

# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Autumn Term



St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

## Bromley Youth Music Trust



BYMT Roundabout is a new group starting in January 2023 at Bromley Youth Music Trust, Southborough Lane, Bromley, BR2 8AA on Saturday mornings, 9.15-11.00am. This new fun group is for children in school years 1, 2 & 3. During the sessions children will get the opportunity to learn keyboards, djembe drumming, recorders, and ocarinas - and is an excellent start to the child's musical journey. It will help them to develop musical awareness, pitch and rhythm as well as a basic understanding of playing an instrument and participating in a group activity. Please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/yj3x7ebt>

or call 020 8467 1566 for more information.

## Family Worker

If you have concerns or worries about your child, you can contact Mrs Brindle who is our Family worker.

Call 01689 821993

## Contact Numbers

Please ensure the School Office have more than one contact on record for your child. In the case of an emergency it is important that we have more than one number

## Dogs on school grounds

A polite reminder that we do not permit parents/carers to bring their dogs on to school grounds, please refrain from bringing them inside the gates.

## Christmas Lunch

Children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch. Thank you to our catering team and school staff for all their help



## Phase Leaders

Should you have any queries or questions regarding your child in school you can speak to the class teacher or our phase leaders:

Early Years - Mrs Zegeling

KS1- Miss Bell

Lower KS2 - Mrs Jones

Upper KS2- Mrs Merredew

## Children's Centres

The Children Centres at Cotmandene and Blenheim are running lots of sessions for parents and children. There are health clinic sessions, parent courses and learn and play sessions.

If you would like to know more, please see Mrs Morris, Mrs Zegeling or Mrs Brindle who have the timetables for these centres during the month of January.

## Nursery News

This bauble is very special as if you take the ribbon out it will remind you how small I was in the Christmas of 2022.



Nursery enjoyed playing with the snow in a tuff tray and painted snowmen.



Nursery made reindeer food, baubles and ice cream cone Christmas trees during their Christmas crafts session.



## Reception News

Well done to everyone involved in the EYFS Nativity



Robins Craft morning:

We had a lovely morning making lots of Christmas crafts. Thank you to all the parents who came to help and enjoy our festive fun!





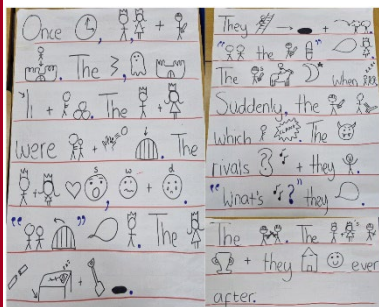
## Year 1 News

As part of our Science topic- Weather, Year 1 explored the snow using our senses. We melted it, changed its shape, changed the feel of it and made mini snowmen!



## Year 2 News

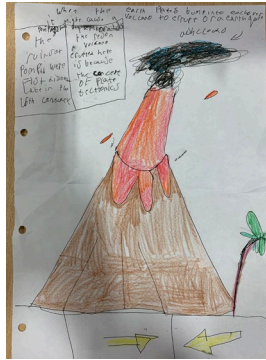
Puffin's class planned their own story and all helped to create a story map. Can you guess what our story is about from our story map?



## Year 3 News

Year 3 have been learning Makaton sign language whilst singing Christmas Songs.

Well done to Sophia for her home learning - a fantastic summary of our learning about Volcanoes this half term. She included an ash cloud, and a diagram to show the tectonic plates moving.



## Year 4 News

Year 4 have been writing some acrostic poems, Nakita and Esmae received a Headteacher's award for their fantastic work!

### FROST

Freezing fun, frosty snow

Really frosty fun

Out we go into the winter snow

Snow frost melting in the rich, yellow sun

Twinkling blue noses and snow frost fun for everyone

By Nakita (Y4)

### WINTER

Winter is cold

It's only good with a hot chocolate

Noel is coming, it'll soon be Christmas time

Toes are frozen

Ears are numb. Summer is...

Running away

By Esmae (Y4)

## Year 5 News

Year 5 have had fun making their own Christmas tree decorations out of wool and toilet rolls!



## Year 6 News

During the snow, some Y6 children completed a 3D puzzle of the world in their break time. It took Myles, Myroslav and Lucas 15 minutes to complete.



## French News

### French Decoration

#### Competition for Y5 and Y6

The alternative Christmas tree has been in the French Room this month. It has been decorated with 14 pictures of famous and popular destinations across France, as well as the usual bits of tinsel! Year 5 and 6 children were challenged to identify these destinations. They have done a great job and I have had a really good number of competition entries. Well done to all of the children who had a go – some of the answers were much more difficult than others. The competition winners will receive their prizes on the last day of this term.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!

Mrs Taylor



## Christmas Drawing Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the Greet Street Green Baptist Church Christmas Drawing Competition. We are pleased to announce the winners:

KS1 Lexi L (Kingfishers Y1)

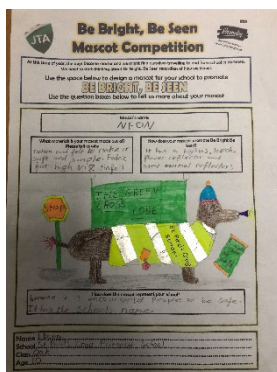
KS2 Vadyslav (Ash Yr5)

Congratulations to them both and thank you to all the children who took part.

All the pictures are now on display outside the church for the whole community to enjoy.

## JTA Competition

In the Autumn term JTA held a road safety competition. The winner of the Key Stage 2 Group was awarded to Ebony in Year 5. The prize was a £10 Amazon gift voucher. Well done Ebony!



## CRIBBS

The children had a visit from CRIBBS on the 9th December to remind us of the Christmas Story. All children enjoyed the performance.



## Christmas Pantomime

On Thursday the children watched the pantomime Robin Hood performed by Outside The Box Productions. A fun afternoon was had by all!

[www.outsidetheboxproduction.co.uk](http://www.outsidetheboxproduction.co.uk)



## Online safety

As the festive season approaches we know that many students will receive new electronic devices. The information below should help you set them up and monitor for appropriate use:

### Advice by age:

Younger children need different advice and guidance than older children. Older children need different advice and guidance than teens. It can be really difficult keeping up with everything that is online and what risks and issues may affect children of different ages, so on these pages there is some age-related advice and guidance for parents and carers:

Pre-school

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

6 - 10 year olds

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

11 - 13 year olds

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

14 plus

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

### Setting up devices:

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is

available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Smartphones

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Broadband and mobile networks

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/entertainment-and-search-engines>

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### Safety/privacy settings on social media:

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because, for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok.

Take a look at this link to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

### Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids:

YouTube is hugely popular with all age groups but historically parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. But things have changed and YouTube now gives parents a greater degree of control. It isn't perfect but it is a step in the right direction. Take a look at the page below where you will see a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

### Gaming

Finding good games, as well as knowing what is appropriate for the age of the child isn't easy, particularly when there can be lots of peer pressure to play the more popular games which are not always appropriate. Taming Gaming is a great resource for parents to find new games for children as well as lots of advice about content, suitability etc.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/>



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like [systemrequirementslab.com](http://systemrequirementslab.com) can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

## MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

## BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

## Meet Our Expert

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## PE Timetable Spring Term 1 - 2023

	9.00- 10.00	10.00- 11.30	1-1.40 HALL	1.40-2.20 KS1 PLAYGROUND	2.20-3pm KS2 PLAYGROUND FIELD
<b>Monday</b>			Year 3 (Cricket)		
<b>Tuesday</b>			Year 5 (Basketball coach)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nursery Sport for Tots Hall		Year 1	Year 1 and 2	
<b>Thursday</b>			Reception	Year 4	Year 4 (Swimming)
<b>Friday</b>			Year 6 (Gymnastic coach)		

### **Compulsory P.E. Kit (boys and girls):**

Children are to wear PE kit on their PE days all day. This should consist of:

trainers or plimsolls,  
plain black joggers/plain black leggings or plain black shorts,  
plain white t-shirt,  
plain black hoodie or school jumper

Children who are not in correct PE kit will be expected to change into the school's spare kit for the day.



## Important Events

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	2.50pm	Year 6 Oaks Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	2.50pm	Year 4 Elms & Rowans Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	2.50pm	Year 3 Maples Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Internet Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	2.50pm	Year 5 Ash Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	2.50pm	Year 1/2 Puffins Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	All day	World Book Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50pm	Year 1 Kingfishers Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	International Women’s Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Science Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50pm	Reception Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June		GRT History Month
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	World Environment Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	World Refugee Day
Date to be confirmed		Sports Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	French Day



## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2022 - 2023

### **AUTUMN TERM 2022**

Autumn 1 – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Aug – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Half Term – Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Autumn 2 – Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

### **SPRING TERM 2023**

Spring 1 – Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Spring 2 – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

### **SUMMER TERM 2023**

Summer 1 - Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Bank Holiday – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Half Term – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun**

Summer 2 – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul

### **STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)**

Day 1 – Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022

Day 2 – Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

Day 3 – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Day 4 – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Day 5 – to be confirmed

# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2023 - 2024

## **AUTUMN TERM - 2023**

Autumn 1 – Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Half Term – Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Autumn 2 – Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

## **SPRING TERM 2024**

Spring 1 – Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term – Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Spring 2 – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

## **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Summer 1 - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Bank Holiday – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Half Term – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Summer 2 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## **STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)**

Day 1 – Tuesday 29 August 2023

Day 2 – Thursday 21 December 2023

Day 3 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Day 4 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Day 5 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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