

**The
Orchards**

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Newsletter

5th November 2021

This Week

Welcome back! It has been lovely to welcome the children back after their holiday last week. They have all returned beautifully and settled back into their learning really well.

As you will be aware the COVID rates in Trafford have fallen slightly, however we have still asked to be very vigilant and continue with enhanced measures over the coming weeks. The updated COVID risk assessment can be found on the school website should you want to see that.

Diwali

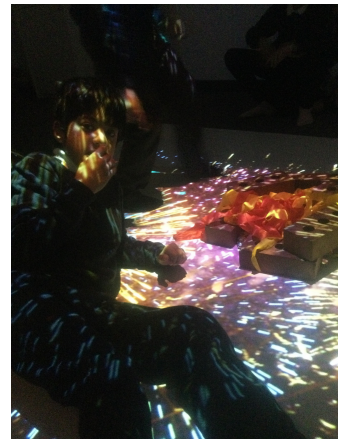
Some of our families have celebrated Diwali this week. On behalf of our whole community we hope Diwali brings peace, love and happiness to your life.

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is a fun, exciting occasion that brings lots of joy to people across the UK - but for some of our children it can be a very challenging time. Below are links which give some advice about managing Bonfire night, especially for children with autism. The other aspect of Bonfire Night is of course safety. Every year we hear of children who are injured on Bonfire Night.

I have included some advice from ROSPA here
<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>
and information has been posted in the school website and Facebook page

Website - <https://www.theorchards.trafford.sch.uk/>
Facebook - @theorchardstrafford



**Firework
SAFETY**

Be Safe. Be Kind. Be Smart.

Internet Safety

We ask that you please monitor and check your child's access rights on the internet and online games. It has come to our attention that Squid Game is now on Roblox as a game and we ask that you please check the age restrictions on your child's devices.

We have added some useful links below to support you.

- <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>
- <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/primary-school-issues-advice-parents-21837613>

What parents need to know about NETFLIX (18+)

Launched in 2013, Netflix is one of the world's leading video streaming services, providing users with unlimited access to a huge selection of TV shows and films. As a result, it has become a household name. However, like any other online service, Netflix has some risks that parents need to be aware of. These risks are outlined below, along with some advice on how to keep your child safe while using Netflix.

Inappropriate content
Netflix has a large library of content, including some that is not suitable for children. Parents should be aware of the content their child is watching and ensure it is appropriate for their age.

Risk of hacking
Netflix accounts can be hacked, leading to unauthorized access to the service. Parents should ensure their child's account is secure and that they are not sharing their login details.

Binge-watching
Netflix allows users to watch as much content as they like, which can lead to binge-watching. This can be a problem for some children, leading to sleep deprivation and other issues.

Screen addiction
Netflix is a popular service, and children can become addicted to watching content. Parents should set limits on how much time their child spends watching Netflix.

Netflix party
Netflix party is a social media trend where groups of friends watch Netflix together. Parents should be aware of this trend and ensure their child is not participating in it without supervision.

Safety tips for parents & carers

- Create a Netflix Kids experience profile**
Create a profile for your child with age-appropriate content. This will help you control what your child watches.
- Set maturity ratings & block content**
Use the maturity ratings to filter content. You can also block specific titles that you don't want your child to watch.
- Have an open & honest conversation**
Talk to your child about online safety. Explain the risks of watching inappropriate content and the importance of keeping their account secure.
- Switch off autoplay**
Autoplay can lead to children watching more content than they intended. Turn it off to help control their viewing time.
- Lock your profile**
Lock your child's profile so they can't change their preferences or watch content outside their age group.
- Set screen time limits**
Use parental controls to set limits on how much time your child can spend watching Netflix.
- Create a strong password & always log out**
Use a strong password and log out of the account when your child is finished watching.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX (PEGI 7+)

With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio (building levels) and games created by other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people in real-time. Roblox is also increasingly in the news about young users' safety.

No Age Rating
Roblox is rated as 'All Ages' by ESRB, but the platform's user-generated content means there is a risk of inappropriate content being accessed by children.

Online Predators
Roblox is a social platform, and children can interact with strangers. Parents should be aware of the risks of online predators and ensure their child is not sharing personal information.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- Take Note of Ratings**
Check the age ratings for games and ensure they are appropriate for your child's age.
- Set Parental Controls**
Use parental controls to limit the amount of time your child can spend playing Roblox and to filter inappropriate content.
- Disable Messages**
Turn off the messaging feature to prevent your child from communicating with strangers.
- Block and Report**
Block and report any users who are behaving inappropriately or making your child uncomfortable.
- Encourage Creativity**
Encourage your child to use Roblox Studio to create their own games, which can be a fun and creative activity.
- Meet Our Expert**
National Online Safety provides expert advice on how to keep your child safe while using Roblox.

PE kits

Navy hoody or sweatshirt, white t shirt and navy joggers.

Children should also wear trainers on this day.

PE days are listed below.

Brambles 1,2 & 3 - Thursday
Hilltop - Wednesday
Meadow 1 - Friday
Meadows 2 & 3 - Monday
Riverside 1 & 2 - Wednesday
Woodland 1 - Friday
Woodland 2 & 3 - Tuesday
Woodland 4 & 5 Wednesday



Diary Dates

Please see below lots of upcoming dates for your diaries. Some of these will be subject to change due to COVID but we will let you know this as much in advance as we can.

9/11/2021 - Catch up Flu Vaccination

11/11/2021 - 9am till 10am SALT Intensive Interaction Workshop

11/11/2021 - Remembrance day

12/11/2021 - Parent coffee morning with our family support team

18/11/2021 - 1pm till 2pm SALT Signalong Training Workshop

19/11/2021 - Children in need day

25/11/2021 - 9am till 10am SALT PECS Workshop

02/12/2021 - 9am till 10am SALT Sensory Feeding Workshop

Carers Chatty Cafe

CARERS CHATTY CAFE

Complimentary Drink & Cake voucher for registered Carers on the 21st Oct, 18th Nov & 16th Dec

10:00am - 12:00pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

Thurs 7th Oct
Thurs 21st Oct

*with guest, Sarah Bradley from Trafford Local Offer
Thurs 4th Nov
Thurs 18th Nov*

**with guest Rebecca White, Carers Centre Nurse
Thurs 2nd Dec
Thurs 16th Dec

At The Life Centre
235 Washway Road, Sale M33 4BP
free parking at rear of venue and bus stop outside

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Class Awards



Brambles 1 - B1 am - Link for doing wonderful sharing with a friend.

B1 pm - Kareena for requesting bubbles using Snap and Core and using her big voice.

Brambles 2 - Joshua for great sharing and amazing talking

Brambles 3 - Rivae for his participating and playful interaction with others.

Meadows 1 - Kruthik for hanging his coat up every morning on his peg using his hood.

Meadows 2 - Shahjehan for singing the attention autism bucket song independently

Meadows 3 - Alexander for engaging in his learning and being kind to others.

Riverside 1 - Mikaeel for fantastic PECS exchanges everyday!

Riverside 2 - Ryan for super engagement during focused learning tasks.

Woodland 1 - Edward for settling great into Woodland 1 and making lots of new friends!

Woodland 2 - Max for working incredibly all week and engaging in all of his learning!

Woodland 3 - Kai for being such a kind, caring and inclusive friend

Woodland 4 - Heidi for becoming more independent in following her schedule

Woodland 5 - Lait for being kind and helpful to his friends.

Hilltop - Muhammad for excellent independent walking and showing his adults where he wants to go!

Head Award - Sirjia for working very hard on her physio last half term and making great progress.

Sign of the week

Each week the children will focus on learning a new 'core' sign. We will share these with you in the school newsletter and Marvellous Me.

This weeks signs is ... **'KIND'**



Working thumb hand (palm back, pointing in) touches supporting side of upper chest and moves forwards while twisting to palm back / up so that thumb points slightly forwards.

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