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Newsletter

Happy Easter!

And just like that, another Term at Grove Road has finished! It only feels like yesterday we came back in January! It has been an incredibly busy Term full of lots of exciting trips, visitors, themed days and workshops.

We were also thrilled to share the outcome of our January OFSTED visit which recognised some of the amazing things that staff and children at Grove Road achieve daily.

Of course, there have been some very sad and worrying things in the news recently, such as the Ukraine crisis. Thank you for the generosity of so many of you in your donations at our Easter festival, the money raised will go directly to the Ukraine appeal. We were also delighted to receive so many donations of chocolate for the food bank so that Easter joy can be shared with those less fortunate.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Grace Beckford

Deputy Headteacher



"Our family school where all are equally valued"

Celebration

Our wonderful certificate winners are:

Red Class – Zaroon received an empathy award for helping his teacher with lots of jobs.

Orange Class – Ajay received a creativity award for making an amazing bubble machine in the creative area.

Yellow Class – Japman received a self-confidence award for working hard to improve his sounding out in phonics.

Green Class – Ihsan received a self-confidence award for contributing more in class discussions.

Blue Class – Anayah received a creativity award for coming up with interesting rhyming words in her poem.

Indigo Class – Umaiza received an initiative award for her time taken to consolidate learning at home.

Violet Class – Kajus received a self-confidence award for singing loudly and clearly in his group and showing excellent listening during his ukulele lesson.

Gold Class – Aarit received an empathy award for using his own time to check if another child had understood learning.

Comic Relief

Thank you for the generous donations given towards this year's Red Nose Day appeal. We managed to raise £169.63 as a school, with Potter being our top fundraisers this time by raising £54.30. It was a lovely day spent dressed as superheroes!



World Book Day



It was another amazing celebration of reading on World Book Day this year, with children coming into school dressed up as a character from books by an author chosen by the class. It was amazing to see some of the creativity of some home-made costumes as well as some of the staff! It was a great celebration of reading throughout the whole school.

Violet Class Junior Roadwatch



Violet class were good citizens this month when, alongside police, they patrolled Cromwell Road for speeding drivers and were able to give a short educational talk to anyone that they found to be breaking the speed limit. Thank you Violet class for making our roads safer!

Gold Class British Museum Visit



Gold class enjoyed a day of exploration at The British Museum to consolidate their learning about the Ancient Greeks. They spoke of the artefacts that they were able to see related to their topic, but also about some of the other interesting exhibitions. An enjoyable day for all!

Green Class London Zoo Trip



Green class spent a lovely day seeing animals in the heart of London!

They enjoyed seeing lots of animals in a range of habitats and behaved brilliantly!

Miss Johnson

You may already have heard the happy news that Miss Johnson is expecting a baby in July! Miss Johnson will be with us until the end of this academic year. We look forward to sharing happy news with you soon!

Summer Term Uniform

When we return from the Easter break, children may come to school in the Summer uniform.

Grey school shorts and the school striped summer dress are both available at the school uniform shop 'Sanco' as well as many other high street retailers.



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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&H*!

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok, leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ESGAR

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £89 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

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Coming up in April

1st – End of term – school finishes at 1:30pm
19th – Start of Summer term
19th & 20th – Reception class parent-teacher meetings
25th – Taste of Grove Road
29th – Indigo Class Cadbury World trip
29th – England Does the Daily Mile

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