



Managing Online Information



This term the focus for our E-Safety learning is Managing Online Information and the children have received age related lessons to support their understanding of how information is presented on the Internet and to develop their critical thinking skills about the validity of information presented to them.

In assembly this week the children discussed the information they find online and were asked to consider the reliability of what they find when they are searching for information. They demonstrated the knowledge they already have by sharing their understanding of the difference between facts, opinion and lies.

We talked about how filters are used to alter photos and how people use them to make themselves look different and that these photos do not always represent how they look in real life We also discussed the growth of Artificial Intelligence and how to look out for signs that AI may have been used in the production of text or images.

[Internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org) have produced guidance for parents on how to tackle misinformation. This contains [resources](#) for older children to support their critical thinking including an interactive story about [HarleeGamez](#) and his favourite streamer. [BBC Bitesize](#) also offer a range of content, videos and quizzes to enable children to evaluate digital content.

Year 2 visit We the Curious

Last Friday the children in Year 2 took a trip into Bristol to We the Curious to support learning in their science enquiry: What could my classroom be made of?



They took part in an interactive workshop which reinforced the learning they had done in school on the properties of materials and also developed their engineering skills,

They were asked to build and design mini houses to explore the properties of different building materials—such as the ability of brick walls to withstand a tornado and how best to waterproof your roof. The children were fantastic throughout their visit and can be very proud of themselves.

Year 4 enjoy Folk Music Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 4 were joined by their friends from Emersons Green Primary to take part in an interactive folk music workshop with the Andrews Massey Duo.



The workshop, organised by one half of the duo Emily Correa, was funded by Culture West. It involved the children singing along to the performance and having the chance to join the duo on stage. There was also an opportunity to dress up and pretend to be in an army.

The children really enjoyed listening and joining in. They particularly enjoyed the actions to Little Bunny Foo Foo especially rounding up the mice and bopping them on the head.

Diary Dates:

Thurs 6th Feb: Y6 trip to Lifeskills

Fri 7th Feb: PTA Rags to Riches Collection

Thurs 12th Feb: Last day of Term 3 for pupils

Fri 14th Feb: INSET Day—school closed to pupils

Mon 24th Feb: Start of Term 4

Tues 25th Feb: Author, Mevan Babakar, visiting Rec & KS1:

Mon 3rd March: Leaf Literature Festival Begins

Attendance Champions this week

Our attendance champions this week for the second week running are Year 1 with attendance of 97.6%

Year 6 also exceeded our target of 97%

Child Exploitation Awareness Session



Parents/Carers can access this FREE online session to

Families are often the first to notice their child is being exploited.

- Learn about different types of exploitation.
- Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.
- Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline.
- Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!

Led by Prevention Officer Andri Nicolau from the dedicated child exploitation team.

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This free online session has been arranged by the Avon and Somerset Safeguarding Training Network and is being delivered by Prevention Officer, Andri Nicolau from the dedicated child exploitation team.

The session is taking place on Microsoft teams on 30th January from 20:00-21:00. there is no need to book just use [this link to log in](#).

If you have any concerns for your child regarding this then please contact Mr Fry and or ring South Glos' Access and Response Team on 01454 866000 for advice,

Acting Responsibly and Respectfully

Please can we remind everyone to act respectfully to each other and role model the behaviours we expect to see from our children when interacting at collection and drop off. This includes respecting the rules of not parking in the school car park.

This week's Champions!

This week we have been focussing on the school value of pride. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Jack & Vienna
Reception	Erin & Romeo
Year 1	Thea & Lottie Sm
Year 2	Archie & Lyle
Year 3	Sophie & Arthur
Year 4	Isla & John
Year 5	Riley & Kiki
Year 6	Maisie-Lei & Talia

This week's Champion...

Pride is our focus this week and Sophie in Elm has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Stack writes "Sophie embodies the true values of a Blackhorse champion. She is always showing respect to her peers and the other adults in the school and is willing to help them. Any task you give her, she takes great pride in it to showcase her understanding and ensuring that it is presented to a high standard. It is always a pleasure to read her work and a true delight to have her as a member of Elm class. Keep up the super work Sophie!"



X -it?

On Monday at our Local Governing Board meeting the Governors discussed the merits of Blackhorse using X (formerly Twitter) as a means of sharing events. Taking into consideration the platform X has become, it was suggested we move to a different platform.

For now, we will be sharing our news and events through our blackhorseprimary Instagram account. If you have any views on this matter please contact us via the office@blackhorsepri.org.uk email account.