

## We all Shine!

Take a look at this week's superstars, who were awarded certificates in assembly.  
Congratulations!



## STEM QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What would the world be like without any light?



## READING RAFFLE

Congratulations to Mohamed (Y4) for winning our raffle this week.

Enjoy your book!



## TELL A GOOD TALE



I help other children at playtime.

## SHOUT OUTS

Each week children can nominate each other for a 'shout out' for displaying our core values.

Luke Stefan Betsy Sheerin Riley  
Munira Amir Kamilah  
Elويد Chelsea Aamir



Thank you to all the Year 2 Parents who came along to our Workshop on Wednesday to find out more about the Year 2 tests and assessments.

If you were not able to attend please speak to Mrs Lamptey for more information. You can find the past papers here:

[KS1 Past Papers](#)

## March Maths Challenge!

This week the children have been taking part in the Mathletics March Maths Challenge. All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 have logins for Mathletics and can access this learning platform from home as well as school.



## New Age Kurlers!

Congratulations to our team who took part in the Southwark tournament on Tuesday and won!





### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target for attendance is 96%,

Year 1	92.8%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 4/5	92.6%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	98.6%

**Congratulations to Purple Class (Y6) for the best attendance last week!**

### Trips and Visits

At the moment the Department of Education advises that school visits and trips should carry on as normal.

This week:

Orange Class went to the Science Museum,  
Turquoise and Green Classes went to the Natural History Museum

Blue Class went on a Roman walk and  
Red Class went to the Horniman Museum!



### Key Dates

#### Spring Term

Friday 6th March-International Women's Day

Tuesday 31st March-Spring Fair

#### **TERM DATES 2019-20 :**

##### **Spring Term:**

Tuesday 7th January- Friday 14th February

**HALF TERM:** 17th- 21st February

Monday 24th February- Friday 3rd April

##### **Summer Term:**

Tuesday 21st April- Friday 22nd May

**HALF TERM:** 25th-29th May

Monday 1st June- Friday 17th July

### Maths Café

Sessions are 9am-9:30am.

Year 1	Postponed	Year 4/5	28.2.20
Year 2	Postponed	Year 5	14.2.20
Year 3	Postponed	Year 6	7.2.20
Year 4	6.3.20		

### Parent Workshops this Half Term 9am-9:45am

Date	Workshop	Led By
11.3.20	Year 6 SATs Revision	Mr Kinnear
18.3.20	Crafts	Miss Shanaz
25.3.20	Year 1 Phonics	Miss Mulhern

We look forward to seeing you there!

### E-safety

Each week we will be sharing an internet safety guide with you. This week it is about 'tik-tok'. See the information on the final page.



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. We took part in storytelling sessions, we wrote poetry and we helped develop our book corners.





TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-synching and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**12+**  
Under 18, supervision of a parent/legal guardian required.

What parents need to know about

# TIKTOK



## MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are light-hearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However, there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm, and sexual content, including young boys dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'For You' feed when logging into the platform.

## INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-synching and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may be able to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.

## TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable pre-occupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor Musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

## ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

## ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.

## IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.09 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.

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# Safety Tips For Parents

## TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them safe online.



## USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the 'lock' icon in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.



## ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.



## EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to film it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.



## LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.



## MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 30 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.



## Meet our expert

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## \*NEW FOR 2020\* FAMILY SAFETY MODE

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to temporarily turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.



SOURCES: www.tiktok.com

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