



Richmond News



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Our school gates are closed for vehicles between 8.30am-8.55am and 3.05pm-3.35pm

ATTENDANCE

Well done to EYLI, 1SG, 2NH and 3MD who achieved 99% attendance last week. Whole school attendance fell to 95.7% which is below our target of 97%.

ATTENDANCE FAIRY

Every fortnight we celebrate all children with 100% attendance. Everyone with 100% over the two week period will be entered into our lucky dip.

This week's winners are:
Ruth, Tegan-Rose, Oliver M, Scarlett, Cruz, Maya L, Braydan, Ophelia, Oscar A, Penny, Amy J, Emily S, Ruby H, Isabel P, Sophie M, Emelia P, Oliver K, Kaitlyn and Elena.



YEAR 4 AFTER SCHOOL MIXED FOOTBALL

There will be no Year 4 after school mixed football on a Tuesday until the **21st March** due to staff training and the PGL trip.

YEAR 3 & 4 GIRLS AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL

There will be no Year 3 & 4 girls after school football on **Wednesday 8th March** due to a netball competition.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings will be held on **Wednesday 8th March** at **3:30-6:30pm** and **Thursday 9th March 3:30-5:30pm**.

Early Years parents' evenings will be held on **Thursday 9th March 3:30-5:30pm**

Year 6 parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday 7th March 3:30-6:30pm** and **Wednesday 8th March 3:30-6:00pm**

Appointments can be made via the Jotter app. If you click on the links icon it will take you to the booking page. Please call the office if you are having problems making an appointment.

ROVING BOOKS

In line with World Book Day, Roving Books are coming into school on **Thursday 9th March**.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase books in school time with their teachers. Money envelopes have already been issued.

Children will also be able to use their £1.00 "World Book Day" tokens. These will be issued directly to class on the day

YEAR 5 PGL TRIP

The final PGL installment was due on **Friday 17th February**.

EYFS & YEAR 1 LITTLE DRAGONS BOOKSHOP

The EYFS & Year 1 branch of the Little Dragons Bookshop is now open on a Monday. Children will be able to visit the bookshop during lunchtime.

Books will cost **50p** each. Please send the correct money in an envelope with your child's full name and class written on it.



MOTHER'S DAY SALE

On **Tuesday 14th March** we will be holding a Mother's Day stall for children to purchase Mother's Day gifts during the school day. All gifts or gift sets will be £3.00. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name and class on.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK DRESS UP DAY

On **Tuesday 14th March** children are welcome to come to school dressed as something linked to science. Further information and ideas can be found on a flyer below.



PRE LOVED UNIFORM DURING PARENTS' EVENING

During Parents' Evenings this week there will be a selection of preloved uniform in each building for parents to take.

There will also be request forms to fill in if there is a particular item/size that you need.

TASTEd PARENT WORKSHOP

As part of our Food for Life work in school, we are offering a FREE TastEd parent workshop on **Thursday 23rd March at 2:00pm.**

A separate letter with more information on has been sent out via Jotter. This can also be found on the School website.



LITTLE DRAGONS BOOKSHOP

Just a reminder that our brand new 'Little Dragons Bookshop' is now open to children from Year 2 up to Year 6, on Friday lunchtimes, in the Place to Be. Books range from 10p up to £2, however, most books are priced at £1. The children are to bring their book money in sealed envelope with their FULL name and class, and bring this with them to the bookshop. Please can you send coins only, rather than notes.



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our school lottery plays every week, even during the school holidays, so you can support us all year round! You can choose to play for a month or continuously, your choice.

Prizes of up to £25,000 can be won (depending on the number of players).

Congratulations to this week's winner:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>



YEAR 5 PGL TEST TEXTS

During the week of the PGL trip we text parents daily updates to let them know how the children are getting on.

A test text was sent yesterday afternoon via School Jotter. If you have not received your message, please ensure you are logged into School Jotter (there should be a messages icon on the home screen). Please contact the school office if you require assistance.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

If parents would like to support our Easter Egg raffle, we would appreciate donations of Easter Eggs. We will let you know when tickets are available.



YEAR 6 COMMUNITY DENTAL SURVEY

Community Dental Services will be visiting Year 6 in school on the **20th March**. If your child has been selected to take part, please can you return their form by the **13th March**. Please note that you still need to send the form back even if you do not wish your child to take part.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school and we cannot have nuts in school in any form. Please can we ask that no nut products are sent in lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Our Facebook page is now live! For up to date information please follow us.

Please be aware that this page is for information purposes only and not for communication. Any negative comments will be removed.

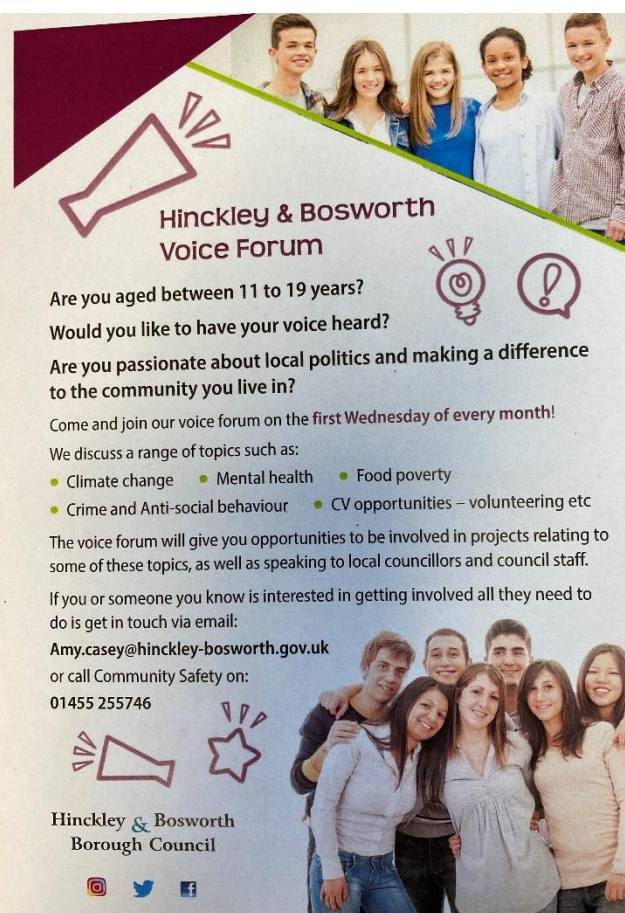


Dear parents and carers,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in school this week for parents' evenings. We have had another exciting week of curriculum and learning in school last week.

This term, year 1 children are exploring the learning theme 'Splendid Skies'. They were very excited to be making rockets, which they blasted off from the playground this week.

There were some fabulous creations, made from plastic bottles, card and tissue paper and beautifully decorated. Clearly, lots of the rockets were very streamlined as they shot into the air, assisted by the children stamping on bottles to expel the air and send them flying. Well done year 1!



Hinckley & Bosworth Voice Forum

Are you aged between 11 to 19 years?
Would you like to have your voice heard?
Are you passionate about local politics and making a difference to the community you live in?

Come and join our voice forum on the first Wednesday of every month!

We discuss a range of topics such as:

- Climate change
- Mental health
- Food poverty
- Crime and Anti-social behaviour
- CV opportunities – volunteering etc

The voice forum will give you opportunities to be involved in projects relating to some of these topics, as well as speaking to local councillors and council staff.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved all they need to do is get in touch via email:
Amy.casey@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
or call Community Safety on:
01455 255746

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Icons: Megaphone, Lightbulb, Question mark, Star.

Our year 4,5 and 6 School Councillors met last week and were joined by Amy and Angela from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. We learnt all about the responsibilities that a range of councils hold, from Parish Councils, right through to Parliament. They also talked to the older children about the opportunity to join the Hinckley and Bosworth Voice Forum, which starts from age 11. Children are able to get involved in a range of projects within the Borough, speaking to local councillors and council staff. Please find attached a copy of the flyer for those who may be interested.

Year 1 and year 5 children were visited by Hinckley Fire Service last week. Year 5 learnt all about the importance of testing fire alarms, knowing your escape routes in case of emergency and having a meeting point. He reminded us about finding a safe place for phone charging and the risks of keeping it under our pillows! We also learnt about being a responsible citizen and ensuring we only call 999 in real emergency situations, as there are very few engines and fire stations in the locality now. Thank you for coming to visit!



One of our year 6 pupils, Bella, had her hair cut on Saturday 25th March to donate to the Princess Trust. The Princess Trust is a charity who make wigs for children suffering from cancer. Bella has always wanted to donate her hair and has been working towards this for years. Last year, a very close family friend was diagnosed with cancer and this only made Bella more determined! Alongside this, Bella has created a Just Giving page and has raised over £600 for the charity. What a superstar! Here is the link to Bella's page if you would like to find out more:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/claire-clow-1673119929384?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_nth_donation&utm_content=4e01976e-7a4e-4615-84e9-ac896c1c6277&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1678083891857



Kind regards,
Emma Clark

Headteacher

10-19 March British Science Week 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

During British Science Week, on Tuesday 14th March we are inviting the children to dress up as something linked to science to celebrate all that is amazing in the world and beyond. We are also fundraising towards new, much needed, science equipment so any donation great or small (e.g. £1) can be donated via ParentPay. We thank you for your continued support.

Some ideas to inspire your outfits are:

- Rainbow
- Galaxy
- Scientist
- Planet
- Sun / Star
- Astronaut
- Animal
- Insect
- Weather
- Magnet
- Plants/Flower



Or you could make your own hat, t-shirt or apron with something on e.g:

- Volcano
- Solar system
- Digestive system
- Skeleton
- Water cycle
- Animal lifecycle
- Food chain



Richmond Playgroup Job Vacancy

Richmond Playgroup wish to appoint a new practitioner to join our team of committed staff who deliver high quality provision for the children and families in our care.

We are looking for someone who has:

- Experience of supporting an early years and childcare setting
 - A relevant qualification – Minimum Level 3
- You must have excellent understanding of the Birth to Five document and be capable of maintaining children's development records
- Someone who is warm, friendly, responsive, honest, trustworthy and reliable with a flexible approach and a strong team player.

The position is a permanent, term-time only position working **Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:45pm** with an imminent start.

If you would like to apply, please send your CV to:
j.donaldson@richmond.leics.sch.uk

If you have any questions, please feel free to email.



Online Safety Newsletter

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Hollie Guard App

This app allows you to keep an eye on your child while they are traveling using the Journey feature. Whenever they use this feature, their emergency contacts are informed when they have arrived at their destination.

With the free version, users can also use this app to get help quickly if they are in danger. If a user is in danger, they hold down the button for 5 seconds to raise an alert, which activates Hollie Guard and automatically sends their location to their designated contacts. Visit their website for further information:
<https://hollieguard.com/>

Emergency SOS calls

You can set up emergency SOS calls on your iPhone/Android, so it calls the emergency services even when your phone is locked. Here's how to set it up:

iPhone

At the same time, press and hold the side button and either volume button until the sliders appear. Once the countdown on Emergency SOS ends, release the buttons. You can also enable iPhone to start Emergency SOS when you press the side button five times.

Android

Press the power button five times or more. A five-second countdown begins before emergency services are called.

TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child can approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here:
<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok



Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on TikTok, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing and to ensure they know not to try challenges they see online.

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Bullying on TikTok

This article makes suggestions on appropriate settings as well as how to deal with bullying: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/bullying-prevention/>

Tech Tips Live with Parent Zone

You can watch back this 13-minute broadcast from Parent Zone (originally broadcast Jan 2023) which discusses what you need to know if your child is using TikTok. It's an excellent overview including how algorithms work on social media. You can access it here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/tech-tips-live>

Roblox what are jump scares?

About Roblox

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label (icon shown right), this is because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.



You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.**

What our jump scares?



Jump scares are often used in horror games on Roblox with the intention of scaring and frightening players, this could be through loud noises, frightening images or sudden movements. Some players may find jump scares frightening.

What Parental Controls are available?

Settings include:

- restricting chat
- setting spending limits and spending notifications
- enabling age-based experiences. If you enable Allowed Experiences, your child will only be able to join experiences that match or are below the age recommendations set. Age categories available are 9+, 13+ and all ages.
- view what your child is doing on Roblox, including recently played experiences, private message history and their friends.

You can find out more about the different settings available here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/sections/4410604750996-Account-Settings>

Discussion Guides from Thorn

Thorn was co-founded by Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore in 2012. It includes Thorn for Parents which contains a wide selection of discussion guides, designed to empower you to start conversations with your child. You can filter the guides by topic and age e.g., talk to your 9 year old about screen time or your 14 year old about the issue of resharing nudes. Each guide includes an introduction, how to start talking about the topic as well as an interactive conversation script based on your child's response.

You can find them here:

<https://parents.thorn.org/discussion-guides/>



Nintendo Switch setup

If your child has a Nintendo Switch, have you set up the parental controls yet? You can either set parental controls up on the console itself or if you have a phone (or other smart device), Nintendo have created a free app that you can download and link to your console. We would recommend this app as you are able to monitor what your child is playing from your phone.

The app allows you to adjust various settings, including:

- Limit play time
- Restrict communication with others
- Restrict allowed games by age

You can find out more here:

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Nintendo-Switch/How-to-Set-Up-or-Adjust-Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1494771.html>

Hanni and the Magic Window

Childnet have published a new book titled 'Hanni and the Magic Window'. Aimed at children aged 3-7, the story is about speaking out and getting help if something goes wrong online. It is a terrific book to read at home with your child. Download a copy here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/take-an-adventure-through-online-safety-with-our-new-book-hanni-and-the-magic-window/>

Barclay's Code Playground

Help your child to develop their understanding of coding by taking part in the fun activities or video sessions on Barclay's Code Playground:

<https://barclayscodeplayground.co.uk/parents-homepage-bdl/>