Congratulations to the year 2 children who tackled their SATs tests with so much maturity this week. They have all tried their very best and we are all really pleased with their positive attitude. Parents will be informed of the outcome at the end of year meeting in July.

Congratulations to Y5 who entertained us so well with their Eid assembly yesterday. This was full of facts, songs, acting and passages from the Qu’ran. It was beautifully crafted and gave us all a lot to think about. Well done to everyone involved.

During the half term holiday, we ask that all our children to read every day and take part in the homework projects that are being sent home for each year group. Over the last year, these have proved really successful in engaging the whole family in different research topics and we hope that these continue to do so.

May I remind all parents that School re-opens for the children on Monday 3rd June at the usual time of 8.45am

May we wish all our families a happy holiday and to our Muslim families, a peaceful and restful time during Ramadan and the build up to Eid.

Y2 London Trip

Please remember that the deadline to pay for the Y2 London trip is Tuesday 4th June. Please pay on ParentMail.

Y2 pupils will be travelling to London on Tuesday 18th June and will be visiting a number of London landmarks as part of their Curriculum Studies of the city. This is a really exciting trip for the children and the staff, but pupils who have not paid for the trip will NOT be able to attend.

Parents, please be aware that any pupil who does not go on the trip is still required by law to attend school on that day.

Thank you

Parking on Percy Road

Whilst we appreciate that many parents bring their children to school by car, we must remind parents that parking on Percy Road is extremely limited. Some parents have been noted as blocking driveways and parking on drop curbs. This has caused multiple problems and has even prevented nurses from gaining access to their patients. We are very concerned by this.

We ask parents to please think about the effect that their parking has on the local community and to park considerately and safely.
 Attendance

We expect all our children to have a minimum attendance of 96% or more. So far this year out of the 30 classes in school, only 11 have reached this target. Congratulations to these classes

1MK: 96.0%, 2LB: 96.0%, 3RS: 96.3%, 4FP: 96.7%, 5AM: 97.5%, 5RI: 96.1%, 5DG: 97.1%,
       6DH: 96.6%, 6SB: 96.9%, 6LS: 96.8%, 6NB: 96.8%

Total attendance for the whole school for the year to date is: 94.8%

This is below national figures and would be classed as unsatisfactory.

Please be aware that every absence counts including unauthorised absences to make visits abroad.

 Word of the Week

 Shriek

 Definition: a loud, high-pitched scream

 E.g. The distant shriek sent a shiver down my spine.

Please talk to your child about this word at home, and see if they can use it in a sentence too!

 Milk

Milk for the new term in September is now available to purchase at a cost of £7.30 per child.

Parents will have until 12pm on Friday 19th July to pay for their child’s milk. Unfortunately we are unable to accept orders after this time. Please contact the school office on 0121 464 3360 as soon as possible if you would like help with any aspect of ParentMail.

 Drayton Manor Trip - Y6

Y6 classes will be going to Drayton Manor on Wednesday 19th June as an end of year treat for all their hard work as well as a celebration of finishing their primary experience at Greet School. Pupils will be leaving school at 9am and are expected to return to school by 5.30pm. Please ensure that all payments are paid on Parentmail as soon as possible.

Please remember that your child is still expected to attend school on this day, even if they are not going on the trip.

 Dates for your diary

 EVENTS: We understand that Eid is likely to be either Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th or Thursday 6th June. Please be aware that children celebrating Eid will be given ONE day of authorised absence from school. We are aware that Eid may be different for different groups of children. Please inform the school as soon as you know which day your child will be absent. Thank you.

Monday 3rd June
SCHOOL OPENS AS NORMAL at the usual time
3.15-5.30pm - Greet Girls’ Mini League continues on the school field. Why not come along and support the team?
Tuesday 4th June
8.50am-9.30am Parent drop in session with Miss Foley. Please come in and talk about any concerns you may have.
Friday 7th June
9.00-11.00am Parent drop in with Mrs Herring. Please come in and talk about any concerns you may have.
What parents need to know about GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)

Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and children in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to progress to the next level. However, as the game grew more popular, the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they were not just playing as a character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including: PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PS, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.

THE RISK - PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

When buying GTA V, you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be invited by other players in "sessions" where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game, you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The Social club is GTA's own social platform where users can bet money, share photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message other users directly.

What parents can do:

To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the settings to ensure they only play with people on their friends list. Upon signing up to the social club, it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to "hidden", meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to "only me".

THE RISK - ADDICTION

Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completing missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition, and the side effects are concerning, including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

What parents can do:

There are a number of things you can do if you are concerned about your child's screen time, including setting time limits within the home, especially during meal times and before bedtime. Talk to your child and ask why they are spending so much time on the game, and encourage healthy alternatives such as outdoor activities and spending quality time with friends and family.

THE RISK - ONLINE HACKERS

Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including stealing people's virtual money, selling weapons, and even raping other characters. Spending money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy 516,000,000,000 of in-game currency for as little as 5 US dollars.

What parents can do:

Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hackers. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

THE RISK - LIVESTREAMING

When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the "session". These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

What parents can do:

Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS

By completing missions and participating in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prostitutes, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy can have a high price that requires a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

What parents can do:

If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

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