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NEWSLETTER Thursday 25th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well – it's been a busy time over the last two weeks with all the classes working hard as the term hits full speed. I have the pleasure of having children come to me to show off their work and it is always a joy to see the effort and progress they make – my gold stickers guarantee a smile!

BROADHEMPSTON LEARNERS

Birch Class enjoyed last Friday in the woods, making medallions, following a nature trail and building dens! It's always a pleasure to watch children problem solve and work together in the woods.



Sycamore class have been working on poetry writing. They produced a range of fantastic poems and we then had a wonderful poetry slam where the children shared one of their own poems. There are definitely budding poets in the class!



It sounds like **Oak Class** had a great day at RAF Harrowbeer! Miss Barlow reports that the children had the opportunity to see a range of artefacts up close including propellers from hurricanes, the canopy from a Spitfire, a range of gas masks and helmets plus a lifeboat and all its accessories that would have been dropped from a plane to rescue airmen at sea. They learnt about the role of the RAF base during the war and the fact that the runways were built in just three months. After listening for the air raid siren, they spent

time in an Anderson shelter. There was quite a bit of disappointment when they were shown the rations they would have to live off!

It was particularly lovely to receive an email from the volunteers who run the centre thanking us for our visit and saying that the children were all very well behaved, polite and a real credit to our schools. How lovely!



ECO COMMITTEE

Our eco committee would like to remind everyone the importance of reducing single use plastics for the sake of the environment.

Wild challenge: wild challenge club have been busy making tree champions at lunchtime. We 'speak for the trees' as they provide food, shelter, and produce oxygen. So, we must protect them!



REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE

STOP LITTERING!!

Stop using foil and single use plastic and start using beeswax wraps. When we use single use things it hurts nature including lands and oceans. Please use metal bottles, plastic boxes and reusable things. We will be very thankful if you will stop using single use plastic.

In your lunch box use a plastic box or reusable wraps instead of foil or bags
Thank you
From Eco Committee






SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	97.2%
Birch Class	97.6%
Sycamore Class	96.6%
Oak Class	97.4%

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 lead is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

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In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

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INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube is a social media platform, which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT
YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if auto-play is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY
Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their own profiles as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content can expose children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The potential for social media challenges, which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on suspicious links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from choosing access to inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends. For example, comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS
Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily depleting a pay-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert
Claire Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 th – 11 th February	Mental health week: The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.
6 th February	Safer internet day Parent workshop at 3pm in Oak Class with Miss Barlow
9 th February	Break up for half term. Back to school Monday 19 th Feb
27 th & 29 th February	Parent consultations – booking info will be sent in due course
21 st February	Birch Reception class assembly for parents 3pm village hall
28 th February	Birch Y1&2 class assembly for parents 3pm village hall
5 th March	Class 3 Mosque educational visit
13 th March	Class 4 educational visit: Occombe Farm
14 th March	Jewish speaker visiting Birch and Oak classes
13 th March	Sycamore class assembly for parents 3pm village hall
20 th March	Oak class assembly for parents 3pm village hall
25 th March	Y5/6 Hockey tournament
28 th March	Break up – 3.30pm finish

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

Jill Ryder.