



Message from Mrs Carlyle

International Day has been enjoyed by everyone. The costumes have been wonderful and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

We are now on countdown to the end of term and we have many exciting events on offer over the next 2 weeks. Next week we will be releasing the school calendar for next year.

Have a great week, take care.

Mrs Carlyle

Key upcoming dates:

Monday 10th July	Tuesday 11th July	Wednesday 12th July	Thursday 13th July	Friday 14th July
International Day	Brunel - Picnic	Carroll - Picnic	Pankhurst - Picnic School Council celebration 4pm - Junior Hall	Seacole - Picnic
Monday 17th July	Tuesday 18th July	Wednesday 19th July	Thursday 20th July	Friday 21st July
SPORTS DAY - Junior School	2.30pm - Year 6 Dance performance 4pm - Year 2 Disco 5.30pm - Year 6 Disco	2.30pm - Year 2 Dance performance 3.15pm - Open House event	Year 6 Awards Ceremony	Year 6 - Paulton's Park

Online Safety

Thank you to our parents who attended the Online Safety training event last week! It was great to get together and discuss similar issues and share ideas.

If you are looking for advice on keeping your child safe online, check out [National Online Safety](#) for tips and ideas.

Please check additional information below on 'Huggy Wuggy' and some of the issues it can cause.



Year 6 Events Update

As Paultons park trip is on Friday 21st July, Year 6 can bring in their spare t-shirts/leavers books to be signed on Thursday 20th July.



Communication Summary

Check here to see if you have missed any communication relevant to your child.

Find copies of letters [here](#), contact the school office on 02392 663645 or email contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk



- Infant school - reading/library books
- Junior Sports Day - can you help?
- Year 2 events information
- Year 4 residential trip
- New Years 5 & 6 - mobile phone consent form to complete
- Year 6 Dance performance
- Year 6 residential trip
- Year 6 - Paultons Park trip
- FSM parents - food voucher information
- Uniform order cut off dates
- Stubbington trip 2024 - survey of interest
- Summer holiday local camps and events information



End of Year Open House

We would like to invite parents and carers into the school from 3.15pm on Wednesday 19th July for a final opportunity to talk to their child's current class teacher and take a look at all the amazing work that has been going on this year!



A huge well done to Miss Dawkins, Miss Wright, Mrs Rodriguez and Mrs Philli for running the Race for Life and raising an incredible £845 for Cancer Research!



Who is Huggy Wuggy?

Poppy Playtime is a PC horror game that involves an unnamed protagonist investigating a mystery in an abandoned toy factory. As the player, you roam around the factory and collect VHS tapes to solve the mystery of what happened. You must solve puzzles while trying to survive the “vengeful toys” left behind. “Huggy Wuggy” is one of the game’s most popular – and visually disturbing – characters. It’s a giant, horrifying blue creature with bulging eyes, wide red lips, and long limbs who actively follows you around as you try to complete the game. He appears in the dark unexpectedly to try and catch you. If you get caught, Huggy Wuggy bears his wide and sinister grin and eats you.

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing in merchandise from the game ‘Poppy Playtime’ and one of its characters ‘Huggy Wuggy’.

Parents and carers can find out more about the risks involved with this game [here](#).

We are requesting that any merchandise linked to the game is not brought into school.

Thank you

Recycling News

Mrs Phillips has signed the school up to a recycling scheme which recycles plastic bottle lids in exchange for Earth Tokens. You can find out more in [this letter](#).



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE



A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble *does* have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared for some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

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Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/10/03/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/>

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King's Academy College Park

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

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School Closed/ Holidays
 First and Last Day of School
 Bank Holidays
 Inset Days

