

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE DATE
24th January 2024

Dear parents & carers,

Today, I attended a briefing on the risk of terrorism, extremism and radicalisation in the county. Not something we necessarily think about every day, but keeping up to date with these risks is part of a Head Teacher's job.

The overwhelming message from the briefing was the importance of keeping children safe online. As well as the usual safeguarding page in this newsletter, I've included some information on TikTok which was being highlighted as being of concern.

Vicki Masters Head Teacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	25th January	Y5-Y6 Athletics
Tuesday	30th January	Poplar Class Visit To Synagogue In Northampton
Wednesday	31st January	KS1 Multi Sports Event (Parker)
Mon-Fri	5th-9th February	Mental Health Week
Monday	5th-7th February	Y2&Y3 Beaumanor Residential
Friday	16th February	TERM ENDS
Monday	26th February	SCHOOL OPENS FOR PUPILS

Academy Update!

Our expected date for officially joining the E-ACT family is now the 1st March 2024.
We will of course, keep you updated.



Please Remember

Wednesdays; Y5 Upper String Project
Wednesdays: SWIMMING
Wednesdays: Y4 Junk Orchestra
project
Thursdays ; Y3 Strings Project

Attendance Matters

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DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Lost time = Lost learning!



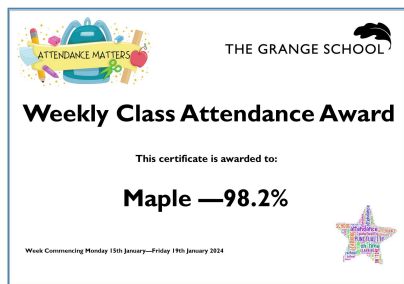
Persistent late arrivals to school equates to.....



REMEMBER, YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT.
DON'T MISS OUT!

Weekly Class Attendance for: Monday 15th January- Friday 19th January

EYFS & KS1	% Attendance	KS2	% Attendance
<i>Ash</i>	87%	<i>Willow</i>	96.2%
<i>Fir</i>	90.8%	<i>Yew</i>	96.2%
<i>Oak</i>	88.4%	Maple	98.2%
<i>Lime</i>	89.3%	<i>Poplar</i>	88.3%
<i>Palm</i>	90.8%	<i>Acer</i>	97.1%
<i>Birch</i>	96.7%	<i>Bonsai</i>	89.6%
Well done Maple , you had the highest weekly attendance last week!		<i>Banyan</i>	86.7%
Our whole school attendance last week was 91.9% This must improve !		<i>Sequoia</i>	91.2%
		<i>Sycamore</i>	90.4%



Our whole school attendance to date is **94.3%**

Sycamore have the highest overall attendance to date with **96.9%**

Last week, there were **315 pupils** who had **between 96 -100% attendance.**

Maple class having the highest overall attendance last week.

Well done to all of you!

Attendance Matters

Here at The Grange, we have high expectations for attendance, and we are looking forward to continuing to work together to achieve this. Our target is to be in line with The National Average (around 96%)

Attendance is strongly linked to educational achievement. Learning time is lost when children are absent or persistently late.

A gentle reminder, please ensure that your child arrives on time. Gates open at 8:35am and registration is at 8:45am. Children should be at school on time, everyday school is open, unless the absence is unavoidable. If your child is absent, you must report this via our absence line on 01327 705785 (Option1) before 9:00am. Absence must also be reported for any consecutive days off. If your child's absence extends longer than 3 days, we must see proof that medical advice has been sought.

Promoting positive attendance is everyone's responsibility and we appreciate your support with this. If you have any concerns or difficulties with your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Best as soon as possible so that we can support and offer help where possible. mrs.best@thegrangeschooldaventry.net

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity content and can be creative, fun platform for users to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than 3 billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 GfK report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform, reporting content popularity among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users interested in, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. These videos are a mix of "For You" feed and content that is potentially surfaced something unavailable to users in their country. It is a mix of legal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads means it is not possible to filter out all inappropriate content and vetted.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, many challenges have been created, some of which are harmful, extreme or even deadly. One extreme example was the "Iceberg" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two fatalities from teenagers who took over the trend.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially on accounts that are private. It is for teenagers using a private account to connect with strangers. This is not the case for most teenagers' accounts, but it is a risk that parents should be aware of. Children can be suggested to share and receive comments on their videos and can be suggested to comment on their own or others' videos.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, limit or restrict media (including the content of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, and manage what their child can see and who they can message (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, turning this setting in explicitly easy, however, parents have the ability to ensure that their child's account is private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to anyone who isn't a friend. It is also able to restrict messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device, you can set up "Screen Time" settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. This is a good idea as it can prevent them from spending money on the app, which is a good idea as it can prevent them from spending money on the app, which is a good idea as it can prevent them from spending money on the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it is a good idea to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For instance, it is important to discuss the risks of sharing personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Talking carefully about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been exposed to a restricted or inappropriate content, it is important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability, loss of interest in other activities, and a decline in school performance are all signs that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok.

Meet Our Expert

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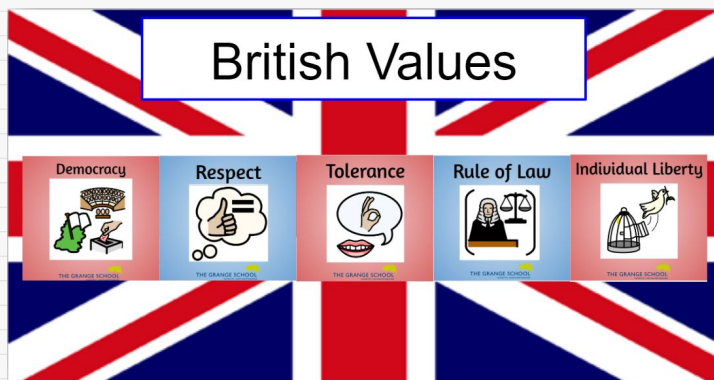
Come along to our
Recruitment Fair
Wednesday 31st January
1:30 - 6:00pm

We have upcoming opportunities for teaching and apprentice / experienced support staff to join our wonderful team.

Come along and meet our children and staff to find out all about us and how you could be the perfect fit in our team.

Please contact the school office on 01327 705785 to register your interest

British Values



THE GRANGE SCHOOL VALUES

Confidence



Courage



Tenacity



Empathy



Integrity

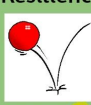


Resilience



This week's Values Superheroes are:

Resilience



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Oscar Matthews
Ethan Taylor

Integrity



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Ana-Maria Cobosnean
Oscar Pirog
Harry McDowell

Tenacity



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Ryan Haines
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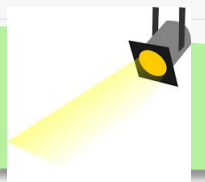
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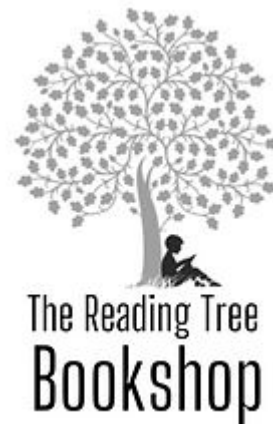
Oscar Rogers
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A Spotlight on Special Needs



As discussed in our recent reading workshop The Reading Tree in Weedon is a lovely local bookshop where new books start at £3. In addition to this, they also sell preloved books and you can exchange old books for credit against new books! Check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingTreeUK/>

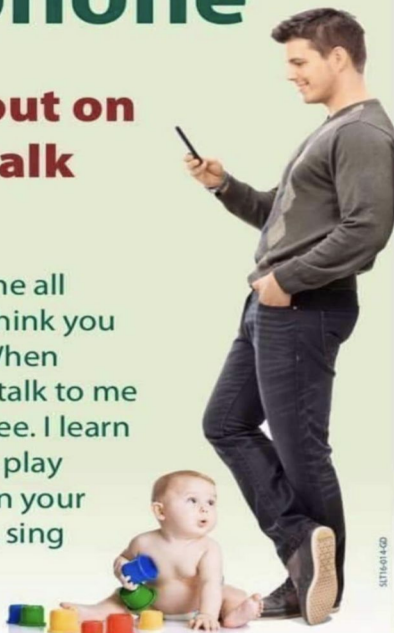
Building 1, The Depot,
Weedon,
Northamptonshire,
NN7 4PS



Put down your phone

Don't miss out on chances to talk with me.

Looking at your phone all the time makes me think you don't want to chat. When we're out and about talk to me about what we can see. I learn new words when we play together so put down your phone and play, talk, sing and share books with me.



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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in to a noisy around if a friend wants to use your phone, as there's a real risk they could see what you're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smart phone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings. Instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting your phone down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal details or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message you for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

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ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Lying awake properly before going to bed – which involves not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or working down the shop. It's important to remember, though, that other people, though they might not want to hear your rants or your conversations, listen in. If you're really struggling, don't forget that you're not alone – someone's always out there watching something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM



DATE

19 & 20 FEBRUARY, 2024



TIME

9AM - 3 PM



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SCHOOL, NN4 8BT



DATE

22 & 23 FEBRUARY, 2024



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and your family's finances and to provide advice if you
are currently unemployed and looking to find work.

The sessions
will be very
relaxed
and we will
provide free
refreshments.

Sessions

10am-12pm –

Costing of living support

If you are worried about the
rising cost of living, including
higher energy, food and petrol
prices, we can help you create a
budget and provide tips on how
to save money.

12.30-2.30pm –

Employment support

We can provide employment
support to help with securing
work. We will discuss what
makes a good CV and support in
preparing for interviews.

How to book

To register for a session, email Daniel or
Lauren below for your preferred location.

Alfreton

email Daniel.Atyes@futureshg.co.uk

Daventry

email Lauren.Gilligan@futureshg.co.uk

The dates and venues are:

Alfreton (Firs House Firs Garden,
Alfreton DE55 7FU)

Tuesday 30 January 2024.

Daventry (Daventry Mind, Brook Street,
Old Gas Works Car Park, NN11 4GG)

Thursday 1 February 2024.

