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Art Exhibition

Over the next two weeks some of our pupils will be having their Art work displayed at the Arts Centre at The Meeting House. Do try and have a look during half term and we will also be taking all the children up to visit in the first week back. Details of opening times are on the poster attached to the newsletter.

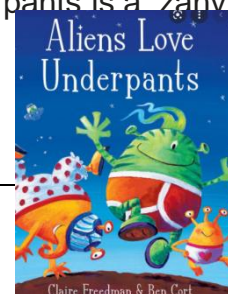
World Book Day

Don't forget that if you wish you can dress up as a book character on Thursday 3rd March. If you are struggling with a costume remember lots of book characters are everyday children and you may be able to make your own special prop to go with a costume over half term.



Look at a book

This week's book has been recommended by Pippin Class after finding lots of mysterious underwear around their classroom and school. Aliens Love Underpants is a zany, hilarious story that is simply out of this world you'll laugh your pants off!



Covid

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.

If **negative**, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;
If **positive**, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. They may be able to leave isolation and return to school on day 6 if day 5 and day 6 lateral flow tests, tested at least 24 hours apart are both negative.

If the child has a positive test result, but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. **They also need their LFT positive result recorded with the Government via <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>** Isolation can end early as above. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

From the 11th January, children who test positive on LFT without symptoms do not need to get a PCR test and instead start their isolation of 10 full days post the day of the test. As above this can end earlier if the additional tests are met.

A reminder that any information e.g if your child is waiting for a test or when they have received a result **must** be sent by email to the school office at greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk, please don't send via School Comms as the office email is checked out of hours unlike the School Comms app. **We also request that you don't send this via Class Dojo or Tapestry.** Your child must not come in or be brought to school if they have any Covid symptoms.

If your child is identified as a close contact and are 5 and over, they should lateral flow test for 7 days and only go for a PCR test if they develop symptoms. Children should not attend school if they get a positive LFT result – see guidance above re what to do if children receive a positive LFT.

When reporting absence please state the symptoms your child is experiencing as depending on these it changes their coding on the register. **If we receive messages with just descriptions such as 'unwell/under the weather' then the office will need to follow this up with you in a telephone call.** Please can we ask families to be respectful to any calls from the office re potential Covid illness as they are only following the Government guidance.



Lions' Award

Congratulations to our next Ilminster Lions' Award recipients.

Dove	Reggie S
Pippin	Kevan P
Sandew	Mabel C
Golden	Arthur P
Puffin	William R
Camelot	Oliver H
Hook	Lucas S
Dunkerton	Jaiden W-T
Morgan	Jessica C
Ashton	Sam W-F
Coker	Reggie S
Coopers	Lewis T
Gatcombe	Alexander H

Trophies and certificates will be presented on Thursday 3rd March at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 4th March at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.**



Online safety update

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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Top Tips for Respect Online: A DIGITAL WORLD FOR EVERYONE

Even before lockdowns inflamed the situation, one in every five 10- to 15-year-olds was experiencing bullying online: abusive messages, having rumours spread about them or being excluded from group chats, for example. Through smartphones and tablets, we're used to being able to communicate from anywhere, at any time – but digital devices became commonplace so quickly that it caused a problem: as a society, we haven't properly adjusted to how different they've made life. Our tips can help you to build positive relationships online and avoid some of the potential issues.

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

Etiquette is a set of rules to help us interact with others: like a code of respect. People follow this code every day (mostly without even thinking about it) and it can help us decide how to act in certain situations. 'Netiquette' (etiquette on the net – we see what they did there!) is the same, except it's designed to help us interact with others online, which is sometimes a whole different ball game.

1 SEE THE OTHER SIDE

Usually when we're online, we can't see the other person's body language or tone of voice to give us clues about what we can say to them, or how to say it. Try to think what the situation might be like for them, how they're feeling and whether we'd say the same thing if they were actually there with us.

2 HIT THE PAUSE BUTTON

Without a person physically there in front of us, it's easy to send something quickly – before we've really thought about whether it's helpful or kind. Just because we can do things quickly doesn't mean we should: it's better to pause for a second and think it through, instead of simply reacting.

3 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

People have invented loads of different ways to communicate online (emojis, abbreviations like LOL, TBH and so on). Some of these can be triggering to other people (such as USING CAPS SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE SHOUTING!), so it's important to stay aware of the style of language you're using.

4 BE SURE BEFORE YOU POST

On social networks like Instagram or Facebook, vast numbers of people might see what you've posted. So if that's something negative about a person, it can feel hugely painful for them. If you're ever tempted to post something like that, ask yourself "do I really need to go public with this?"

5 PROTECT YOURSELF

Always think very carefully before sharing any personal information with someone else or in a group. Once something's been put online, the sender loses any control over where it goes and who might see it. If you've got any uncertainty at all, it's a good idea to talk to a trusted adult about this first.

6 KINDNESS IS CATCHING

Negative communication can spread rapidly online, but so can being kind and helpful (this happened quite a lot during lockdowns, for instance). A friendly, positive message can make a big difference to someone as well as helping us feel good about ourselves – so share the love!

7 WAITING CAN BE HARD

When we've sent a message or posted something online, waiting for a reply or for someone to respond can make us anxious. It could be helpful to think whether you really have to message or post right now – or if you could wait until a better time when it will cause you less anxiety.

8 THE NET LOVES ATTENTION

Most apps, games and sites use sophisticated technology that's designed to keep us coming back for more. It's important to keep this in mind when you feel the need to reach for your phone, tablet or console – once we understand this fact, it becomes easier to control how we use our digital devices.

9 REPLY WISELY

Sometimes it's tempting to fire back an instant response to a post or message we don't like. How we respond is important, however – whether we reply privately to the person or on a platform where lots of people will see it, for example, makes a big difference to how whoever is receiving the message will deal with it.

10 FORGIVE AND FORGET

Even though we try to avoid them, mistakes can – and do – happen online. They can sometimes feel like a bigger deal than they actually are. It's important to remember that we're all only human, and sometimes we mess up. Learn to forgive others and – just as importantly – to forgive yourself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Carole Francis-Smith is an experienced counselling psychologist who, through her research, specialises in promoting safe and ethical online communications. She consults with businesses and organisations to support positive and effective communication online, often by considering some of the more hidden aspects of the mediums.



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FrOGS news

FrOGS meeting

The next FrOGS meeting is on Thursday 3 March from 6:00 – 7:00pm. We will meet on Zoom and afterwards at The Dolphin from 7:30pm. We'll be talking about bringing back the school summer fete and re-opening the swimming pool for hire again. For both these things to happen we really need more volunteers. You don't have to have a huge amount of time to give us and it doesn't need to be a life long commitment! So come along and let us know what you might be able to do to help and we can take it from there! Meet up at The Dolphin after is just a nice chance to have a bit of a chat and to socialise! The zoom link will be sent out by the school after half term.

The Great Greenfylde Flip Off

Your child will have come home from school this week with a sponsorship form and letter detailing our Great Greenfylde Flip Off due to take place in school on Tuesday 1 March. How many pancakes can you flip in one minute? Which class will flip the most? Will you be Top of the Flips or Top of the Flops? First and foremost we hope this will be a bit of fun for the children. We also hope to raise some money for our school via sponsorship of your child's efforts. You can sponsor per flip, a set amount or a family donation. For pre-schools there is a fun run option. Please only give what you can – all the children will take part regardless. Keen to be Top of the Flips? Grab a frying pan and a wrap and get flipping over half term too! Please collect and return sponsorship money to FrOGS by 9:00am Friday 4 March. Cash and Cheques (made payable to Friends of Greenfylde School please) must be placed in an envelope with your child's name and class and reference 'Pancake'. This must go through the front door to the school office and not via teachers please. Or sponsorship can be paid in directly via BACS to Friends of Greenfylde School, 30-92-40 Account: 01410937. Please reference 'Pancake' Good Luck

How many pancakes can you flip in one minute? Which class will flip the most? Will you be Top of the Flips or Top of the Flops? Every child gets to take part in the fun and will earn a certificate with a record of their flipping achievement.

The big question! What are FrOGS actually fundraising for?

Since FrOGS re-started fundraising in mid-October you have already helped us to raise over £2,000 in 4 months! Thank you so much for all your support!

But why do we even need to fundraise for the school? Unfortunately schools do not receive enough state funding to allow them to provide them with all the experiences we feel they deserve and so PTAs such as FrOGS have had to increase their efforts over the years to raise additional funds for schools that allow them to give more to their pupils. Over the years, FrOGS has paid for over £3,000 worth of books for the school library, the pond and garden area and log cabin which all used for forest school, the stage blocks in the school hall for plays and performances, games, toys and additional resources for classrooms and outdoor play. The school pool is also entirely funded by FrOGS. Looking forward we are now focused on raising funds that will be put towards the two new libraries of the new primary school – new seating and book displays for example, as well as revamping of the playground areas to make them suitable for all ages. We've estimated we need to raise £4,000 for these two projects alone. There will be lots of ways the school community can help us over the next year – and not all of them require you having to give money yourself. Other ways to help include donating your time for repairs to the swimming pool, painting of classrooms, or talking to your employer about whether they will put on a fundraiser for us. If you have ideas or suggestions then please do come and talk to us!

SCHOOLS GO VISUAL IX

February 22 - March 5

Ninth display of work by local school children
An exhibition that is filled with colour and creativity



On the final day the exhibition
will close at 1pm

Opening hours:
Tuesday-Friday 9.30am—3.30pm
Saturday 9.30am—3pm
Closed Sundays & Mondays

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