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NEWSLETTER Thursday 27th April 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back. Please read on to find out about the beginning of our term.

BIRCH CLASS In maths the Year one children demonstrated they could draw shapes and show 'half' the shape. They are also very proud of the growing element of science - we have sunflowers, carrots, beans and sweetpeas all ready to plant out. Year two have been working on their knowledge of time ~ well done! This can be a bit tricky.



BIKEABILITY



Bikeability or Cycling Proficiency was highly successful. The children in years 5&6 had a great time last week whilst developing their skill. The sessions start off in the playground with the basics to help build the skills, knowledge and understanding to cycle safely on the roads. They checked their bicycles to make sure they were ready for a journey and practised setting off, slowing down, stopping, looking behind, cycling one handed, turning and controlling speed. Everyone achieved their level 2 or level 1 badge, well done!

To celebrate Earth Week, **Oak Class** joined a live lesson with Piers Torday, the best-selling children's author, renowned for the Last Wild trilogy, to talk about how to write stories for nature. During the lesson, he talked about the power of storytelling to inspire action to protect nature and biodiversity. He also read extracts from his book and explained where his inspiration comes from and how he gives his characters their voice.



SYCAMORE CLASS



Sycamore class worked so hard weeding all the raised beds and preparing them for seeds. They even got stuck in with mixing in the manure! They were very excited to plant some potatoes as well as sow some seeds: wild flowers, mange tout and lettuce. Broad beans will be going in soon. If you have any spare plants, please send them our way as we have still have space and are very keen!

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

KS2 enjoyed a fab footie day at headlands on Monday. The day was filled with lots of fun, teamwork and sportsmanship and to top it off, some very unpredictable weather, which included a hail storm at the end of the day. We're so proud of each and every one of our pupils who did us proud!



PE: Martial arts.

It has been a great start to PE lessons as the whole school is introduced to martial arts. Richard, our visiting teacher aims to develop the children's

- concentration
- good behaviour
- stranger danger
- coordination
- confidence
- respect
- self-control

As well as having fun!



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	96.5%
Birch Class	95.9%
Sycamore Class	97.5%
Oak Class	95.6%

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

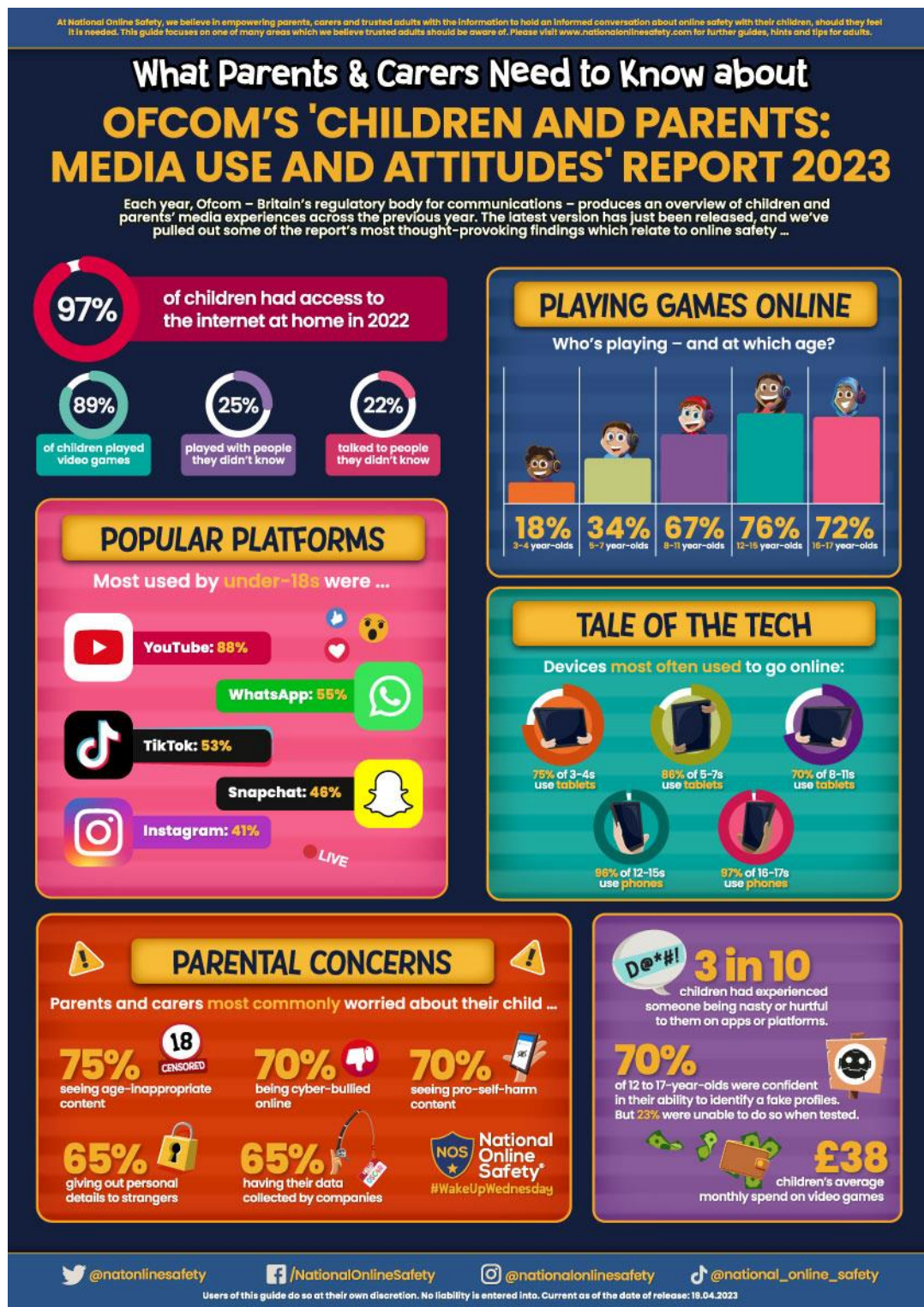
Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

Ofcom's annual 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report provides a comprehensive picture of how young people used and interacted with the internet in the preceding year. It's a fascinating snapshot of what games and apps young people are currently favouring, how long they spend online and how tastes change at certain ages. While some of Ofcom's latest findings will probably come as scant surprise (YouTube being by far the most popular platform among under-18s, for instance), other conclusions may raise an eyebrow or two. This guide presents some of the report's most eye-catching facts and figures in an accessible infographic format. In the guide you'll find statistics and trends such as the current most popular platforms for young people and the proportion of children in each age group who play online games.



SUNNY WEATHER

With the better weather promised can I remind you to apply sunscreen to your children before school. Please ensure sunhats and water bottles are in school each day. We will do our best to remind children to reapply sun cream at lunch time.



WORD OF THE FORTNIGHT

Our word this fortnight is: **Quacksalver** – a quacksalver is someone who says that they have skills or knowledge that they don't actually have.

KS2 SATs

Just a reminder to the parents of children in Year 6 that the annual SATs tests are being held during the Week beginning 9th May. I'm sure that all the children will be fine and do their best and I can assure them that it won't be anywhere nearly as bad as they might think it is going to be!

KS1 also do SATS but we keep this low key and have quiz days! All children across the school have some form of formal assessment in the summer term, but rather than have a high profile we prefer to keep it as low key as possible.

LOVE YOUR SCHOOL DAY

We really do have a fantastically supportive community! I just wanted to say a massive thank-you to all the staff, children and parents that supported the Love our School Day last weekend. The impact these days have on school cannot be underestimated ~ it really gives a lift to everyone, in every sense!



CURRICULUM FOR THIS TERM

The most up to date topic webs for this term have been uploaded onto the website and you can see what exciting things the teachers have planned for your children here.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24.4.23	Premier Sports Tennis Club begins. Every Monday for half a term.
24.4.3	KS2 Football tournament
25.4.23	PTFA meeting in school – Oak Class 3:30. Children can attend the after-school club free of charge whilst you attend the meeting.
1.5.23	BANK HOLIDAY
5.5.23	PTFA Red, White & Blue Coronation themed day.
8.5.23	BANK HOLIDAY
9.5.23	KS2 SATS week. Year 6 will be super busy this week as they take their SATS papers. Please ensure they are in school every day. We will ensure some treats along the way to keep their spirits up!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling) Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning) Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)
15.5.23	Oak & Sycamore Classes Forest school day
22.5.23	Birch Class Forest school day
23.5.23	2:30, village hall. Concert by our children who have individual lessons to showcase their talents!
26.5.23	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM 3:30pm
22-23.6.23	Sycamore Class wild wise camping trip
24.6.23	Village Summer Fete
28-30.6.23	Oak Class Mount Batten residential
19.7.23	KS2 production in village hall
20.7.23	Leavers assembly 1pm in church

**ADVANCED WARNING: SPORTS DAY DATE:
TUESDAY 11TH JULY (BAD WEATHER BACK UP
TUESDAY 18TH JULY)**

No doubt there will be a few other things to add to this list as the weeks go by, but this gives you a good idea of what's ahead for this term.

That's all the news for now. Have a good weekend.

Jill Ryder.



This is an after-school event, more details to follow soon.