



Bryony School Newsletter

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KS1 Multi Skills

12 children from Year 1 and Year 2 attended the Multi-Skills tournament at the Hundred of Hoo School on Thursday this week. The event consisted of a series of games which develop agility and sports skills. The games involved balance, coordination and movement. We all had a lot of fun and the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. The team proved to be good ambassadors for Bryony School and we are exceptionally proud of them.

Altogether the team earned 4 Gold awards, 7 Silver awards and 1 Bronze award.

Well done to: **Jack, William, Sai, Zara, Sienna, Leah, Ollie, Grayson, Obarinsola, Meera, Evelyn and Mireya.**

"We touched the cones and they were different colours." **Sienna**

"We had to kick or roll the ball to score points." **Grayson**

"We had to throw the bean bag up in the air and clap" **Oba**

A special mention goes to **Sai and Zara** for achieving an **Endeavour Award** for outstanding effort and sportsmanship.



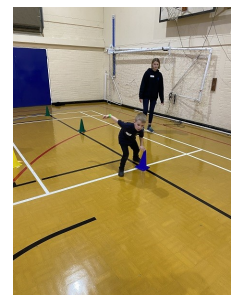
Mrs Paice & Mrs Saroya



Sewing in Preschool



Preschool have loved sewing this week!
Mrs Oliver & Mrs White



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Science—Respiratory System

As part of our Science unit, **Year 6** have been looking at other systems within the human body and learning how the circulatory system links with them. For homework, the children were asked to create a model of working lungs. Aren't their projects amazing?

Well done Year 6!!
Mrs Jug



Mother's Day Cards

Some of the lovely Mother's Day cards made by Year 4 last week.

Mrs Foot



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Online Safety Guide

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 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. In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers **#onlinesafety#WakeUpWednesday** For more information on these guides please follow the link:-
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/faqs/wakeupwednesday>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK (Age Restriction 13+)

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**: While TikTok's "For You" feed only displays videos from public profiles, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their algorithm. Some "For You" feed will therefore be particularly inappropriate for children. It is a possibility that a child will see something inappropriate, such as a video of a child or animal in distress, that they may not be prepared to see.
- DANGEROUS CHALLENGES**: Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some people have been encouraged by video challenges to perform potentially dangerous stunts. One extreme example was the "Iceberg" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath for 60 seconds. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found that the challenge led to the deaths of three children.
- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**: With around 1.1 billion users globally, TikTok is high - especially on occasions where it is used for group video calling. Family pairing allows parents to link their child's account with their own and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the amount of adult-themed inappropriate content on their child's feed) and restrict their child's ability to accept messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.
- ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING**: Although parents will have their child's 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 child won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.
- MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE**: If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that their account is not secure, 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.
- LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING**: If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases as their friends. The platform recently introduced a new feature that allows parents to set a spending limit of 80 and 100 minutes per week. Parents can also set a spending limit of 80 and 100 minutes per week. The platform recently introduced a new feature that allows parents to set a spending limit of 80 and 100 minutes per week.
- ADDICTIVE NATURE**: TikTok can be addictive, as the platform's algorithm is designed to keep users engaged for as long as possible. The platform recently introduced a new feature that allows parents to set a spending limit of 80 and 100 minutes per week.
- TIKTOK NOW**: Introduced in late 2022, the "TIKTOK Now" feature allows users to see a stream of content from their friends. Users make a choice about whether to follow a friend. This stream of content is limited to 10 minutes per day, giving them three minutes to see each video. On the app, children can also see a stream of content from their friends. This stream of content is limited to 10 minutes per day, giving them three minutes to see each video. On the app, children can also see a stream of content from their friends.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- DISCUSS THE DANGERS**: If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's a good idea to have a conversation about the risks of using social media. 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.
- READ THE SIGNS**: If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that their account is not secure, 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.

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March Festival

Mrs Foot took a choir of children to the March Festival last week. The Festival is organised by the Medway Music Association. **Mrs Foot** received an email to say well done and thank you.

'Congratulations! What a fantastic MMA Festival last week. We were thrilled with the performances, enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour of your pupils. The standard of performance seems to become higher every year! Thank you all so much for your work in preparing the children and we hope you all had a great time..'

Here is a picture they took of the children.



Drumming



Ernie form Year 5 played in his second drum concert at the Hazlitt theatre in Maidstone this week. This is a great achievement **Ernie**, Well done!

Rugby

Austin form Year 2 received the 'player of the week' cap at Rugby this week.

Well done **Austin!**



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Reminders

Absence

If your child is absent from school please report this using ParentMail by 8.45 a.m., if possible. For absence other than illness or appointments please complete the absence request form available from the school office. office@bryonyschool.org.uk

Uniform

New Uniform is available at **Schooltime** 23 Railway Street, Chatham ME4 4HU. 01634 831684 or order online at: <https://schooltime.co.uk>

Donations of any unwanted uniform would be gratefully received by Friends of Bryony School (FoBs) for the nearly new uniform shop.

Please be reminded that when we return to school after the Easter holidays we will be wearing the Summer Uniform

Morning and After School Care

If you require morning or after school care please complete the ParentMail form, in advance.

Diary Dates

March

Tuesday 28th - Bee Netball at Rainham School for Girls

Wednesday 29th - Virtual Meet PGL Residential Yr 5/6 Parents

Thursday 30th - Year 4 Swimming, Medway Park

Thursday 30th - MYG Tag Rugby Tournament, Medway Rugby Club

Friday 31st - Wear a Hat Day (and your own clothes) in aid of Brain Tumour Research

Friday 31st - Spring Term Ends

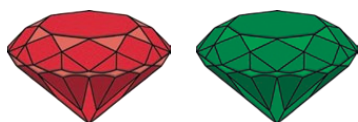
Monday 3rd April–Friday 21st April Inclusive - Easter Holidays

April

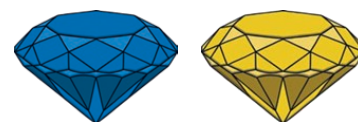
Monday 24th - Summer Term Begins

Junior Clubs

Day of the Week	Lunchtime/ After School	Type of Club	How to Sign Up	Teacher
Monday	Lunchtime	Library	See Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Japanese Club	See Mrs Atkins	Mrs Atkins
Tuesday	After School	Netball Years 3-6	Via ParentMail invitation	Mrs Atkins
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Homework	See Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Art and Mindfulness	Ongoing	Mrs Kilbourne
Thursday	Lunchtime	Construction	See Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Thursday	After School	Tag Rugby	Via ParentMail invitation	Mr Johnson
Friday	Lunchtime	Choir	Via ParentMail	Mrs Foot



House Points Term 3 & 4



Weekly House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Sapphire	454
2nd	Emerald	394
3rd	Zircon	360
4th	Ruby	317

Week 9 and **Sapphire** are top for the week again! **Emerald** were just behind in second place!

Sapphire hold the lead and are still top for the term so far!
It's a close battle and 1 week to go!!

Running House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Sapphire	3032
2nd	Zircon	2967
3rd	Ruby	2835
4th	Emerald	2763

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Congratulations and best wishes to:-

Tom & Matilda

who celebrate their birthdays this week !



Practicing your spellings will always help you when you have your spelling tests...

Year 1: 1st - **Obarinsola**
2nd - **Sara**
3rd - **Milan**

Year 2 : 1st - **Jovan**
2nd - **Evelyn**
3rd - **Austin**

Year 3 : 1st - **Amira**
2nd - **Alicia**
3rd - **David**

Year 4 : 1st - **Olivia**
2nd - **Joshua**

Year 5 : 1st - **Angela**
2nd - **Shaarav**
3rd - **Jedidiah**

Year 6 : 1st - **Ayo**
2nd - **Bridget**
3rd - **Josh**

Well done to everyone who logged in this week. Let's aim for a full house next week. Keep practising your spellings.



Don't forget to sign in to MathShed for a place in the top 3!

Year 1 : 1st - **Obarinsola**
2nd - **Milan**
3rd - **Roman**

Year 2 : 1st - **Evelyn**
2nd - **Jovan**
3rd - **Austin**

Year 3 : 1st - **Lyla**
2nd - **David**

Year 4 : 1st - **Olivia**
2nd - **Joshua**

Year 5 : 1st - **Angela**
2nd - **Tom**
3rd - **Shaarav**

Year 6 : 1st - **Ayo**
2nd - **Josh**
3rd - **Bridget**

Well done to those who were able to log in to **MathShed** this week. Great work everyone and keep practising!