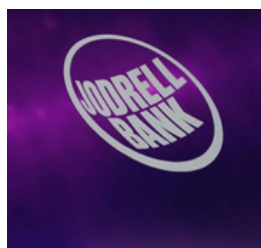


WEEKLY ROUND-UP

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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A LEVEL SCIENTISTS



A level physics students had a fabulous visit to Jodrell Bank this week. As well as visiting the Space Dome for a journey through the history of the universe, they took part in a workshop using radio telescope data to calculate the mass of a galaxy and discovered more about the famous Lovell Telescope, including why it is the shape it is.

Many thanks to Mr Goodwin for taking the group.

GET YOUR GAME ON



To celebrate the Euros, Mrs Jones, our librarian, will be holding a football-themed Tic Tac Toe in the library on Thursday 20th June which will be open to all students.

There are limited spaces available so don't forget to book your slot!

WELCOME

We are looking forward to next week's focus on our school value of kindness. Our PRK committee have organised a number of activities as part of Kindness Week so we can share and celebrate the importance and the impact of being kind to others.

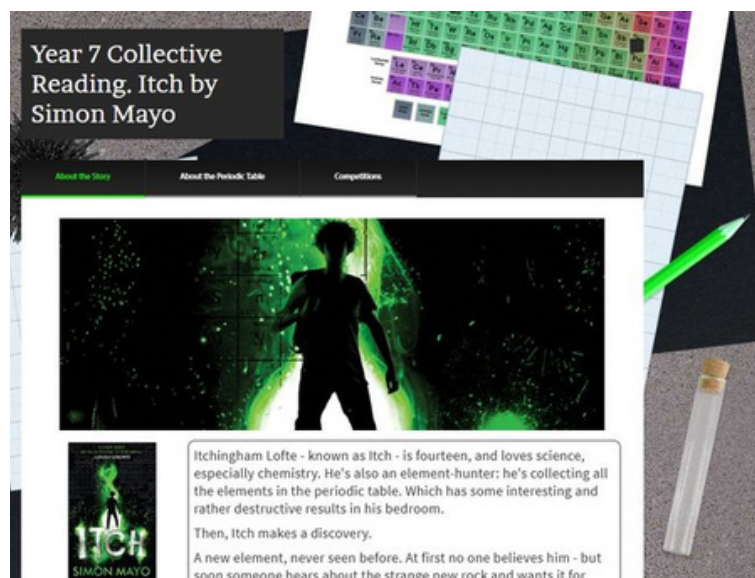
Homemade cookies with a message of kindness have been ordered and will be delivered to the lucky recipients from Tuesday.

Thank you to Mrs Avons and the PRK team for this lovely idea.

Mrs Johnson

#PRIDRESPECTKINDNESS

YEAR 7 ITCH



Our Year 7 students are collectively reading Itch by Simon Mayo with their tutors during form time. There are plenty of resources on FROG to further develop student interest in the periodic table (just avoid getting in as much trouble with it as Itch does).

SUPER 8'S TEAM



Last Tuesday, our Year 7 SUPER 8's Athletics team ventured to Northwood stadium. They competed in both track and field events against schools in the Stoke-on-Trent area. Overall, Blythe finished in 2nd place! Our students demonstrated pride, respect and kindness in everything that they did and were a real credit to our school. We certainly had the loudest cheer when a teammate was completing their race! Well done Year 7, great work!

KINDNESS WEEK

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Pride, Respect & Kindness

Championed by the PRK committee
Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June

How are you going to show kindness?

- 1. Buy a KINDNESS COOKIE for someone else in our community**
Order your cookie during BREAK from the student leadership area and write a special note of kindness for the person you want to receive it.
Cookies cost 50p and the PRK committee will deliver them during KINDNESS WEEK.
- 2. Write a KINDNESS COMMENDATION**
Complete the FROG assignment to celebrate all the kindness in our school community
- 3. Volunteer to champion KINDNESS in our local community**

PRK committee. Through the assignment on FROG, students can volunteer to be involved in community kindness or complete a kindness commendation.

FANTASY FOOTBALL STAR



Well done to Jack M for winning this season's student Fantasy Football League. 36 students entered this year and the competition was close throughout. As usual, sixth form and Year 11 students dominated the top of the league, but it was Jack from Year 8 whose team finished the strongest and won the title.

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Online Safety Newsletter June 2024

Kik
Kik state you must be 18 years of age to use the app.

What is Kik?
Kik is a social media app where users can message each other, share photos/videos as well as voice chat.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Connect - once you join a group then your child can interact with other members of that group. Some of the groups are moderated around topics that are inappropriate for under 18s.
- Adults - children can be contacted by adults.
- Content sharing - including images, videos and messages.
- Use of emojis - kids of varying/maturing immaturity.
- Talking to strangers.

What parents should know about Kik
Kik does have reporting mechanisms but as outlined here: <https://www.kik.com/parents/what-you-should-know-about-kik>

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Check age ratings!

There is so much that we can do online ourselves including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. Being online can be great but it is important that we set boundaries for our children to keep them safe whilst they explore being online. Develop their digital resilience and understanding of what to do if anything negative happens when online.

To help us we can help keep our children safe! We can start by checking age restrictions/ratings. It is important that we follow these to ensure that what our children are doing or seeing online is appropriate for their age.

Where can I find age ratings?
The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) are the ones that provide a link to a 'Parent's Guide to Age Ratings' <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/parents-guide-to-age-ratings>

Video games BBFC provides age classifications for video games. BBFC considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that BBFC do not take into consideration age generated content within games such as on Facebook and chat facilities within games.

Apps Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and play them yourself to check their suitability.

Social Media All social media networks have a minimum age rating, they are all around 13+.

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything inappropriate.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information
You can find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/understanding-age-ratings>

Chatting online

Following a recent report by the BBC relating to a child who asked for inappropriate images when chatting online (BBC News: <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-66666666>), we thought we would discuss the dangers your child might face when communicating with strangers online.

In addition to social media apps that include a chat facility, most online games also allow communication, for example FIFA and Farm Heroes. Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headsets. Some games also offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict text language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play. You need to be aware that there are people who may use these games to chat to your child and then encourage them to chat on alternative apps (which are more private, encrypted or have fewer safety options). Talk to your child about the dangers of doing this.

What risks are there with chatting online?

- Bullying
- Inappropriate chat - children may encounter explicit or inappropriate content.
- Contact from strangers - talk to your child about who is contacting them online.
- Sharing personal information - talk to your child about what information they share with others including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks above so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and if they are chatting to others.

Reporting online issues
It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report others who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Further information
• <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/understanding-age-ratings>
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Our latest e-Safety newsletter is now available for your perusal on our website. Use the link below to access it.
<https://www.bb-hs.co.uk/.../Online-Safety-Newsletter...>

COLOUR RUN

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Friday 12th July, 2024, period 4

Open to students in Years 7-10 and 12, plus a staff team

Races will be in houses – who will be victorious?

Participant ticket £5
(MUST have your waiver and consent form signed upon ticket purchase – these have been emailed to parents, but paper copies are available from N6a if required)

Spectator ticket £2

Tickets available from Mrs Pheasey in N6a before and after school, every day except Wednesday. Ticket numbers strictly limited; first come, first served.

Subject to behaviour.*

* Students on report on the day of the event will not be allowed to participate or spectate.



DETAILS ABOUT NEXT WEEK

SUMMER TERM

Citizenship Monday Period 4
 Year 7 - Random acts of kindness
 Year 8 - Alcohol
 Year 9 - Call out culture
 Year 10 - Anger

Year 12 students will be completing their work experience.

EXAMS

We are entering the final week of examinations. Year 11 conclude GCSEs on Wednesday 19th with DT (Food) and Further Maths and the last A-Level examination is Chemistry on Friday 21st June. We're so proud of all of our students, keep going with the same energy and diligence as you had in the first examinations.

SPORTING FIXTURES

Monday 17th U15 Girls County Finals Cricket
 Tuesday 18th Athletics
 U15 Cricket TBC
 Wednesday 19th Year 7 Girls Rounders

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Kindness Club

During lunch 1 on a Friday in Room 8

A PLACE TO CHAT ABOUT CHAMPIONING KINDNESS

Hosted by the PRK committee



KINDNESS WEEK

Students should register their interest to volunteer to be involved in an 'act of kindness in the community' with Mrs Avons.

NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

Year 7-10 will have an assembly on Pride month.



HOUSE UPDATES

Round one of the spelling bee has been completed.

Successful students will be invited to round two next week via FROG.

Good luck all!



KICKSTART

N1

8:10-8:40am

MEET FRIENDS
 CHECK HOMEWORK
 READ OR PLAY GAMES
 PURCHASE STATIONERY
 TOAST & JUICE AVAILABLE

SUPPORTED BY
 YEAR 11 PREFECTS

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COMMUNITY LETTINGS



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