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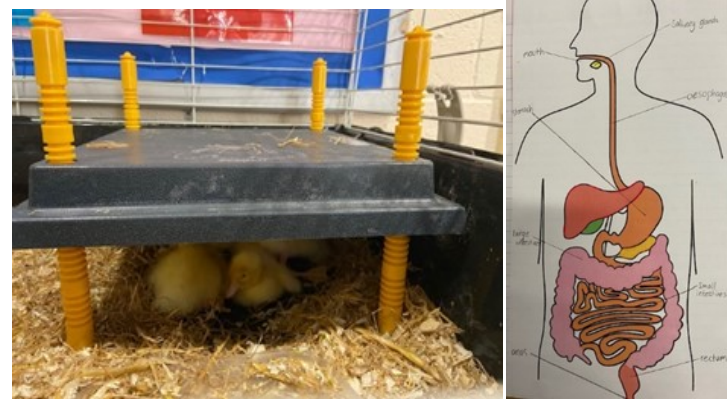
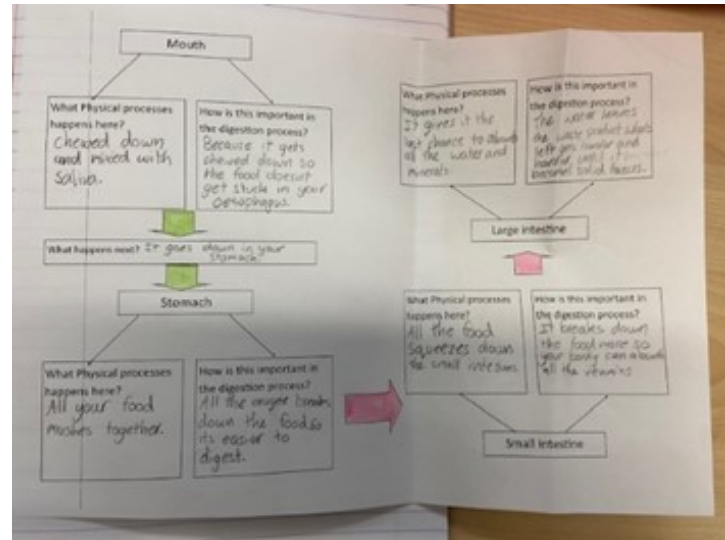
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so glad to be back in school again! Thank you to all the parents/carers and children for all their kind words and I'm looking forward to getting around to see everyone over the next few weeks.

Already this week I've spent lots of time in classrooms and have had the pleasure of focusing on science! I was amazed by some of the work and especially enjoyed watching Year 4 learn all about digestion.



The science theme has been continued in Classes 1 and 2 where they are learning all about living and growing. We had some duck eggs delivered at the start of the week and these have now hatched into ducklings! The children have all held them and have been looking after them. They can't wait to see how they develop over the next few weeks!

Parents Evenings

We have made the decision to hold parents evenings remotely again this term as we are aware that many members of our school community continue to remain anxious regarding Covid-19. By holding these remotely we are able to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to talk to their child's class teacher. We intend to return to face-to-face parents' evenings from September 2022.



Parents evenings will take place on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March. They will be held on Microsoft Teams like before and appointments will be 10 minutes long. A letter has been sent out to all parents/ carers via E-Schools, explaining this. A copy of the letter is also available on our school website

You can book your appointment by following the link or scanning the QR code. bit.ly/3vQHfWp.



If there are no meetings available or you have any problems then please contact the school office.

Recorders

Over the past few months Mrs Walker and a group of Year 1s have been learning to play the recorder. They have met once a week, learning how to hold the recorder properly and have practised a number of songs ready to perform. Last week they performed to the rest of Year 1 and their teachers. They were outstanding, concentrating well and playing pitch perfect notes!! Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Walker for giving up her lunchtime to teach the children!



Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child then you should report this immediately. You can report this to the school or directly to Children and Young People's Services (Social Services).

Children and Young People's Services Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire:

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111.

Email: lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.



The Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Beeby. Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Mr Heathcote or Mrs Pask who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Comic Relief

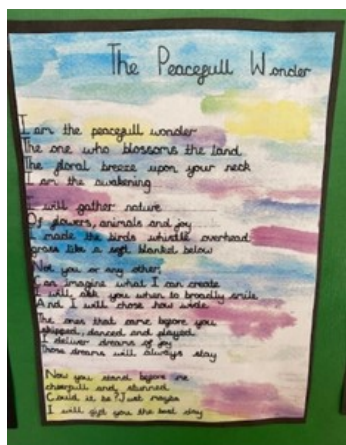
On Friday 18th March children can come into school in NON-UNIFORM for Comic Relief. We ask that they also wear something red and bring in a donation (50p- £1) as part of this.

Apologies for the mistake in last week's newsletter. The children CAN come into school in non-uniform on this day.



Poetry

As part of our English curriculum we look at poetry. Over the years, many schools have lost a love of poems and these are often forgotten about in the curriculum...not here at Isaac Newton though! All of our year groups complete work around poetry and this is an integral part of our English curriculum. Last term, Year 5 read a range of poems and then used what they had learnt to create their own. Their final examples are now displayed in school and they look great! Well done everyone!



Discos

We will be holding a number of discos to raise money for the Red Cross to support with the current conflict in Ukraine.



An EYFS disco will be held on Tuesday 15th March. A letter has gone home to all parents/ carers in class 1 and 2 regarding this. Please ensure that your permission slip is returned if you wish for your child to attend.

Our other discos will be held on Thursday 24th March. The Year 1 and 2 will be held from 4.30pm- 5.30pm. The Year 3 - 6 disco will be held from 6.00pm- 7.00pm. Tickets are £2 and are available from the school office. These will include crisps and a drink.

We are asking for children to come in the colours of the Ukraine flag for the disco!

The Deep

Year 6 really enjoyed their trip to The Deep this week. The trip linked to their topic of 'Watery Worlds' and their work on biomes. It's fantastic that we are able to take part in trips and experiences again and I hope that you can all see how we are trying to provide our children with as many opportunities for enrichment as possible!



Important Dates

Term 4:	Monday 21 st February 2022 - Friday 1 st April 2022
14th March	Y2 Partake Theatre Workshop (In School)
15th March	EYFS Disco
16th March	Y3 Peterborough Museum
18th March	Comic Relief
24th March	Y1 & 2 Disco (4.30pm- 5.30pm) Y3- 6 Disco (6.00pm- 7.00pm)
25th March	Y5 ½ day PGL
30th March	Class Photo Day
30th March	Parents Evening (Virtual)
31st March	Parents Evening (Virtual)
Term 5:	Tuesday 19 th April 2022 - Friday 27 th May 2022
12th May	Y4 Stibbington
20th April	Open Classrooms (3.45pm-4.45pm)
Term 6:	Monday 6 th June 2022 - Thursday 21 st July 2022

AGE RESTRICTION
13+



Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."



What parents need to know about **SNAPCHAT**

EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story,' stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!" When uploading to 'Our Story,' your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshots are possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies.' Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals,' users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.



Top Tips for Parents



THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com.

USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode.'

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images through gallery in the chat on the app) as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the apps settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends,' 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends.'



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