

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 7th June May 2024



We come to the end of another wonderful week in school. We have so many exciting things to share with you!

Last Friday, I went to the DEMAT Art Exhibition at St. Mary's Church in Ely. 12 of our children had their work exhibited there, having had their work selected in school. Some of those children were able to attend to see their own work exhibited, as well as the work of other children across the trust – 260 pieces of art in total. The exhibition was then open to the general public on Saturday. Visitors to the exhibition were invited to vote for their favourite pieces of art. Jacob in Year 5 came 5th in this vote which is absolutely incredible. Well done, Jacob!

Mr Baron and I took the Year 5/6 cricket team to a Dynamos tournament in Foxton on Wednesday. We were so incredibly impressed not only by the high standard of cricket they displayed, but also their ability to play as a team, supporting and encouraging each other. The team won 5 out of their 6 games and came 3rd overall.

Miss Hardege took a team of Year 3/4 girls to a Football Festival in Melbourn yesterday. So much fun was had by all! The girls got to take part in mini matches and very much enjoyed themselves. Miss Hardege was very impressed by their enthusiasm and their kindness both to each other and to the other teams.

Well done to Dylan in Year 4 and Max in Year 1 for completing the reading challenge Dylan particularly enjoyed reading *Varjak Paw* by S F Said and Max particularly enjoyed reading *Everything Under the Sun* by Molly Oldfield.

You'll see further down the newsletter a list of requests from the staff team in Ants Class. We would be so grateful if you had any of the items listed, perhaps that your child no longer needs or plays with. Please bring any items to the office. It is important that any items donated are in a good condition and that games and jigsaws etc have no missing pieces.

Finally – a reminder that there is a PTA meeting on Zoom on Tuesday evening at 8pm. You are all very welcome. It's always lovely to see new faces!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates!

Week Beginning 17 th June	Poetry Competition
18 th June	PTA meeting – Zoom 8pm
20 th June	Bees trip to St. Paul's (will be longer than a normal school day)
21 st June	No Celebration Collective Worship
26 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Year 3/4 cricket
3 rd July	Ants and Butterflies trip to Wandlebury
10 th July	KS2 Production 2.30pm
11 th July	KS2 Production 6pm
12 th July	School Reports out
12 th July	Olympic-Themed Fun Run for British Heart Foundation
Week Beginning 15 th July	Year 6 Activity week
16 th July	Transition Morning
18 th July	Key Stage 1 Music Concert 2.30pm
19 th July	Leavers' Service 2.30pm
5 th September	Class Information Evenings (straight after school)
9 th -12 th September	Year 5 Bikeability
23 rd October	Individual and sibling photos
24 th and 26 th September	Parent Consultations (for Years 1-6)
27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Week Beginning 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
29 th November	Decoration Day
10 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal (morning – time TBC)
11 th December	Nativity Performance – 2.30pm
12 th December	Nativity Performance – 6pm
13 th December	Festive Friday
17 th December	KS2 Concert (afternoon – time TBC)
18 th December	Christingles (children will need an orange)
20 th December	Carol Service

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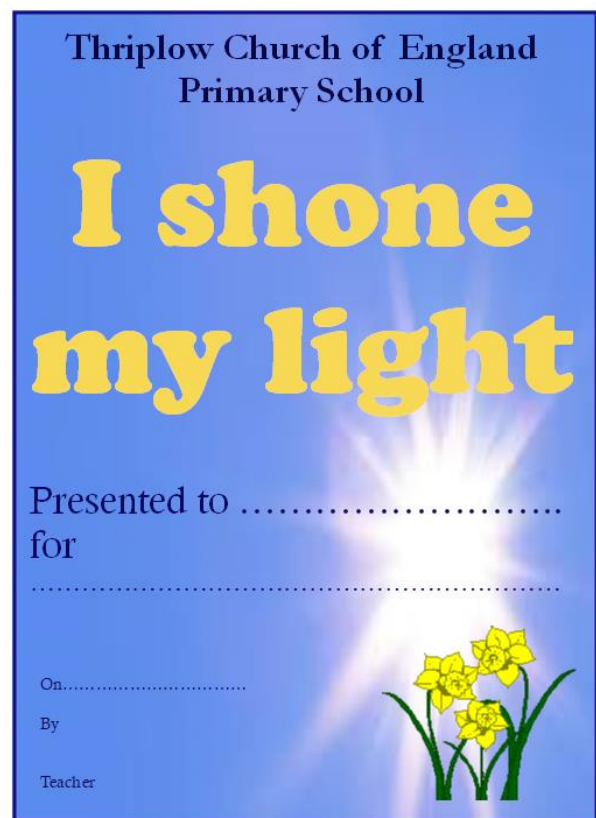
Term Dates

Summer 2024		
	Term Ends	Friday 19 th July
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 22nd July</i>
Autumn 2024		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 4 th September
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 25th October</i>
	Half Term	28 th October – 1 st November
	Term Ends	Friday 20 th December
Spring 2025		
	Term Begins	Monday 6 th January
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 14th February</i>
	Half Term	17 th -21 st February
	Term Ends	Friday 4 th April
Summer 2025		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 23 rd April
	May Day	Monday 6 th May
	Half Term	26 th May – 30 th May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd June</i>
	Term Ends	Wednesday 23 rd July

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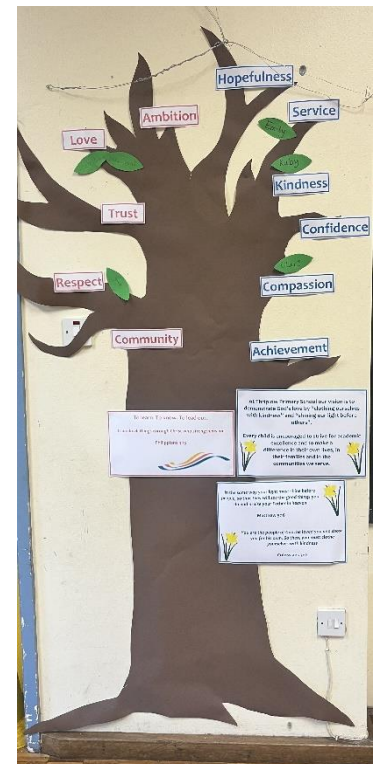
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Harrison (Reception)
- Oliver (Reception)
- Jenson (Year 1)
- Hollie (Year 2)
- Lois (Year 3)
- Erin P (Year 4)
- Sophia (Year 4)
- Josh (Year 5)
- Sam (Year 6)



The following children were added to the 'Vision and Values' tree for living out our Thriplow and DEMAT values.

- Ethan (Respect)
- Ruby (Kindness)
- Annabelle (Achievement)
- Thomas (Community)
- Molly (Community)



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POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION

Heats for our annual Poetry Recital Competition will take place the Week Beginning 17th June, in time for the final on 21st June.

Children from Year 2 upwards are encouraged to take part.

If your child would like to take part, they will need to select their own poem to perform from memory. Please make sure that the poem is an existing poem rather than one they have written themselves.

They will need to practise at home performing it clearly and with good expression.

There will be two children from each Year group taking part in the finals on Friday 21st June, in school time.

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REQUESTS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT HOME THAT YOU COULD DONATE TO ANTS CLASS TO ENHANCE THEIR LEARNING?

Role play items for a home:

kitchen items (cups, bowls, plates, play food, cleaning set, culey, fake plants, washing line, toy kettle, toy toaster

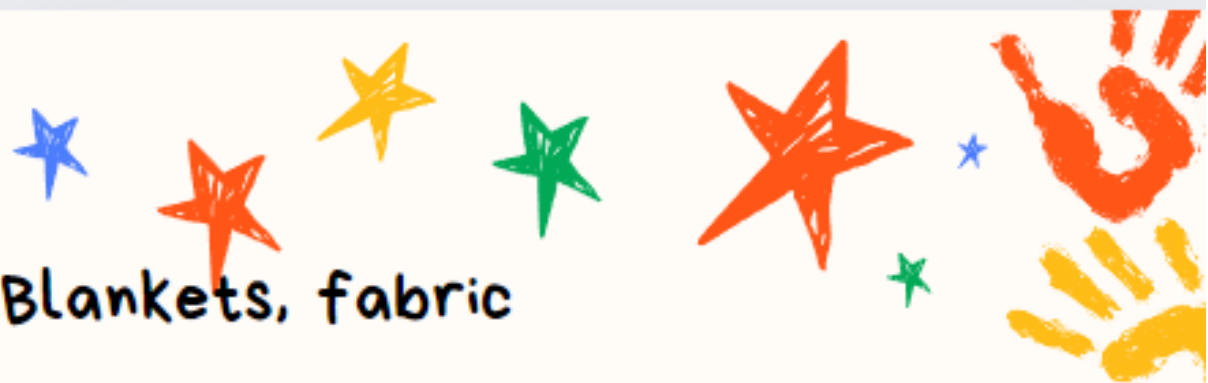
old phones, old cameras (real not toy)

Dressing up items:

shoes, scarves, jewellery



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Blankets, fabric

Board games, jigsaws

Outdoor games e.g. skittles

Babies, baby clothing, prams,
baby bed

Small world house e.g. fire station



Toy shopping baskets, trolleys

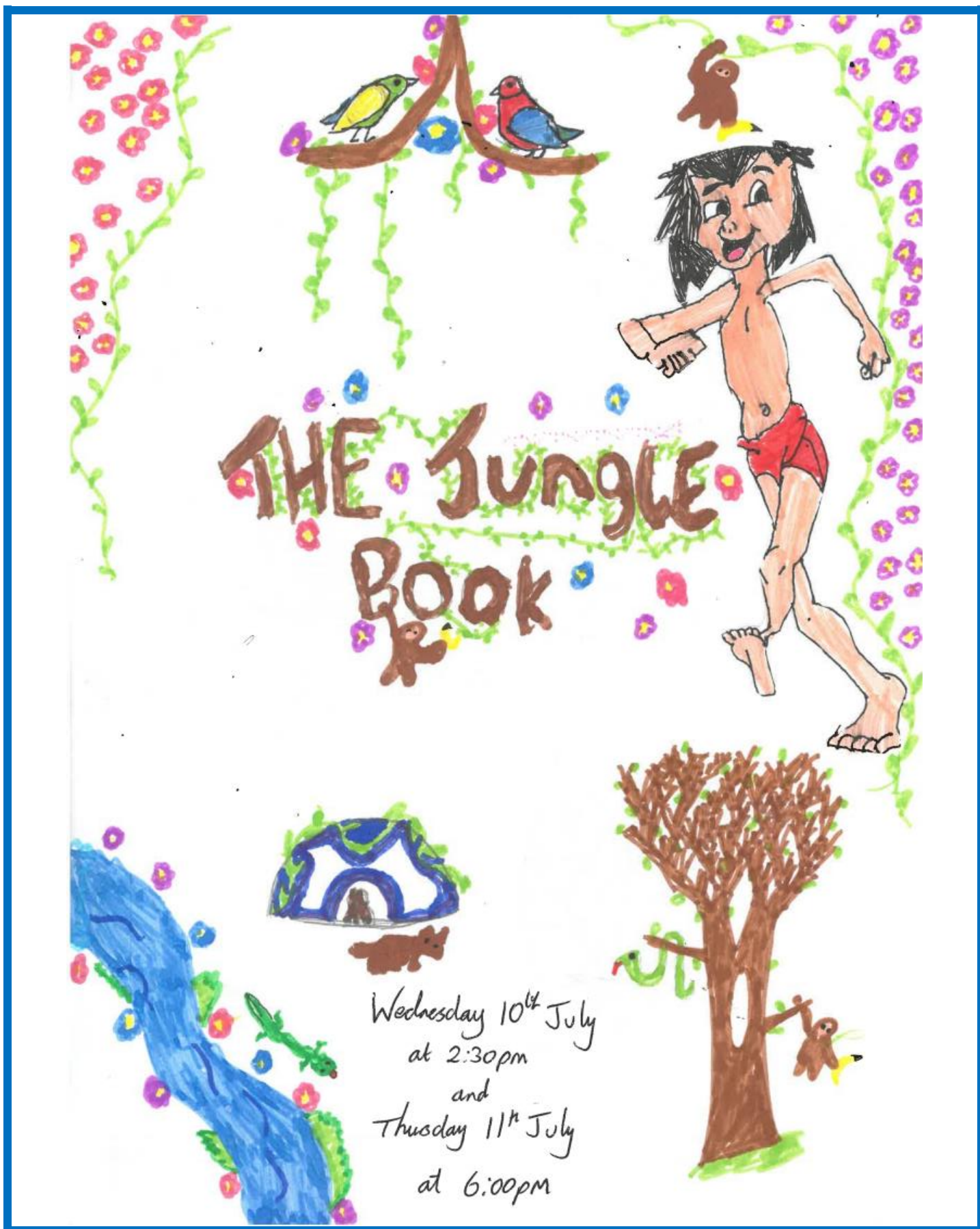
Pretend money

A toy kitchen

Cars, trains, small world
people



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Due to the risk to a child at school with a severe nut allergy please could we ask that you do not send your child to school with sun cream; but rather apply an 8 hour cream in the morning.

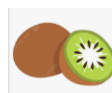
SNACKS – A reminder

Key Stage 1 (Ants and Butterflies) are provided with a free fruit/vegetable snack each morning for playtime. They do not need to bring their own snack from home.

Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in a snack from home to have at playtime. This must be a fruit or vegetable snack (i.e. a piece of fruit or a vegetable).

If your children has a school dinner, they should not be bringing in additional food to school other than their fruit/vegetable snack.

Please chat to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this.



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OLYMPIC-THEMED FUN RUN

In aid of



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via our JustGiving Page*



12TH JULY 2024

The children at Thriplow School aim to run 316 miles as a team - the number of miles between Thriplow School and the Olympic Park in Paris.

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THRIPLow SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY 2024



RAFFLE

1. Open your phone camera, and follow the QR code.
2. Register / log in.
3. In the 'Amount' box, enter the number of raffle tickets you wish to purchase and click 'purchase'.
4. Enter the amount you wish to donate to Galabid (if you don't want to donate anything to the platform, click 'Other' in the dropdown box and enter 0).
5. Click 'Next' and enter payment details and confirm payment.

**Raffle closes 9.30pm
Saturday 15th June**



AUCTION

1. Open your phone camera, follow the QR code.
2. Register / log in.
3. Click into an item, enter your 'bid amount' and click '**bid now**'.
4. It must be equal to or above the 'next minimum bid'.
5. If you are outbid, you will receive a text message to prompt you to rebid.
6. Don't forget to check your phone!!

**Auction closes 11pm
Saturday 15th June**

Money raised at the Summer Solstice Party will furnish a new cosy library created as part of the Cornerstone Classroom Project.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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Your child's school attendance is very important and we are here to help. If you need support to increase your child's attendance, please get in touch with Mrs How via the office.

Days off school add up to lost learning			
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments			
0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96%	92%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	Persistent Absentee
Best chance of SUCCESS	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
			Serious concern Possible court action

Safeguarding at Thriplow

Lucy How and Melissa Hardege are the designated safeguarding leads at Thriplow School.

If you have a concern about a child, please come and speak to or email either of us. Alternatively please speak to any member of staff who will be able to pass on information.

If you feel that a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection>

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HATS

Please make sure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day this term. Now that the weather is warmer, we will not be able to let children out to play without a hat for health and safety reasons.

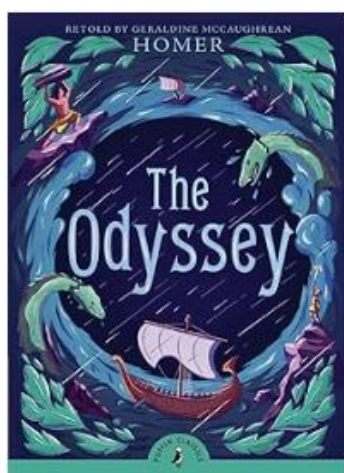
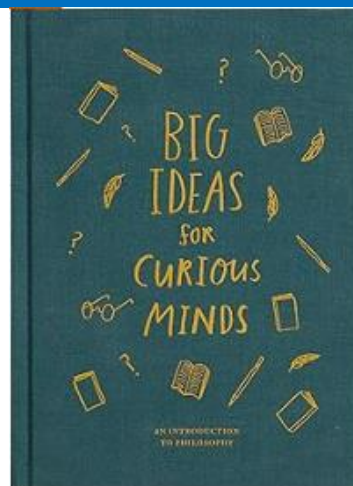


Happy Birthday to **Isaac**, **Josh W** and **Selena** who have celebrated their birthdays recently!



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Many thanks to Felix for
donating this book on the
occasion of his 11th birthday



Many thanks to Felicity for
donating this book on the
occasion of her 8th birthday

HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	57	381
Barenton	18	381
Bassett	43	504
Bury	24	364

Well done Bassett!

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGE RATING
13+
from the
App Store &
Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Breakfast Club at Ladybird



Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years

Registration
forms can be
found on the
School
Website



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30

September 2024
Please book sessions required for Breakfast Club
in September to guarantee your child's place.
Adhoc sessions may still be available, numbers
permitting, but we do ask for 24 hours' notice.
This also applies to cancellations.
ladybirdplaygrouphthriplow@gmail.com



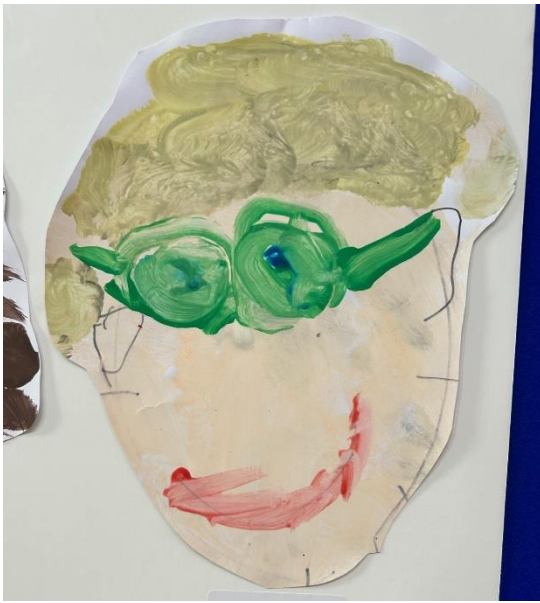
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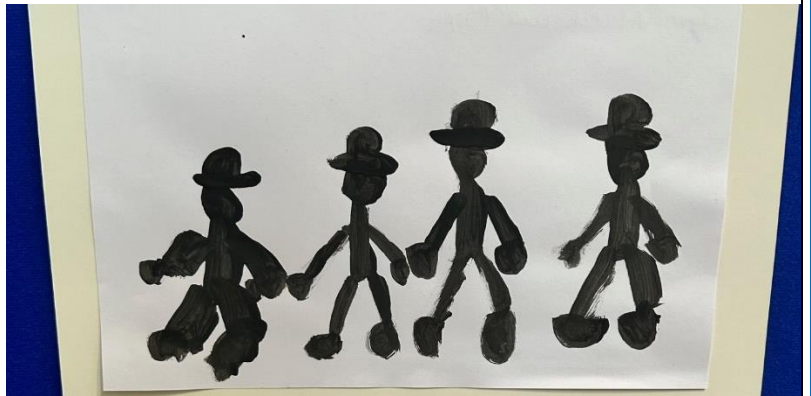
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What have we been up to recently?



Josie



Otto



Ruby



Molly

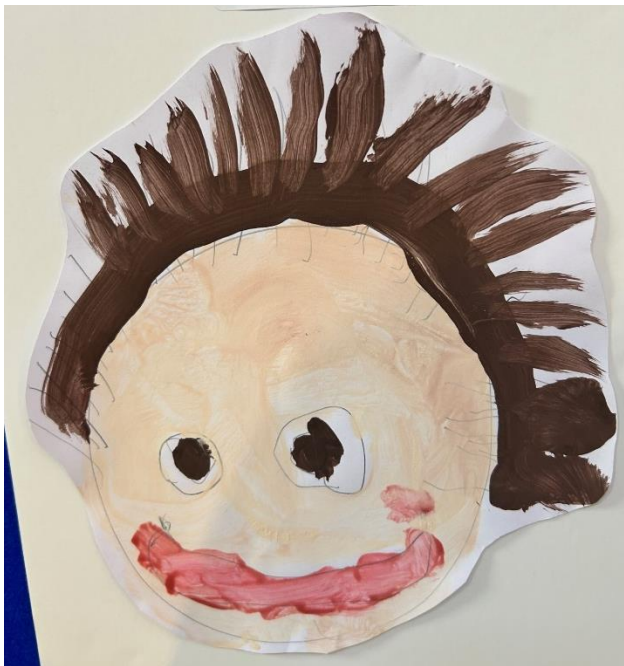
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Millie-Rose



Henry



Thomas



Bea

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Maddie



Jacob



Pippa



Selena

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Winning pupils from across the trust

Jacob's



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