



## Message from Mrs Carlyle

As always, it is a busy time in school.

The year 6 pupils will be doing mock SATs in preparation for May and the teachers in year 2 are preparing the children for SATs. Year 1 is being decorated and the Creative Dragon is being represented in each classroom.

Everywhere you look, children are reading to adults, by themselves or to their friends. The libraries in both the infant and junior building are buzzing with excitement constantly. The children are keen to share their reading diaries and show the teachers how often they read at home. They all enjoy being part of the reading rewards. Thank you for supporting your children in being part of this.

Have a great week.

**Mrs Carlyle**



### Ofsted Parent View

Thank you to everyone who has submitted an Ofsted parent survey. So far we have had a total of 33 people complete across the two schools – it would be great if we had more! If you have something good to say about us – please share it!

If you have completed the survey and are not happy with the school, I urge you to make contact with us so we can try to resolve any issues!

Thank you!



This week's assembly theme is...

# International Women's Day

**Our assemblies this week have focused on International Women's Day, and as a school we have decided to focus on women in sport. Our aim is to ensure all of our girls are engaged in sports and see themselves as potential future stars.**

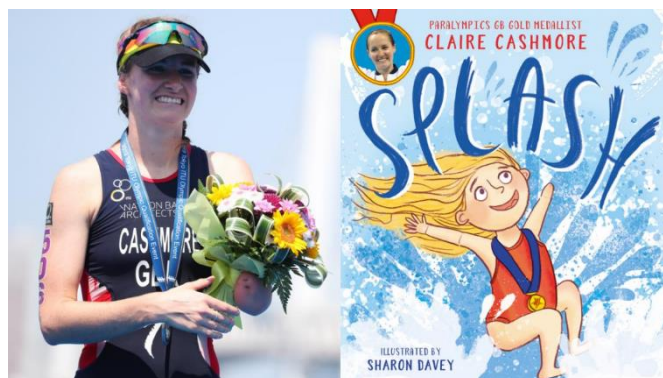


In the junior school, we have explored what makes a good female role model, by looking at some of the pioneers in women's football, like Carol Thomas BEM, famous for being England's first UEFA Women's EURO captain. In classes we will be looking at what makes a good female role model, by thinking about how successful women in sports link to our school values.

In the infant school we are shining a light on the book *Splash* by Claire Cashmore, and exploring how the Paralympian began her swimming career, supported by her sisters.

In class our pupils will be exploring the book in more detail and also getting active with some [Disney Dance Alongs](#).

There is support for women of all ages looking to get into fitness and sports at [This Girl Can](#).



## Key upcoming dates:

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
		<b>International Women's Day</b> Year 5 & 6 girls to come to school in sportswear  Gardening & Boys Writing Club	Netball & Origami Club	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
		NEU Strike Day	NEU Strike Day	<b>Red Nose Day!</b>  Year R NCMP Checks

**\*\*\*INSET DAY ADDED – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023\*\*\***

## 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](mailto:contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk)

- Year 2 - Reading Information
- Year 5 - Gilbert White House trip
- Year 6 - Mock SATs Reminder/Week Change
- Year 5 & 6 Girls – International Women's Day
- Junior School - Short Story Competition
- Wellies - donations from Year 6 please!
- Inset day - Friday 31st March
- Reminder - Nut Free school

Please remember that you can no longer use Studybugs to contact the school.

You will need to with call or email the office team.



All parents and carers need to ensure that their child does **not come to school with any nut based products in their lunchbox or as part of their healthy snack.**

It is terrible that we had in incident in school last week where a pupil was taken ill due to nut products in the lunch hall.

**This is life threatening for some pupils.**



# Mrs Gaston's Radical Readers Book Club

Come to the library to enjoy reading a book.

**Place:** Junior Library

**Time:** 12:10 to 1:30 every Tuesday

- appreciate some quiet reading time on your own
- read with a friend
- listen to Mrs Gaston read to you



*'Reading should not be presented as a chore or duty. It should be offered as a gift' - Kate DiCamillo*

## ONLINE SAFETY



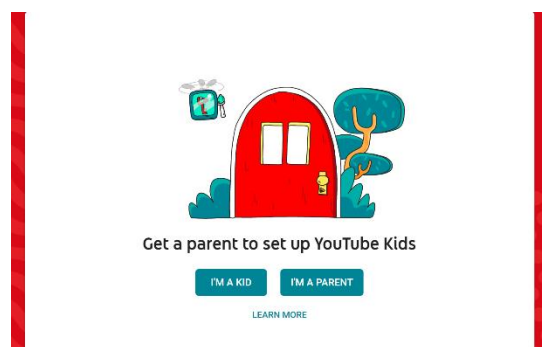
Last week a group of our school value ambassadors met with Miss Davies, from King's Group Academies, to talk about online safety.



Following this, we are looking at ways we can improve our pupil's and their families' understanding of how to stay safe online, and how to report any situations that make them feel uncomfortable online.

As part of this, we will be updating our website with a reporting tool. Already on our website you can find links to key sites which give you more information about staying safe online. We will also be sharing weekly updates via this newsletter about key apps and online platforms with important information about how to stay safe online.

We are starting with a guide to staying safe on YouTube. Please note, the safest way for your child to use YouTube is for them to access [YouTube Kids](#).





# Our Value Champions this week...



Ronnie  
Afsana

Seahorse Class  
Starfish Class

Karis  
Daisy  
Max  
Ruby  
Jamie

Ra Class  
Hathor Class  
Minerva Class  
Minerva Class  
Carroll Class



Tilly  
Charlie  
Thea  
Jude

Turtle Class  
Seahorse Class  
Zebra Class  
Giraffe Class



Henry  
Joseph  
Lockie  
Louie

Turtle Class  
Jellyfish Class  
Meerkat Class  
Flamingo Class

Gracie  
Harrison N  
Haveen

Horus Class  
Brunel Class  
Carroll Class



Ellie

Starfish Class

Hayden  
Eden  
Maya

Ra Class  
Horus Class  
Brunel Class



Year 2

Reynami  
Annira

Neptune Class  
Neptune Class



Baxley  
Matilda  
Emu Class

Wombat Class  
Wombat Class

Daniella  
Nellie

Fiennes Class  
Fiennes Class



Evie

Hathor Class





## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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# School Calendar 2022 / 2023

## Planned INSET Days:

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Please note – additional bank holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Autumn Term 2022																				
	September					October					November			December						
Monday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31*	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		
Tuesday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1*	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21#	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16#	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	

Spring term 2023																				
	January					February					March			April						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20*	27		6	13	20	27	3	10	17*	24		
Tuesday	3*	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Friday	6	13	20	27		3	10#	17	24		3	10	17	24	31#	7	14	21	28	
Saturday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

Summer Term 2023																				
	May					June					July			August						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	5*	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
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### Bank and public holidays 2022/2023

Christmas Day Holiday  
Boxing Day Holiday  
New Year's Day Holiday  
Good Friday

25 December 2022  
26 December 2022  
02 January 2023  
07 April 2023

Easter Monday  
May Day Holiday  
Spring Bank Holiday  
Summer Bank Holiday

10 April 2023  
01 May 2023  
29 May 2023  
28 August 2023

School Holidays

Bank holidays and national holidays

\* First day after break

# Last day before break

