



Bryony School Newsletter

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Young Voices 2024



After months of practising our school choir are at the O2 today performing in the Young Voices 2024 Concert . Further photos are posted on our social media pages and will be in our newsletter next week.

MYG Swimming Team



This week saw us enter a team into the MYG Swimming Competition at Medway Park. This year we entered the Champion Series. We came a very creditable 9th place. All of the swimmers gave their all and represented Bryony School admirably. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and support the children.

Mrs Atkins and Mr Johnson

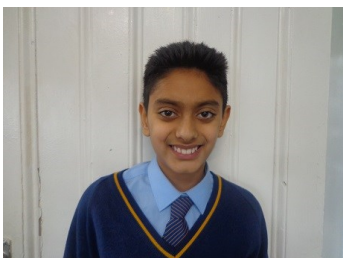
Junior House Captains



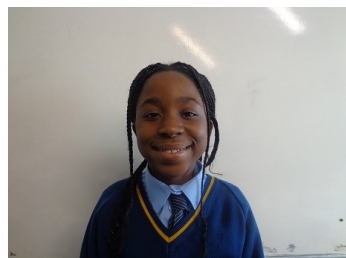
Veer - Sapphire



Mya - Ruby



Ajay - Emerald



Folashade - Zircon

Football Presentation

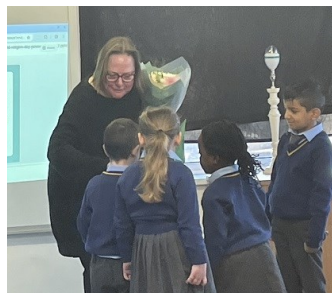
Year 6 worked hard making a football presentation during their Computer lesson this morning. They then presented their fantastic presentation to the Year 2 children.

Well done Year 6!

Special Birthday in Year 1!

Mrs Paice is celebrating a special Birthday this weekend.

The children presented her flowers and gifts! Happy birthday!



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Sensational Safari

Year 2 are really enjoying their new topic 'Sensational Safari'. This week, the children used chromebooks to access 'Google Safe Search' and 'Google Classroom'.



They were able to research facts about Kenya for their fact files.

Mrs Dyne

Shadow Art

Year 2 have used the sunshine to their advantage today by creating safari animals from shadows.



They stuck them onto their hot colours collage backgrounds they made last week!
Mrs Dyne & Mrs Apps



Online Safety

This weeks National Online Safety have produced this useful poster of Smartphone safety tips for young people to help avoid Online Safety risks. #WakeUpWednesday

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

- NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE**

Alongside face or fingerprint unlocking, your passcode is crucial to accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go off for a messy around if a friend wants to use your phone, will they? Try to use your phone with them safely and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.
- RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS**

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.
- TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT**

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.
- STAY ALERT**

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings. This might be around us. People often walk with their head down, looking at their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, such as other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.
- DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS**

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If there's something you struggle with, you could try setting limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.
- IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS**

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal details or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.
- SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION**

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps. This means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.
- REMOVE TEMPTATION**

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at screens late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have no less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.
- ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS**

Before downloading a new app or service, check what age it's for. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (such as violent or frightening, for instance) or sharing which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or insecure.
- THINK ABOUT OTHERS**

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or eating. From the street, it's important to remain mindful of other people. Although they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversations, if you're calling from a public place then chances are that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

Meet Our Expert: The National College, National Online Safety, #WakeUpWednesday

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Year 1 Maths

Our Starfish Class (Year 1) has been learning about Place Value to 50. This week they used Base 10 blocks to show how single blocks (ones) can be grouped into tens, so that for example, 30 blocks can become 3 tens so that the place value of the 3 = 30. It can be a hard concept to grasp at first, so having fun with the blocks really helps.



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Reminders

_Academic Diary

Our academic diary has been updated, the changes can be viewed on our website.

Please follow the link: <https://www.bryonyschool.org.uk/calendar-of-events/>

Morning and After School Care

If you require morning or after school care please complete the ParentMail form in advance.

School Uniform

New uniform is available at **Schooltime** . 87-89 High St, Chatham ME4 4EE. You can also visit their website: <https://schooltime.co.uk>

Equipment

Please ensure your child comes to school with the correct equipment needed for the day including full pencil case (this includes glue stick and scissors), water bottle and reading books. Please NAME everything!

FoBS have a small number of glue sticks available for 50p each. You may purchase these from the school office.

Diary Dates

January

Wednesday 24th - KS1 Road Safety Walk

Wednesday 24th - Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Sequencing

Thursday 25th - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park

Thursday 25th - Year 5 & 6 PSG Sports Hall Athletics, Medway Park

Thursday 26th - Year 5 & 6 PSG Sports Hall Athletics Festival

Monday 29th - Year 6 Visit from The Magistrates

Junior Clubs

Day of the Week	Lunchtime/ After School	Type of Club	How to Sign Up	Teacher
Monday	Lunchtime	Library	See Mrs Foot/ Mrs Ware	Mrs Foot/ Mrs Ware
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Construction Club	Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Tuesday	After School	Archery Years 3 to 6	Via Parentmail	Mrs Atkins
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Crochet and Knitting Club	FULLY BOOKED	Mrs Atkins/ Ms Jug
Thursday	Lunchtime	Homework	See Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Thursday	Lunchtime	Italian (starting end Jan)	See Ms Jug	Ms Jug
Friday	Lunchtime	Choir (starting end Jan)	See Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot



Congratulations and best wishes to:-

Darcy (Year 5)

who celebrates her birthday this weekend!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Practising your spellings will always help you when you have your spelling tests...

- Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **Nihaal**
3rd - **Rihanna**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**
2nd - **Sara**
3rd - **Hollie**
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**
2nd - **Jayden**
3rd - **Magdalena**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **David**
2nd - **Sylvia**
3rd - **Olivia-Grace**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Tyler**
3rd - **Rosie**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Jedidiah**
2nd - **Billy**
3rd -

Well done to all the children for using the **SpellingShed** program to practise your Spellings.



The more you practise the better you will become!

- Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **George**
3rd - **Rhianna**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**
2nd - **Milan**
3rd - **Sara**
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**
2nd - **Sai**
3rd -
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**
2nd - **Lyla**
3rd - **David**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Olivia**
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Its great to see so many logging in to **MathShed**. Can we get a full house next week. Well done to all of you!



House Points Term 3 & Term 4



Weekly House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Zircon	290
2nd	Sapphire	216
3rd	Emerald	211
4th	Ruby	190

Well done if you achieved house points this week!

Zircon are off to a flying start.. Who can catch them???

Running House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Zircon	498
2nd	Sapphire	366
3rd	Emerald	353
4th	Ruby	344