Important Dates:

30th May-3rd June
Half Term

6th June
INSET Day
(school closed)

7th– 10th June
Year 1 Phonics Screen Check

7th June
2AB Parent Lunch

22nd June
Art Exhibition 3-4pm

Sports Days 9.15am:
28th June
Years 4, 5, 6

29th June
Years 2, 3

30th June
FS & Year 1

1st & 8th July
Transition Days
(Children spend the day in their new class.)

Rainbow Friday

Our day began with a visit from Mary P to our whole school Rainbow Friday assembly. She sang A Spoonful of Sugar and we joined in with the chorus.

Children were then presented with their Headteacher Awards and Mary P stayed to congratulate them.

At lunchtime, the whole school came together again to enjoy a Jubilee picnic. It was a truly amazing experience with children making me feel very proud. Thank you to all the lunchtime staff, office staff, teachers and LSAs for helping lunch run so smoothly, to Mr Haley and Mr Draper for building the gazebos and to the office & lunchtime staff for decorating them.

Everyone also enjoyed their end of term Rainbow treat for working hard to show our school values throughout the term. We are now looking forward to the PTA Jubilee fun after school.

Have a lovely half term and we will welcome children back to school on **Tuesday 7th June**.

Mrs Ramet

Year 2 Colchester Zoo Trip

Year 2 had an excellent day at Colchester Zoo exploring the habitats and adaptations of all sorts of different animals! As the year group's first big trip out in many years, the children were full of excitement but made us incredibly proud with superb behaviour, great manners and brilliant enthusiasm. Thank you to the parents who ensured their children were ready for a great day out and well done to Year 2 for representing our school so positively. **Mr Baker**

FS Assembly

The children shared their learning about minibeasts which was a little overwhelming for some, but they soon recovered as they waved goodbye to their parents!

Community Games 6-aside

Congratulations to the boys who finished 3rd in their group at Roots Hall yesterday.

They also took part in an anti-racism workshop and were a credit to our school.

WELL DONE!

For week ending 20.5.22

CLASS dojo

FS: Leah Cohen, Mia-Jo Broadhurst

Year 1: Ronnie Bensusan, Erin Spindler

Year 2: Ted Tuckerman

Year 3: Jaiden Briggs

Year 4: Erin Bolton, Evie Treter

Year 5: Isabella Rippingale-Peters, Lucas Keauffling

Year 6: Hallie-Mai Hull, Beryl Adegbuyi, Charley Anderson, Samuel Gallimore

WELL DONE!

Outside Achievements

Ebunolowa Mosadomi 2AB - received her stage 3 swimmer and 10 metre distance certificate and badges.

Annie Poulton 4SR - Received her Gold Award at Brownies.

Olly Ford 4AH - Compete in an International Competition in Germany & got 2nd In Kumite & 4th in Kata.

Aimee Allix 1RV– Received a trophy in dancing for most improved all rounder.

Headteacher Awards

Positivity, Determination & Respect - Reggie-Lee McKay,

All Values - Megan Ings, Lucas Keauffling, Chloe Botwright, George Beard, Rebecca Powell

Positivity & Respect - Annie Poulton

Determination & Positivity - Kitty Roney, Rosie Douse, Sam Deeley

Positivity & Honesty - Kiera Went

Determination & Individuality - Jessica Swain

Determination - Charlie Hart, Jack Smitheman

WELL DONE!

Positivity, Determination & Individuality - Scarlett Wilson

Determination & Rule of Law - Jack Dolby, Daisy Watkins

Determination & Respect - Vidhi Patil

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for your support with our book fair which has raised over **£700** for the school. This will enable us to purchase lots of books for our classrooms.

What's for Lunch?

Week 1

Whole _School Attendance_
94%

Weekly Winning Class
5KH 99%
w/e 20/5/22

Striving to become independent, motivated learners and responsible citizens.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about
DISCORD

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online — but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

AGE RATING
13+
Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING
Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE
Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS
On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord *has* improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
Discord *does* have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS
Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING
While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT
In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag *images* that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY
It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.
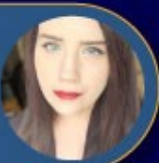
DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR
The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS
It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert
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