



Oak CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024



It was lovely to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher event and the information your class teacher shared will be available on ClassDojo. Remember you can message your class teacher during their working day if you have any questions. If there is anything that school needs to know urgently, please don't use Dojo for this – please contact the office. Teachers don't have constant access to ClassDojo and it may take them a couple of days to respond.

Mrs Garlick

This year we have chosen to invest much more heavily in our outdoor provision for all pupils at playtimes and lunchtimes. Today we started our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey. OPAL is a programme for school which lasts about 18 months and will include parent involvement in developing this further. We are very excited to get this started as we recognise that pupils need an active playtime. To start this process off, we have already booked the installation of a Trim Trail and some gym equipment onto the playground, which we know the children will love. This will be installed just before October half term and we will keep you up to date with our other plans for the outdoor areas including the development of our Early Years learning environment.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is

96%

This week's attendance was

92%

The class with the highest attendance this week was

6.2 with 96.7%

Vision for Oak

Today your child has come home with a sheet for you to contribute to our review of the Vision for Oak CE Primary School.

We have already taken the views of pupils and staff in school, but this is a school for our community, and it is vital that we have your input as well. Please return the form to your child's class teacher or the office by Thursday 19th September.

Here are some of the things that children have said are special about our school:

“We have lots of different faiths and cultures which is awesome”

“All staff are kind”

“Everyone is welcome”

“We enjoy the positive rewards”

“I want to be successful and have a good career”

“I want school to get me ready for my next steps”

“I want to be part of a team”

“School is a where I can do my best and learn”

Please let us know what is important to you.

Congratulations!

Well done to Gardening club! All their hard work clearing and developing the growing garden last year has won school a £50 voucher from the Yorkshire Garden Trust!

School Council

If your child would like to be considered for School Council this year, they can get an application form from their class teacher. They must be returned by Wednesday 18th September.
Mrs Charlesworth

Achievement Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who came this morning. It was lovely to see you! Dojo messages will be sent out each week to inform you if your child has won an award.

At Oak we are **Ready, Respectful & Safe**



Dates for your Diary

24th September 2024: 4 Ever Active Event

15th – 19th October: Bikeability for Y6

22nd and 23rd October: Bikeability for Y6

Friday 25th October: School Closed for INSET

Monday 4th November: School Reopens

Wednesday 6th November: School Nurses – Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 17th November: Parent Evenings

Wednesday 27th November: School Photo Day

Tuesday 17th December: Reception Nativity

**Wednesday 18th December: Year 1 & 2 Christmas
Performance**

Thursday 19th December: Y3 & Y5 Christingle

Friday 20th December: School Closes for Christmas

**Don't forget every Thursday is Coffee Morning
8.45-9.45am**



FREE TRAINING!



Friendly,
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Paediatric first aid course



Two sessions

- Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th September
- 9.30am - 2.30pm
- Drinks provided (not lunch)

Useful skills (and qualification)

**At Thornton Lodge
Community Centre**
Brook Street
Huddersfield HD1 3JW

- Know what to do if a child is hurt
- Course meets Ofsted and EYFS standards
- Useful for working in nursery, as childminder etc

This training is free but we need a £20 deposit (returned at end of course)



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Food Safety Course

A Fully funded 5-week course for those over 19 years of age.

There will be an opportunity to achieve Level 2 Qualification, essential for people working in or looking for employment in a food business.

The course includes:

- ❖ Personal hygiene
- ❖ Different types of contamination
- ❖ Food poisoning and foodborne disease
- ❖ How to prevent cross-contamination
- ❖ Temperature controls



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Crosland Moor Community Learning Centre.

Course starts:
Tuesday 17th September
finishing Tuesday
15th October
09.30am - 12.30pm
At Crosland Moor Learning
Centre, 15 Park Road West, HD4
5RX

COURSE CODE:
GM2425008



**National
Online
Safety®**
#WakeUpWednesday



Conversation starters for parents and carers: ONLINE CONTENT

Trying to start a conversation about online safety with children can be a daunting task. There are many reasons why children may not want to talk to adults about it. One might be that they don't think you'll understand or that you won't know how to help if they came to you with an online problem.

It can also be hard to start a conversation about something that you might have limited knowledge about. However, with screen time increasing during the lockdown, it's important now more than ever, to be talking to children about what they are accessing online.

1 ASK THEIR MOTIVATION

Sometimes it's easy to assume we know why children choose certain games or apps. It can seem obvious, like the child interested in football will be enthusiastic about the new FIFA game. But sometimes it can be more subtle than that. It could be that it's an outlet for their creativity or it might be that they like the look of the main character. Learning their motivation and knowing why they like it can help advising them on how to use it safely and help you discuss the pros and cons.



6 MAKE TIME TO LISTEN

When your child can't wait to tell you about their new game, always try and listen to what they say. We always have a lot on our minds, so it's easy for us to drift off onto other things which may be more important. However try to stay involved and ask them more details about aspects of the game/app. Children will appreciate your interest and the more questions you ask, the more you can find out. If you act uninterested, then they are less likely to tell you about it again in the future.



2 CULTIVATE A BLAME FREE CULTURE

Children can often blame themselves if they come across something that scares them or makes them feel uncomfortable. There will be times when your child has gone against something that you have forbidden, however, most children do not intend to put themselves at risk. Therefore, it's important that your child is able to come to you with a problem and won't be blamed for it. Try to understand what happened and why and warn them of the dangers once more. Engaging in a 'told you so' dialogue or suggesting they are in trouble for not listening may deter them from reporting any future concerns.



7 ASK THEM TO BE THE TEACHER

Showing an interest in what children are accessing online is a great opportunity for you to learn something new as well. Children on the whole love sharing their experiences so by asking them to teach you how to use an app or play a game is not only a great way to bond, but you will also feel more empowered to talk about it. It is easy to shy away from conversations when the child perhaps knows more about the subject content than you do. This can help to turn this around.



3 SHARE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Starting a conversation by sharing something that you've seen or that has made you feel uncomfortable can be a great opener. Talking about your own feelings can help children realise that it isn't just them – adults can be affected too. You can then go into how you coped with it therefore indirectly giving children advice on how they can also cope in uncomfortable situations. You can also explain that the reason that you've chosen to talk to them about it is because talking helps. Children will hopefully be able to see the parallels in the experiences and mimic your behaviour in future.



8 USE SCHOOL MESSAGING

It might be that your child's school has sent out a message about the Childline number or to remind children to use the CEOP button to report content. Ask the children what they learned about these at school. When would they use the Childline number? When would they need to use the CEOP button? What does it look like? Asking the children why the school thought that the information was so important that they sent out a message about it reinforces what they learnt whilst at school.



4 TALK ABOUT THE NEWS

Asking children what their response is to news stories around online safety can be revealing. For example, there has been a recent survey conducted by the BBFC who are currently campaigning for the application of age ratings and content warnings on video sharing platforms. What do they think about this? Can they think of a time when this would have helped themselves or someone they know? Are they against the idea? If so, why? Could they be accessing something they shouldn't be?



9 ASK ABOUT THE RISKS

Many children may know what online risks are and will happily explain the potential dangers. Listen and try not to be overly shocked if they tell you something that disturbs you. This can then lead nicely into you asking the question about what steps they are taking to look after themselves or what help they could seek if something goes wrong. Sometimes it's just nice to know that your children know the dangers and have taken steps to help reduce the risk for themselves – this is the ultimate goal.



5 ASK FOR ADVICE

It could be that you really do have a friend at work who is debating whether or not to let their child do something online, or it could be that you're bending the truth slightly, but hopefully the outcome would be the same. Don't be afraid to ask others for advice. Not only why they should let the child use it, but also what would they tell the child to be aware of. What are the risks? This will help you understand the risks yourself and what to look out for in future.



10 ASK ABOUT RESPONSIBILITIES

Try asking open ended questions about roles and responsibilities online. Who is in control of the internet? Who is looking after you whilst you are online? Who decides what is appropriate for children to see? This can reveal a lot about a child's perception about who is responsible for their online safety. If they believe that it is up to everyone else to keep them safe, then you know you need to have a conversation about how they can reduce their own risk.



11 ASK ABOUT SCHOOL ADVICE

Sometimes it's hard to know what to warn children about. If there is a new app or game that your child has come across recently, ask them what they think their teacher would say about it. What advice would school give them? What have they been told about trusting people online or about fake news? Finding this out would be a good way to hear what advice they were given at school and help you reiterate the same message. Quick reminders about what to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable or who their trusted adults are can make all the difference.



Meet our expert

Heather Cardwell is a practising Online Safety Lead and senior school leader who is passionate about safeguarding children online and educating them around online risks. She has over 10+ years as a Computing Lead and has successfully developed and implemented a whole school approach to online safety in schools, delivering online safety training to both school staff and parents and helping to roll-out a bespoke online safety policy across her local network of education settings.



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What will you make?



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Pregnancy Wellbeing Group

This course aims to support those who are worrying, avoiding activities or have sleep difficulties.

NHS
Kirklees
Talking Therapies

When: Wednesday 25th September 2024 10:30-12:00 for 6 weeks

Where: Folly Hall Mill

Who for: Clients who are currently pregnant with due dates after completion of the course

Delivered by: Kirklees Talking Therapies in partnership with CHFT Maternity services

How do I refer myself?

If you are interested, please refer yourself for an initial assessment:

Website:

<https://kirklees-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk/>

Telephone:

01484 343700

Course overview

Session 1 Introduction to CBT, wellbeing and anxiety

Session 2 Managing Worry

Session 3 Problem solving and overcoming barriers

Session 4 Panic and tackling avoidance

Session 5 Self-care and balancing our activity

Session 6 Maintaining progress and further support



for anxiety and depression

Service delivered by South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust





Kirklees Autism LEGO Group

**1st Friday of every month
from 2pm til 4pm**

The group is for autistic adults in Kirklees to chat and build LEGO in a peer environment

**Located at Lindley Library, Lidget
St, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3JP**

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