

Open Gates



School Value Focus: Sense of Belonging

Dear Parents,

Keeping our children **physically and emotionally healthy and safe** is always the first priority every school day. We want them to be able to live their lives confidently now and in the future, with the **right knowledge and skills** to be able to make informed choices about how they behave towards themselves and interact with other people.

But children can't manage this on their own. They need the guidance, support and challenge of the **trusted adults** around them...

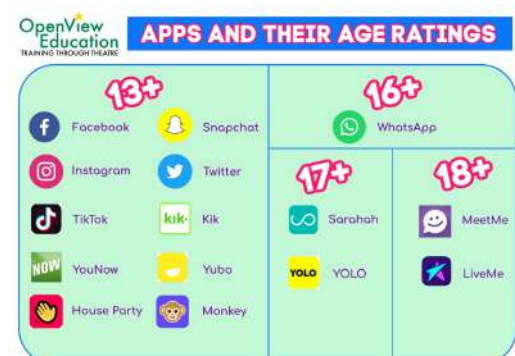
Following the national school closures in response to the Covid 19 pandemic and the subsequent return to school over the last few months, colleagues in our partner services have seen a **rise in reports of online bullying and incidents occurring over social media.**

Through PSHE lessons, computing lessons, class discussion times and assemblies, we strive to discuss these issues with students, raise their awareness of the concerns and **dangers of social media use** and teach them how to keep themselves and others safe.

However, we also ask **that as parents you are aware of these issues and actively manage and check on what your children are engaging with/in online.**

You also need to be aware of the age restrictions on certain social media and apps.

Please find below, specific information regarding **age restrictions** on social media/apps and also a document from **Staffordshire Police** with further information about some apps that are popular with students as well as some **further sources of support** and information.



We will be taking part in the '**Eat them to Defeat them**' Caterers' Challenge this year, starting on the first day back- 7th June! Children who have school meals will be encouraged to eat a **range of vegetables** over the half-term. If your child has a packed lunch, you can **join in too** by providing the vegetable of the week in their **lunchbox**. The children will bring home some promotional materials including their own 'mission pack' today containing a reward chart, plastic free stickers and a puzzle book. The lunchtime team will be actively promoting this and we look forward to posting and sharing stories and photos on our Twitter account using the hashtag **#EatThemToDefeatThem**

You may have already seen the TV advertising campaign for this initiative on ITV Channel 4 and Sky. Please follow the link below for more information.

<https://eatthemtodefeatthem.com/>

The vegetable of the week starting 7th June is the **tomato!!**

Did you know...89% of children aged 5-10 years eat less than the Government's Eat Well Guide recommendations for vegetables?!! Let's change that statistic together at Two Gates!

Summer term attendance expectations for schools

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. The Government is reminding parents that they should **plan their holidays around school breaks** and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

School attendance continues to **be mandatory for all pupils** and the usual rules on school attendance apply:

- It is a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil and they are of compulsory school age;
- It is a parent's duty to inform school on the first day of absence of the reason for the absence; this is all the more important in the current climate;
- The school is responsible for recording attendance and following up absence.

Please remember we are here for you and your children and if you need to talk, just call us at school **01827 213 855** or drop us an e mail- office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk

Please see the **well-being calendar** for June below; have a lovely half-term and here's to the **best Summer 2 term ever at Two Gates** as we start to get out and about again!

Keep safe and take care,

Nêst Llewelyn-Cook
Headteacher





Welcome to our June 2021 wellbeing calendar

This month begins in our half term holiday. Take time to relax and to spend time with family and friends. Hopefully, we will enjoy some warm sunshine and can get outside to enjoy the natural world.

We hope that we will be able to enjoy more freedoms this month as more people are vaccinated and the threat of serious illness is reduced. Keep up the practice of recalling 3 good things each day and enjoy some of the activities suggested during the month. Remember to share your feelings with family, friends and teachers who can support you and help you to stay safe.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7 Mindful Monday Practice mindful breathing today. Find a feather or leaf and place it on your hand. Try to blow it so gently that it flutters but doesn't fly off.	1 A new month Spend some time today thinking of the month ahead. What would you like to achieve this month? Who can help you? How will you celebrate?	2 Work out Wednesday Make some time for some exercise today – a bike ride, a walk, a game of football or a ball game in the garden. What will it be?	3 Thinking Thursday Find a puzzle to do today – a crossword or sudoku, wordsearch or logic problem maybe. How long will it take to solve?	4 Read a new book Find a book to read – borrow from a friend, go to the library, ask at school – and find a place to curl up and read. Enjoy!	5 World Environment Day Get involved with some great ideas here to look after our world. https://eawheducationzone.com/blog/sensory/world-environment-day-2021-activity-ideas/	6 Relax Take time today to relax and to do something that makes you feel good.
14 Mindful Monday Practice mindful breathing today. Find a dandelion "clock" seed head and blow off the seeds.	8 World Oceans Day Make an underwater world collage or picture.	9 British Heart Week Your heart needs exercise to keep it healthy. Jump, skip or dance today to make it work harder!	10 Thinking Thursday Play a board or card game with someone else. Try to work out a strategy so that you can do your best to finish well.	11 Watch a film Pop the popcorn, pour your drink and settle down to watch a favourite film.	12 Queen Elizabeth's Birthday Prepare a tea party fit for a queen and invite your family along!	13 World Heart Rhythm week ends End today by listening to your heart beat. Be grateful for the beat which keeps you alive.
21 Mindful Monday Practice mindful breathing today. Lie on your back and hold a teddy or other toy on your tummy. Lift the toy up and down using your breath.	15 School Grounds week Do something to make our school grounds look great. Pick up litter, tidy up, or plant some flowers.	16 Work out Wednesday Make some time for some exercise today – a bike ride, a walk, a game of football or a ball game in the garden. What will it be?	17 Refugee week This year's theme is "We cannot walk alone." You can join in with some simple ideas refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/	18 Recycle Awareness week begins Recycle old pens at Rymans, crisp packets at school, plastic bags at the supermarkets. Take on the challenge!	19 Have a picnic Make a few sandwiches and find a rug. Head out to the park or garden and enjoy a picnic outside. Eat mindfully and enjoy the experience.	20 Fathers Day How can you show your dad or Grandad how much you care about them today? Make a card, send a message, give them a hug?
28 Mindful Monday Practice mindful breathing today. Spread your fingers out and slowly trace up and down each one. Trace up - breathe in, and down - breathe out.	22 Team Green Britain Bike week Leave the car at home this week and go for a bike ride with friends or family.	23 Work out Wednesday Make some time for some exercise today – a bike ride, a walk, a game of football or a ball game in the garden. What will it be?	24 Thinking Thursday Make up a secret code using letters or numbers. Write a message or create some puzzles for others to solve.	25 Enjoy a light evening Go outside this evening and enjoy the daylight until the sun sets. Which direction is West? Can you locate the sunset?	26 Armed Forces Day Take a moment to think of those serving in our armed forces. Join in the fun here www.armedforcesday.org.uk/	27 Relax Take time today to relax and to do something that makes you feel good.
29 Insect week Celebrate the importance of minibeasts – go on a bug hunt and find out what lives in your garden.	30 The last day of the month Look back at day one. How did you get on? What have you achieved? Is it as you planned or different? Celebrate!					



Nursery children have been enjoying the outdoor classroom, taking part in gross motor activities, making sandcastles and sharing stories in the reading tent.





Eight children from Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to go and play football on the actual pitch of Villa Park.

Yes, THE Villa Park!! 😊

The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

It was lovely to attend an excursion from school.

Back on the long and winding road!

Our children, along with 11 other schools from Birmingham were impeccably behaved.

You made us proud!!





The children in Reception have really enjoyed learning about superheroes this half term. We have been learning about the qualities of superheroes as well as the roles of everyday heroes in our community. The children have been inspired this half term to discuss the sorts of jobs they'd like to do when they grow up. To celebrate the end of a fantastic topic, the children have come into school dressed as someone who is a hero to them.



Tally		Total
vans		13
cars		62
motorbikes		0
trucks		0
bikes		0
other	0	0



Year 2 have been completing fieldwork in the sun.

As a class we decided to investigate whether the road outside school was busy. To do this we created a tally chart and made a tally of the different vehicles that went past our school in a 5 minute period.

We found it very hard to keep track of all the cars! We discovered That Tamworth Road is busy and we predict it will be even busier when children are coming to school in the morning!

How busy is Tamworth Road?

equipment
pencil
Books with tally chart

keeping safe
Don't go near the road. We don't be pushing and shoving. Stay inside the school gates.

What we need to do
We will make a tally chart of all the different vehicles which go past our school in a 5 minute period.





We have been awarding our prestigious behaviour badges today to pupils who consistently show high standards of behaviour both in class and at social time.

We are very proud of all our pupils!

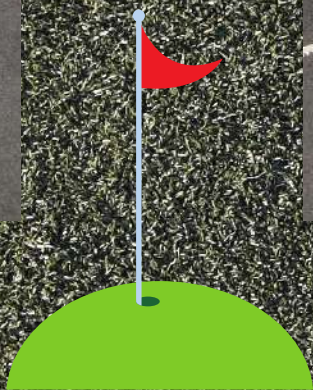
One class has achieved a Two Gates first ever.... ALL pupils in Year 4 Mrs Hughes received a badge today!!

Amazing!!!



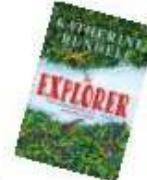


Children in year 3 have
been practising there
golf skills to putt balls.





Mr Murphy's Class – Den Building



With thanks to Mrs Hambly, Year 5 had a wonderful time building dens down in Forest School. They were able to re-enact the scene and empathise with characters from their class story – The Explorer, from which they created a super survival guide!



Miss Parsons' Class – Den Building



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PLUS...

This summer term, we're asking children to send us their own dazzling National Book Token designs. Six weekly winners will get their artwork made into a £10 gift card – one for them, and one for everyone in their class!

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**We are going to be sharing
many more pictures
and videos of the work we
are completing**

Diary Dates

DON'T FORGET

HALF TERM

Monday 31st May
till
Friday 4th June

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

Thursday 1st July
and
Friday 2nd July

INSET DAY

Monday 5th July

Family Hubs

The virtual Family Hubs provide information, advice, guidance and support to families within Staffordshire. They can help families to find local networks of support, share ideas for coping with the changes in families' lives, ideas on how to feed families on a budget and shopping ideas for how to use free school meal vouchers

Contact can be made via Facebook, phone, text and email or visit the family hub page on Staffordshire Connects.

The contact for the Tamworth area is:

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