



WEEKLY BULLETIN

7th March 2022

Spring Term



Dates for your



- 9th March - Lower School Cake Sale
- 11th March - Upper School Cake Sale
- 11th - 20th March - British Science Week.
More details to follow on Trips & in school events.
- 6th April - Some very special visitors will be on-site (more details to follow)
- Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter.
- Monday 25th April - School Reopens.
- Monday 2nd May - May Bank Holiday

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures last week, dropped for many of our classes, due to illnesses. Please ensure that you are report your childs absences. This can be done from tomorrow on our new absence line.



No one hit the 100% attendance last week, but BANKSY were close with 98%.

Well done to all those pupils, Keep up your attendance

Year groups attendance percentage.

Year 5 & 6 - 91%
Year 7 - 81%
Year 8 - 79%
Year 9 - 72%
Year 10 - 57%
Year 11 - 51%

Top 5 Form groups attendance percentage.

Banksy - 98%
Parks - 96%
Daley - 90%
Curie - 90%
Woodman 86%

If your child is going to be absent please notify the school on the day by 9am. This can be done from tomorrow on our new absence line or Via our Parent App

SCHOOL VALUES

At The Observatory School, we strive to create a learning environment that promotes respect, diversity, and self-awareness and equips all of our pupils with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values they will need to succeed in their future lives. Our values are closely linked to British Values and our pupils work hard toward their values goals.

Throughout the year we focus on 7 core values. They are:



- **Respect**
- **Kindness**
- **Patience**
- **Perseverance**
- **Compassion**
- **Responsibility**
- **Enjoyment**



The focus of this term is on "Compassion"

The value of compassion enables us to understand ourselves better and others better, and the more we understand others the more we will want to relieve their suffering. Let's all develop the ability to see things from someone else's perspective and sympathize with their emotions.

Compassion is that personal quality that

~perceives some form of (physical, mental or emotional) distress in another soul,

~instills a sense of sympathy due to awareness of suffering

~and prompts an individual to act in some way that might bring relief to the one who is overburdened and unable to help him/herself.

It is an absolutely essential social value.

People who lack compassion tend to be inordinately cruel in their dealings with others. They do not extend mercy, forgiveness or "second chances" to those who have wronged them. They do not care whether the consequences of feeding their own selfish desires through unjust actions will cause injury to another; nor will they feel a need to compensate a victim who has been harmed by their abusive behaviors.

...and one who sorely lacks compassion will never feel the urge to be a "Good Samaritan" who attempts to help someone who (s)he neither likes nor who has any ability to repay kindness in a way that benefits their "savior".



Cookery Club - School Bake Sale

This week sees the start of our new Social Activity Programme, which includes Cookery Club.

Students will be baking cakes this week for 2 bake Sales towards our fundraising.

if your child would like to buy any cakes on the following dates please ensure they bring in some extra funds

Wednesday 9th March
Lower School Cakes Sale

Friday 11th March
Upper School Cakes Sale

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please see the lunch menu for the next week, W/C 7th March 2022.

If your child would like a hot dinner please let your classroom staff know in advance.

Dinners are charged at £2.45 per day, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals

Lunches are to be paid for in cash, this can be either passed to your Teacher, TA, or the school office.

WEEK 2

Choice 1

Choice 2

Choice 3

Dessert

Monday



Crispy Chicken Burger served in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans

Tuesday



Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables

Wednesday



Homemade Chicken Pie served with New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Thursday



Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables

Friday



Battered Fish (MSC) served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans



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Apple Muffin



Chocolate Brownie



Iced Sponge Cake



Fresh Fruit Salad



Golden Crunch Cookie

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Organic Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter, Milk & Chilled Water.

For allergen information, please ask one of our Catering Team.



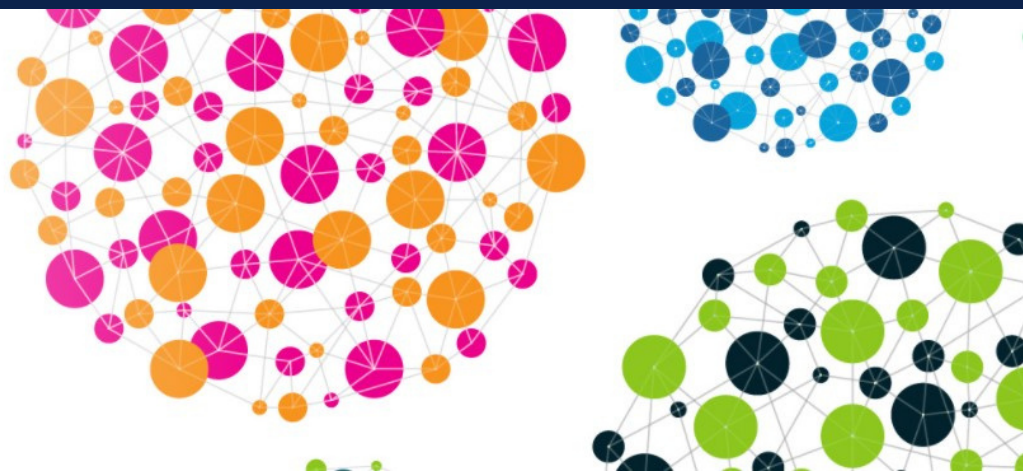
IMPORTANT

If your child has allergies please notify the school office.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

11-20 March British Science Week 2022



British Science Week is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 11-20 March.

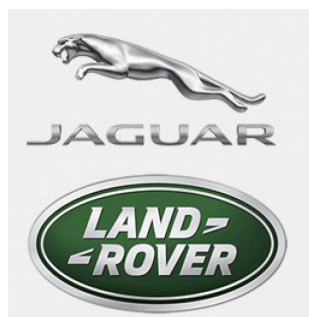
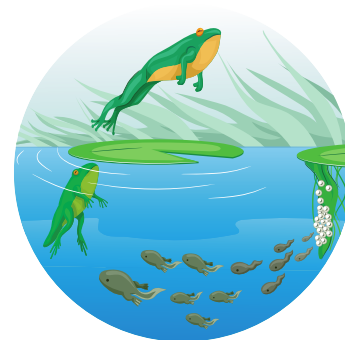


Our Science & STEM team have put together an exciting programme for British Science Week

The theme of this year's British Science week is 'Grow'.

Pupils will be growing plants such as sunflowers in STEM club.

They will also be investigating how tadpoles morph into frogs.



There will be other activities for all pupils to take part in, which will be held in their base classes.

We will also be taking part in the 2022 poster competition.

We also have some amazing trips booked to Concorde & Jaguar Land Rover.



What Parents Need to Know about WhatsApp A free online safety guide on WhatsApp.

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Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted - it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, strangers and location sharing.



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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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