

Friday 20th June 2025

I hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine and ensuring that you are drinking lots of water and wearing suncream.

It saddens me that I am starting this newsletter to inform you that an incident took place on Wednesday on our South Site involving some year 5 pupils. The school is taking the incident seriously, and I want to reassure you that all necessary actions have been taken in line with our safeguarding policies.

The pupil who was injured received prompt attention and is thankfully well. While the incident was not intentional, it has understandably caused concern and we are continuing to investigate. The school has informed the appropriate agencies, and we are working closely with them to ensure a thorough response.

As ever, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils remain our highest priority. We are taking every step to prevent a situation like this from happening again. Should you have any questions or wish to speak with a member of the leadership team, please don't hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to email me please do at headteacher@missiongrove.org.uk

Sports week

The children have had great fun this week challenging themselves and competing individually and as teams during our annual sports week.

Gardening course

3 parents and their children had a great time yesterday meeting the gardening teacher and then planting some seeds and working away in the Biodome. If you would like to join them next week please speak to the office.

Summer Fair

Please save the date for the summer fair on Saturday 12th July. I made a mistake on last weeks news letter, the raffle top prize is a chromebook. The tickets are on sale now, 50p a ticket or £2.50 for a booklet. You can pay on parent pay or at the office on both sites.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Jennings



Summer Holiday provision

There will be a 4 week scheme during the summer holidays. The cost will be increasing due to the increase in salaries and consumables.

The new price will be £25 for the normal daily session 8.45– 16.45.

The cost of lunch will be £3.00 per day. **Bookings are being taken now.**

SPECIAL DATES

Key dates for year 6 Parents

June

16th—27th north site
swimming

July

30th—4th PGL
Activity week for children
not attending

7th—11th Goldcrest
swimming

10th Kelmscott transition
day

16th Musical Production
Ticket entry only
Wizard of Oz
2pm & 5pm

22nd Graduations
Goldfinch & Grouse
@10am
Goldcrest & Goose @
2pm
5.30-7.30pm Graduation
party

23rd Last Day.

Thank you to Kinglet and
Merlin for their wonderful
assemblies. Across the 2
assemblies we had great
singing, information about
UNICEF and the children's
rights.

A fantastic way to end the
week.

JUNE— Article 24— Health, water, food, environment

16th—27th Year 6 swimming—North site

17th Value Games

19th Nursery open day

20th Merlin & Kinglet Assemblies

23rd—Film week

24th Value Games

25th Tour de Waltham Forest

27th Governors afternoon

Cuckoo class assembly

30th—4th July PGL

30th Nursery open days

30th Skylark & Sparrow @Camley Street National Park

JULY—Article 29 Aims of education

1st Nursery Open Day

Year 6 Ice skating

Swan @ Camley Street National Park

2nd Year 5 @ Little Theatre

Mission Globes

3rd Carmen @ Big Penny Social

4th Moorhen Class assembly

Reports coming home

7th July—11th July Goldcrest & Year 2 swimming

8th Parent Evening

Create Day

9th Parent Evening

Chiff Chaff Aquarium trip

11th Chaffinch Aquarium trip

15th Year 1 Seaside trip



Just sending some photographs from swimming, the children are loving it. A mile walk there and back plus a hour of swimming; what a great sport's week!

Zakariyah: It's very exciting. I completed my 25 metres today and it gives me confidence to do it again and again.

Tianna: My group got to go into the deep end and practice diving. It's really good and I am enjoying it so much.



Year 2 will soon have a couple of taster sessions.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

Nursery South AM	88.12%
2yr North AM	89.61%
R Cuckoo	89.61%
R Chiff Chaff	90.02%
R Chaffinch	90.04%
3 Wagtail	90.15%
Nursery North AM	90.97%
6 Goldcrest	91.56%
1 Mallard	91.78%
R Crow	91.89%
1 Merlin	91.97%
4 Sparrow	92.23%
Nursery North PM	92.40%
1 Magpie	92.52%
5 Barn Owl	92.58%
2 Kestrel	92.59%
3 Waxwing	92.93%
2 Kittiwake	93.10%
6 Goldfinch	93.30%
3 Woodpecker	93.36%
Nursery North Full Time	93.39%
Key Stage 1-4	93.61%
Nursery South PM	94.14%
6 Grouse	94.28%
4 Swallow	94.37%
2 Kingfisher	94.40%
4 Swan	94.43%
5 Blackbird	94.57%
5 Buzzard	94.62%
3 Wren	95.24%
6 Goose	95.31%
4 Skylark	95.44%
1 Moorhen	95.97%
2yr North PM	96.09%
2 Kinglet	96.13%
Nursery South Full Time	97.36%

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.



BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.



DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.



SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.



AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.



DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.



Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.



SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.



CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.



WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.



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Parent/Carer champions may:

- Facilitate workshops and 121 support
- Help set up information sessions for parents at community events
- Signpost and support parents to find help and advice from the Family Hub

AS A PARENT/CARER CHAMPION YOU WILL RECEIVE

- TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT
- THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AND MEET OTHER PARENTS
- FUTURE REFERENCES AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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