



Forest Glade Primary and Nursery School Family – Growth – Potential

March 2024

As we come to the end of the Spring term take a look below to see some of the exciting things we've been up to and all the latest updates. We hope you have a lovely Easter break and will see you back at school on Monday the 15th of April.



Educational Visits

We have had lots of school trips happening this month across school to support the children's learning. FS2 visited Skegness Seal Sanctuary & the RNLI lifeboat station, Year 1 went to Perlethorpe for a Victorian themed school day and Year 2 visited Crich Tramway Museum. In KS2, Year 3 visited Creswell Crags and went in the Robin Hood Cave, Year 4 went to York Museum and Year 5 took part in an Anglo-Saxon day at Perlethorpe. All the children had brilliant experiences and the teachers were very proud of the FGP values displayed by all.



Eco Quote of the Month

"Save the bees, plant trees!"



Water Saving Tip of the Month

"A dripping tap can waste more than 5,300 litres of water a year!"



World Book Day

Children were invited to dress up as their favourite book character for World Book Day. There were lots of amazing costumes and teachers were able to share their favourite book with the children. What an amazing day celebrating reading!



Red Nose Day

We had a non-uniform day to raise money for Red Nose Day. Thank you for your generous donations, we managed to raise £118 for this worthy charity!



Ladies Afternoon Tea

For Mother's day we had a special afternoon tea to celebrate the special ladies in our children's lives. We had really positive feedback from parents who were able to come and enjoy a cuppa, cake and activities with their children. Thank you to the PTA for providing the cakes for everybody to enjoy. Please look out for details of the special Father's Day event we will be holding in June.



Easter Eggstravaganza Competition

Well done to all the children who entered our Easter Eggstravaganza competition, there were lots of amazing designs! A big well done to our winners and runners up, your creativity was incredible. We can't wait to see what designs you come up with next year!



Thank you Freshtrans Ltd

A big thank you to Freshtrans Ltd who generously donated an Easter egg for each of our children in school, it is hugely appreciated!

Nursery Wonder Dome Visit



Nursery had a visit from the Wonder Dome to help support their enquiry question, 'How do we get to where we are going?' They all had a fantastic time, learning all about space, asked lots of questions and even got to watch a rocket land on the moon! Well done Nursery!



Family First Magazine

Please use the below link to access the Family First magazine which has lots of information and ideas to keep busy over the Easter holidays. <https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue2-24>

Upcoming dates for the diary

29th March – 12th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 13th – 16th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 20th – 22nd May – Year 6 Residential

27th – 31st May – May Half Term

Inset Days for 2023/2024

No more Inset days until September



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, asocial and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvy online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

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