

This week's merit certificates are awarded to:

Darwin Class - Huey

Curie Class - Erin & William

Attenborough Class - Scarlett, Louie & Callum.

Einstein Class - Rohan, Lucas & Arthur

Sports Infants - Penny

Sports Juniors - Aldo

Well done everyone!



## 'Buckminster Bites'

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*'We aspire to develop active and responsible global citizens'*

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### Dates for your Diary

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### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Lucas and Olivia who have their Birthdays this week. We hope you have had a lovely day!

### Topic Plans

The class topic plans are now on the website under 'Classes'. Please have a look so you can find out what your children will be learning this term.



## Online Safety Guides for Parents and Carers

Each week we will add a useful online or gaming guide for parents and carers so you can help keep your children safe when they are using devices.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

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 cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

#### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

#### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## 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, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (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, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.



#### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.



#### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically 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 emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.



#### Meet Our Expert

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## Poppy Appeal



### POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£120.59  
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely  
*[Signature]*  
Local Honorary Organiser

To DATE  
District Total (if available) £228.50  
Registered Charity No. 219279

A big thank you to Arthur, Gilbert and Penny and family for organising and selling poppies and merchandise on the playground on the run up to Armistice Day. Thank you to everyone who purchased items too.

The fantastic sum of £120.59 was raised for the Poppy Appeal and this will now be an annual fundraiser at School.

## Out of School Achievements



At the end of last term Willow and Autumn undertook the exam for the Bronze medal at their ballet school. This was in the lyrical duet discipline. They danced brilliantly, in perfect synchronisation and passed! Well done to you both, we are very proud of you.

## Happy New Year Boogie Friday!



Parent Survey November 2022

Only 50% of parents responded to the survey so the percentage marks are only representing half of the school population. We have 60 families in total so only 30 responded



Statement	% who strongly agree/agree	% who disagree/strongly disagree	% who don't know
My child is happy in school.	93%	7% (2 responses)	0%
My child does well at this school.	90%	10% (3 responses)	0%
The school has high expectation for my child.	74%	10% (3 responses)	16% (5 responses)
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	74%	19% (6 responses)	7% (2 responses)
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with promptly.	84%	10% (3 responses)	3% (1 response) 3% said 'not applicable'
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	75%	15% (5 responses)	10% (3 responses)
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	75%	25% (8 responses)	0%
My child can take part in a variety of clubs and activities at this school.	93%	7% (2 responses)	0%
My child's mental health and wellbeing is important to staff in this school.	77%	16% (3 responses)	7% (2 responses)
The school shares dates and events in a timely fashion and keeps me updated if things change.	97%	3% (1 response)	0%



Buckminster School takes all responses seriously and will look to improve areas where parents disagree. But, in the meantime, please find topic planning on the website so you know what your child is learning and look at the weekly Bites that has a wealth of information including all the extra things the children do in School to support their personal development.

**Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in red.**

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4 and some 6.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4 and some 6.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Mobile Library for Year 3-6**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February - GB Olympic Swimmer Joe Roebuck Inspire+ Assembly.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4 and some 6.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' Evening and SEN Reviews**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Year R and Year 6 Heights and Weights in School.

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Host Legacy Tour Assembly.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Legacy Tour Assembly in Colsterworth.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Mobile Library for Year 3-6**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Whole School Rock Kids in School - details to follow

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Service - details to follow.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March - PGL Half Day trip - Year 6 - details to follow

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Tempest Photography Class Photographs.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 4

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Service - details to follow.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of term for Easter.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - School opens for the Summer Term - Children back to School.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Jonathan Broom-Edwards Inspire+ Assembly

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday - School Closed.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday - School Closed - for the coronation of King Charles III

W/C 9<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS week

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3

W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> May - KS1 SATS week

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term.

W/C 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication Test

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>/Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Camp and Twinlakes

W/C 12<sup>th</sup> June - SN Review Meetings and Year 1 phonics

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day Service - details to follow.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming Year 1, 2 and 3

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Annual Reports sent home.

W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Pre-School Funding end claim date for 15/30 hours free funding.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term for Summer.



QR code for the School Website.