This can be done through Plymouth City Council Admissions website.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Visit by Karen Richards

Last week in my role as school governor, I visited the school during the lunchtime break. I popped into the classrooms to observe the packed lunch procedure, and also visited the children eating school dinners in the hall. I especially wanted to see how Year 3 were adapting to the KS2 routines. It was lovely to have a quick chat with the children, and great to see some Year 5 children enjoying the sun, sitting outside at the picnic tables.

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

Here at Boringdon, we have always been very fortunate, and all parents have recognised the importance of good attendance and the obvious link with your child's progress. As a result, we do not receive a great number of requests to take leave of absence during term time. Presently our attendance is 97.8%. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

What the law says...

All parents/carers have a legal responsibility to make their child/ren attend school every day.

This is written in law because a good education is proven to give a child the best life chances.

Plymouth City Council can issue fines of £120.00 per parent for unauthorised absences from school.

IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE



We take pride in every thing we do!

190 Days 100%	186 Days 98%	183 Days 96%	179 Days 94%	175 Days 92%	171 Days 90%
Brilliant, the very best chances for your future	Great, a good future being planned for	Pleased, this is helping your future	Hmm, this will slow your progress	Concerning, hard to make progress	Persistent Absentees - not fair on your child

There are 190 days in the school year which gives you 175 days of family time, please support your child's future by ensuring they are in school every day.

Attendance the Big Picture

A child with only 90% attendance is losing half a day a week, which is equivalent to 4 weeks of lessons a year.

Attendance data is analysed regularly and letters are sent home if any pupils attendance falls below 90%. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please speak to the school office or contact the Headteacher, where we would be happy to assist you.

Helping your child to better attendance?

Your child can and should attend school when they have a cough, cold, headache, toothache or sore throat etc., if you give them "over the counter" medicines before school, not only will they have a full day of education, but you will be preparing them for working life and you will be teaching them to be resilient. Resilience is one of our identified Characteristics of Learning.

When your child has a minor ailment as mentioned above. Avoid saying - "See how you are at school or just tell your teacher if you feel unwell" because this encourages children to say something to the teacher within the first half an hour of school.

Instead say... "You will be fine once the paracetamol/medicines is working" or say "It's only a cough/cold/headache school is more important"

It is never ok to allow your child/ren to take time off school:

- On their birthday
- To baby sit younger children
- To go shopping
- Because other members of the family such as sisters or brothers are ill

When this happens the school will refer the case to the Education Welfare Officer

Phoning in your child's absence

Parents/carers have a legal responsibility and safeguarding duty to inform the school every day that their child is absent from school. You can speak to the school office or leave a message on the answering facility.

If your child is ill whilst at school, we will telephone you. Please contact the office if any of your contact details change.

Support your child's attendance to school by putting routines in place which include:

- Making sure phones, TV and consoles are switched off at bedtime to aid better sleep.
- Encouraging your child to put their uniform out and pack their bags the night before.
- Supporting your child to complete homework on the night it is set.
- Giving them plenty of healthy food and exercise to improve your child's immune system.

Borington Primary School
Attendance Officer is Mrs Jacqui Butterworth.
School office: 01752 330424

GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the children who were in the Golden Book:

- YEAR 6** Nicola Klaczek, Lola Jenkin, Liam Dann, Tyler Bindon, Claire Meads, Ewan Humphries and Ben Barnes
- YEAR 5** Matthew May, Neve Rowsell, Sarah Shepherd and Euan Trian
- YEAR 4** Zack Smith, Daisy Smith, Isaac Bridgman, Laila Gregory, Pixie Elliott and George Stuckey
- YEAR 3** Mya Roberts, Freddie Wilkinson, Jack Didymus, Annabelle Wilson and Nate Brooker
- YEAR 2** Hazel Eakers, Charlie Potter, Theo Worley, Harry Smith, Lily Pritchard, Isabelle Sargeant, Henry Luscombe and Noah Smith
- YEAR 1** The whole of 1W, Hanna Kopocinska, Sadie Kelly Orla Findlay, Rory Coulton, Sam Trim, Finlay Baird, Ruby Powell, Evie Maynard, Anya Findlay, Emma Stewart and Oliver Taylor
- REC** Amelia Holgate, Ava Thomas, Freya Turner, Joshua Brooker, Harper

Holding, Chloe Masters, Iris Horne and Frankie Pinder.

BORINGTON HOUSE CUP

This week's winner is ***BUCKLAND***

PROFESSOR ENDEAVOUR (chosen from Golden Book)

This week's winner is ***PIXIE ELLIOTT***



You can now book for the school disco on 1st November - hop onto PTA events to book and pay online.

Our next meeting is 6th November, in the Colebrook Inn at 7pm. Pop it in your diary if you'd like to come along.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Scales
Headteacher

SEE BELOW ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER



Online Safety Newsletter

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Welcome to the third edition of our Boringdon Online Safety Newsletter.

There has been a lot in the news recently about mental health issues including in children. Social media is being attributed as a large factor in affecting the mental wellbeing of children. Sky News recently reported that Matt Hancock, Health and Social Care Secretary, said that there should be official guidelines about how social media is used by children, amid fears over how it impacts on their mental health. He has told Dame Sally Davies, the UK's Chief Medical Officer, [to begin preparing official guidance on safe time limits.](#)

While there are no official time limit guidelines on social media, a study last year found watching television for more than three hours each day, is associated with poorer language skills in eleven-year-old children.

Tips to prevent too much social media use and on using it safely

The NSPCC says there is currently no common set of child safety rules or laws that social media sites have to follow. Each site gets to decide what steps they take to keep children safe.

Most social media apps have a minimum age rating of 13. If a social network has set an age limit it means that some of the content may not be suitable for a younger child. Parents are encouraged to research the social network and discuss with their children if they are mature enough to handle the type of content they may see on social platforms. Earlier this year, WhatsApp announced a new age limit of 16 for users based in Europe.

The Internet Watch Foundation has these tips for parents:

- :: Talk about online safety with your children, as soon as they have access to internet connected devices
- :: Set up parental controls and filters
- :: Make a family agreement about device usage
- :: Learn to safely live stream
- :: Teach your child when to say no
- :: See abusive content? Report it!

'Internet Matters': Online safety app for parents and children

Internet Matters is a not-for-profit organisation that has a simple purpose – to help keep children safe in the digital world. It provides help and support for parents navigating the digital world with their child. The site can be found here:

www.internetmatters.org/

'Internet Matters' is their app designed to help parents talk about online safety issues with their children, and to ensure that they make smart choices to stay safe online. Aimed at children aged between 8-10, the split-screen collaborative app helps them think about what they would do if they were faced with different situations online, from cyberbullying to sharing content with someone they don't know. There are quizzes and games to encourage parents and children to collaborate and talk about nine different e-safety subjects.

If you have any concerns about your child's online activity, we would encourage you to visit one of the websites listed for advice.

Mrs Trebilcock
Computing Co-ordinator



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1. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>
An education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command.
2. <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
All the information you need to keep your child safe online.
3. <http://www.pegi.info/en/index/>
Here you can check the age ratings of games and what the PEGI labels mean.
4. <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
Helping parents keep their children safe online.
5. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>
Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online.

TOP TIPS

Early use of digital technology has been shown to improve language skills and promote children's social development and creativity. But it's not without risks for young children, who may come across inappropriate content or begin to copy what older children do online.

On the reverse of this newsletter is an internet safety checklist for young children aged 6-10 from Internet Matters.



Internet safety checklist for young children

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online.

Put yourself in control

Install parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

Use airplane mode

Use airplane mode on your devices when your child is using them so they can't make any unapproved purchases or interact with anyone online without your knowledge.

Stay involved

Encourage them to use their tech devices in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

Talk to siblings

It's also a good idea to talk to any older children about what they're doing online and what they show to younger children. Encourage them to be responsible and help keep their younger siblings safe.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as Swiggle or Kids-search. You can save time by adding these to your 'Favourites'. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as YouTube.

Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram. Although sites aimed at under-10s like Moshi Monsters and Club Penguin also have social networking elements.