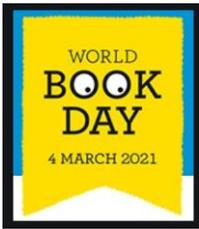


Red Oaks Primary School
3rd March 2021
Newsletter



World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

We have lots of exciting activities planned for you at home and in school. We won't be dressing up this year but one of the exciting activities is going to be a competition to turn a wooden spoon into your favourite book character! If you would like to use a spoon, please can your child bring one into school on Thursday 4th March or have one ready at home? It isn't essential as you can always cut the shape from a cardboard box if you'd rather.

TD days 2021/22

We know that it can be useful to parents to get these dates on the calendar early. These are the dates for 2021/22:

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Thursday 21st October 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Friday 17th June 2022

Values Based Education

The value this term is *COURAGE*. Please visit our website values page to participate in our values task this term. <https://www.redoaks.org/values01.php>



Return to School

We are looking forward to seeing all the children when they return to school on March 8th. We hope you have all received the letter regarding timings and entrances etc along with the most recent risk assessment. Just a reminder that school **attendance will be compulsory** and if your child is unable to attend for any reason, we need parents to ring the office each morning of the absence. If you do not call the office, we will call you in accordance with safeguarding procedures.

Contacting School

School office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm please be aware that calls are not answered outside of these hours. Our phone number is 01793 493920. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the following contacts:

Mrs Surch - head@redoaks.org.uk

Mr Lee - deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk

General queries - Admin team - admin@redoaks.org.uk

Mr Lee - fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk - Foundation Stage - Nursery & Reception

Mrs Maxfield - Yr123@redoaks.org.uk - Years 1, 2 & 3

Miss Gerrard - Yr456@redoaks.org.uk - Years 4, 5 & 6



Parking

Please can I remind all parents that parking must be on the **visitor's side only** of the carpark when coming into school as both schools will be fully staffed from 8 March. The Disabled Car Park is for those who are **disabled only**. Thank you.

Online Safety - YouTube Kids

Although children of all ages often watch YouTube content directly via the website or main YouTube app, YouTube itself states that the only place children should be watching its videos is in the YouTube Kids app.



In this guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as targeted advertising, viewing time and inappropriate videos. As always, if you have any questions please contact Mr Lee.



Friday 19th March- COMIC RELIEF

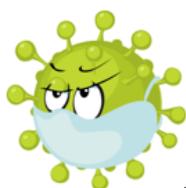
This year's comic relief couldn't come at a better time, as we are all in need of a good laugh!

The children will take part in a KS1 and KS2 Red Oaks quiz at school and teachers will be sharing funny video clips throughout the day to keep the giggle momentum going.

Children in **Nursery to Year 5** will be in uniform on this day, (Y6 in Red/White/Blue for VE Day celebrations) but we want to see the most funny/crazy hairstyles worn to school. In addition to this, if you have some silly socks, why not put those on too! We will be sharing some photos of the children, so you are able to see some of their wackiest styles! Comic relief noses are also allowed on this day. If your child is having school dinners, we will be having silly sausages and a little pudding surprise too!



To support this great charity, in a year where we need it most, please donate via ParentPay.



Social distancing

As a reminder whilst waiting outside school in the mornings and after school, please keep your children with you so that they cannot run around and mix with others. **Can parents also remain distanced and wear masks at all times?** Thank you.

PE Kits

Please can all children have PE kit in school every day. Please do not be offended if we contact you because your child doesn't have a kit. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and all children must take part unless parents have contacted the school via letter, email or phone call. Thank you.



Travel to Tokyo

Get ready! Red Oaks is getting active with Team GB and Paralympics GB by taking on the Travel to Tokyo virtual challenge. We would like you to join us on a 47,349km journey to Tokyo by getting active as a family and logging your activity. There are lots of prizes to be won too for Red Oaks and for families.



Our first challenge is to reach Paris - each year group has its own team so which year group is going to get to Paris first? I will post weekly updates about which year group is in the lead and there will be prizes available for the winning year group!

Log activity: Logging your activity takes less than a minute and you can access this by following this link or scanning the QR code on the poster below! You can log any physical activity you do at home; from bouncing on a trampoline, to going for a run, log your activity and help get your team to Tokyo!



<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity> (You may need the school's postcode: SN25 2AN)

Here's to getting active! 😊 Mr Newton 😊

Travel To Tokyo!

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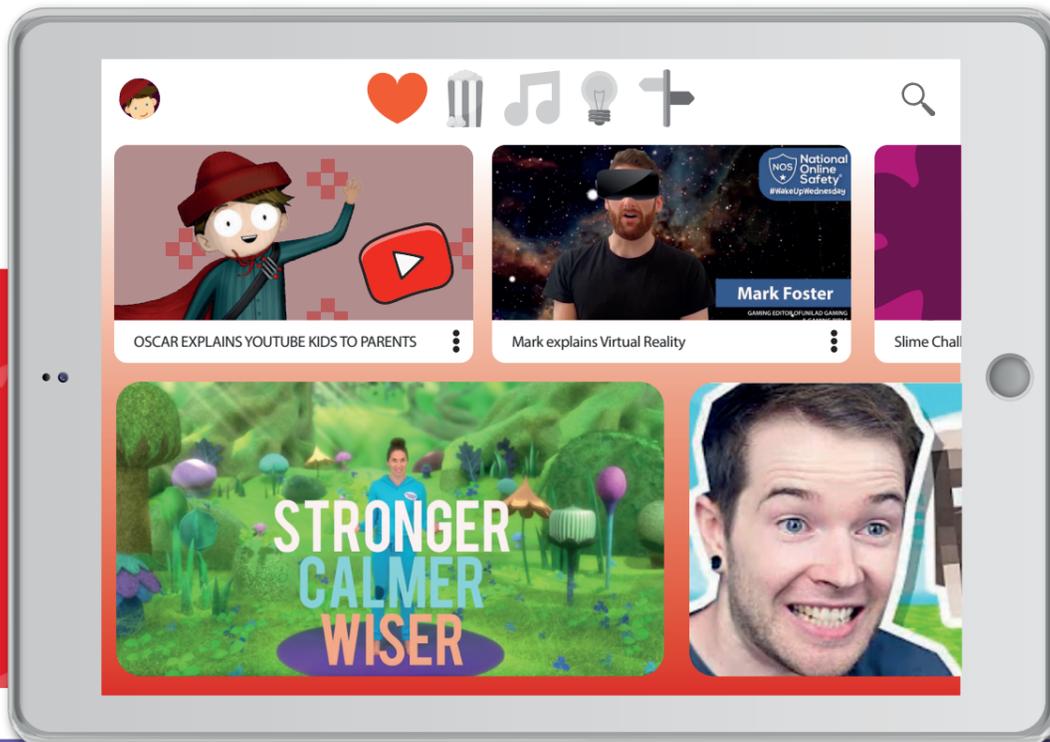
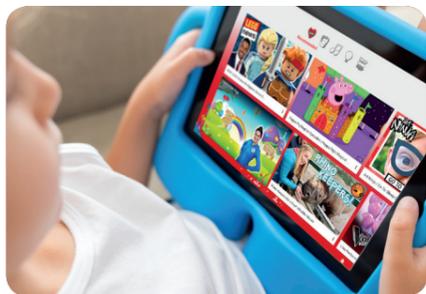
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8 things parents need to know about YOUTUBE KIDS



1 SETTING UP

- To set up the YouTube Kids app you need to do the following:
- 1 - Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your YouTube account.
 - 2 - Specify your child's name, age and birth month.
 - 3 - Select the types of videos to include in the app based on their age or select them yourself.
 - 4 - If you choose to approve content yourself, you will be presented with some sample videos to accept or reject. You can select collections, shows, music or learning.
 - 5 - Once chosen you are ready to use the app.

2 USING THE APP

Based on how you have set it up your child can then use the app to explore a safe set of videos. It's worth noting that YouTube Kids uses algorithms to ensure safe videos rather than a personal check, so it's possible for videos to slip through. If an inappropriate video does appear you can select the menu in the top right to block and report it. This not only helps your child but also improves the YouTube Kids app as a whole.

3 ADVERTISEMENTS

It's worth remembering that even in YouTube Kids, children will still see adverts. These are marked as "Ad" and preceded by an ad intro. The types of advertisements and products are checked to follow YouTube's advertising policies which exclude things like food and beverages. However, there can be toys or other items included in videos directly by creators themselves to advertise them. You can remove adverts in YouTube Kids, like the main YouTube, by subscribing to YouTube Premium. This has the added benefit of enabling you to download videos for offline viewing and allowing you to watch videos in the background while using other apps. This can be really useful if you have a long journey to take children on.

As with television adverts and bus stop posters, it's a good idea to talk to children about how adverts work and how to recognise them. For example, you could point out the added light and sound effects or the overly exciting narration in TV ads. It's important to do this for other forms of advertising as well. It's important to understand how YouTube Kids collects information about your child's viewing habits and how this relates to advertising and video content. When they watch a video, the device, language, which videos they watch and searches they make are recorded. This is used to help suggest personalized content. It can also be used to serve contextual advertising, although the app does not allow interest-based advertising or remarketing.

4 SELECTING GREAT CONTENT

One of the best features on YouTube Kids is the ability to select channels, videos or collections of videos for your child to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to sit with your child and better understand what they want to watch. Are there particular topics or themes that resonate? Then you can check through different options in this area, and together with them choose the best matching channels.

The YouTube Kids app also enables you to disable the 'Search' feature to avoid young children stumbling upon content designed for older viewers. The app also avoids videos from inappropriate channels being suggested to watch next. If you have selected content for your child only those will come up. If you have set an age limit, only videos deemed appropriate for that age will be suggested.



5 VIEWING TIME

There are a number of ways you can administer how long a child can watch YouTube videos in a day. In the YouTube Kids app, you can set a timer before handing your child the smartphone or tablet. Once the time has run out the video will be paused.

You can also set limits on iPhones and iPads in the 'Screen Time' section of the Settings. This not only enables you to see how long they play but specify how and when they can do this. You can apply similar limits on Android devices via the 'Family Link' app settings. Other systems like the "Circle" system or features built into your internet router enable you to set limits across multiple devices which can be useful as children will often cruise to another smartphone, tablet or smart TV once their time has run out on their device.

As well as helping younger children not watch longer than is healthy, this is a good tool for discussion with older kids. Talk with your child about the amount of appropriate viewing time in a day and then agree on the limits. This ensures they see them as helpful rather than a policing mechanism.

6 RESTRICTIONS

As well as using the YouTube Kids app, you can also set up restrictions on other ways your family watches YouTube. Ensure you are logged in when using YouTube and turn on 'Restricted Mode' in your User Profile. You can also set this at the bottom of the video page by clicking 'Restricted Mode: On'. Ensure that you also click the 'Lock Restricted Mode' on this browser to ensure other users can't turn it off.

7 WATCHING TOGETHER

Another good way to keep YouTube viewing positive is to spend time finding channels and content that your child will enjoy and benefit from. For example, a suggested family activity could be to get together once a month and show each other your favourite videos from the last four weeks. This not only sparks conversations about what you've watched but also enables you to share the things that you've enjoyed watching.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

For younger children, you can use the YouTube Kids app to keep tabs on what they have been watching. Tap on the 'Recommended' icon on the top of the home screen and then swipe right. You will see videos with the play button on them and a red bar at the bottom. These are the videos your child has watched. Anywhere the bar at the bottom is mostly black is a video your child has skipped.



Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a parent of three children and journalist who writes for national newspapers and broadcast television. His Taming Gaming book helps parents guide children to healthy play.



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