

NEWSLETTER

20th May 2022

Newton and Galileo News!

When I write this piece for the newsletter it will almost be time for PGL! I know by the time that you are reading this the children will be home and telling you about their amazing trip and all the cool things that they have been up to. Last term we went back in time and thought about the invention of steam. Thinking about how it has changed the way that we live for the better, also thinking about the impact that this has had upon our planet. This term we have become INVESTIGATORS! We have tried to solve the crime of the broken biscuits (MRS EDEN WE ARE LOOKING AT YOU) and read the book Boy in the tower. As we move into our final term, we are going to reflect on how far we have come this school year, and how much we have changed as learners. Looking forward and talking about how we are going to embrace the final year of primary school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th May
Y6 Scout Adventure residential trip

Wednesday 25th May
Woodside Falconary Trip - Reception

Friday 27th May
End of Term 5

Monday 6th June
Start of term 6

Thursday 9th June
Year 2 Beach trip Skegness

Friday 24th June
Y1 WOW – Dinosaur VR Workshop

SICKNESS POLICY

Although we pride ourselves on our excellent attendance, we do ask that parents follow the sickness policy. We ask that a **minimum** of 48 hours before your child returns to school from the child's last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

We are asking parents to follow this policy and use your parental intuition to see when your child is fit to return to school. Returning before the bug is fully out of their system may cause illness to continue to spread through their friends and the staff.

PE REMINDER

Children are required to take earrings out during their PE sessions. If this could be done before they come to school, that would be extremely helpful. If not, children will need to do this themselves at school. If taking earrings out is not an option, they will need to be covered with a plaster. We have PE tape in the first aid supplies for this. This is for health and safety reasons. We thank you for your help in this matter.

The school PE kit is listed below also as a reminder:

- A plain white or purple T-shirt
- Plain navy or black shorts
- Plain navy or black jogging bottoms
- Plain navy or black jumper or zip through top
- Black plimsolls or trainers

REMINDER - ATTENDANCE

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is a parent/carer's legal responsibility and permitting absence from school that is not authorised by the school creates an offence in law.

Parents must:

- Inform the school on the first day of absence.
- Discuss with the tutor/class teacher any planned absences well in advance.
- Support the school with their child in aiming for 100% attendance each year.
- Make sure that any absence is clearly accounted for by telephone, text or email on the first and subsequent days of absence, or by letter if a phone is unavailable.
- Avoid taking their child out of school for non-urgent medical or dental appointments
- Only request leave of absence if it is for an exceptional circumstance.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

As we head towards the end of the school year we are reminding all parents and carers that if a person other than a parent or carer is collecting your child from school, you must give your child's teacher permission at the start of the day. Some of the teachers do not recognise family or friends and as a safeguarding rule, we cannot release your children without parental consent. If you have a regular arrangement with a friend, childminder or family member to collect your child from school, please inform the class teacher. We appreciate that last minute arrangements have to be made. When this is the case we ask that you call the school office by 3pm to ensure the message can get to the classroom on time.

ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 77% of 4-year-olds claiming their own mobile phone and 59% using messaging apps. As becoming familiar with technology in general is encouraged in younger children, and has been essential for education during the pandemic, it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of online and offline digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

Use your mobile phone, tablet and laptop together with the child. This helps you to monitor what they are doing and to help them understand what they are doing. It also helps you to explain why you are doing it.

PARENT CODE
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6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Most apps have in-app purchases. You can block these in the app settings. This means you can prevent your child from buying things in the app without your permission.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most apps and devices have parental controls. These can help you to control what your child can do on the device. You can also use these to limit the amount of time they spend on the device.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

Use the screen time settings on your device to limit the amount of time your child can spend on the device. You can also use these to limit the amount of time they spend on specific apps.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are many apps and websites that are safe for children. You can find these in the app store or on the internet. You can also use parental controls to limit the amount of time they spend on these apps and websites.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

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4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

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9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out more about an app or website is to ask a trusted adult. You can also use parental controls to limit the amount of time they spend on these apps and websites.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

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10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

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Meet Our Expert

Dr Sarah Brown is a leading expert in children's digital wellbeing. She has written several books on the topic and is a regular speaker at conferences and events.



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VAN!**



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Please help us to support the people of Ukraine.

We are aiming to fill a van with donations urgently needed and sponsor it's journey.

Working with Polish School Lincoln – Szkoła Polska w Lincoln and Support for Ukraine Lincolnshire all donations will be shipped directly to Poland and onto Ukraine or remain in Poland to support the Ukrainian refugees there.

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