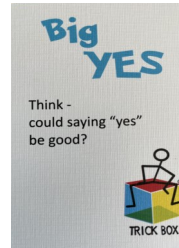


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## THE SQUIRREL

Issue 33 Thursday 25th May 2023



**Here it is, the end of the fifth term of this academic year and only one more to go!** Tomorrow, we break up for our two week half term which is always so lovely this time of year both for everyone. The children have been talking excitedly about what they are planning to do over the two weeks, the sun is shining and looks like it will continue to shine for most of the two week break (I do feel very lucky that we are able to set our own term times and holidays as an Academy).

**This week in school, we had music, a visit to the Quay Arts Centre, an Education Day at the Royal Agricultural Show, a very skilled freestyle Footballer who is a Guinness World Record holder, swimming, cricket and football matches, sailing and an R.E Day, alongside some really exciting learning occurring in the classrooms.**



**When we return after the two week break, we start with a H.E.R.O week, 'Here Everyday, Ready on Time'. We do love our children to be in every day on time as this really helps them settle into the learning day.** Please can you support your child and their learning by trying really hard to be in school every single day. I was lucky enough to be invited to support interviews at another school yesterday and, whilst I was there, I was speaking to a child who was extremely proud that they had not had a single day off since starting in Reception and were now in Year 6. This is amazing, so I am now checking our records to see if we too have children that have not had a day off since they started with us. As you know, attendance at school is really, really important and impacts so much on your child's progress and learning. At the moment we are experiencing a higher than usual amount of children whose attendance is below 90% and this makes me incredibly sad, as every day really does count and those days lost can never be regained. **I would really love just one more day of 100% attendance so I can ring the school bell in celebration. We have only ever managed it once.**

**We are generating the next set of Progress Reports to be sent home tomorrow.** It is lovely to see the progress throughout the year and I have completed progress meetings with all the team on every child and it was lovely to celebrate with them. One of the areas that is very noticeable in supporting children's progress is the support from home. It is really clear that the children who are well supported with reading, learning their spellings and home learning challenges secure their skills more than if they have not had this experience at home. Your help and support is life changing for children and we all want the very best for all our children. I do understand as a working Mum how challenging this is, but little and often, at breakfast, in the car, out and about works just as well. Children are at school for such a short time in their life (although it does feel a long time to them) so it is really important that together we make a difference.

**Good news. We have booked Little Canada for next year. A school form has come out to our current Year 3 children for this.** Watersports is also booked for next year and a form will be coming out shortly. I am just trying really hard to get the price down for France next year or find an alternative provider. I will keep you posted on this.

**As mentioned on my Friday video last week, we have appointed three new teachers for September and I am sure they will be fantastic additions to Team Lanesend.** Plans are still being put in place for September and I will let you know as soon as I can. I do try and aim for around the same date every year!

**The Time Tables Bees have been fantastic this week and we can definitely see more children coming through in knowing their timetable facts.** 6, 7, 8 and 12s are a little bit more challenging to learn but come up more often in assessments so helping your child learn, these tables will really help. Do not forget, we do buy into TT Rockstars, which is a really fabulous platform for the children to use in and out of school. They particularly like it when the children go up against their teacher!

**Which leads me nicely into the Multiplication Check that Year 4 will take when they return after the half term break.** I know there is a lot of competition in Year 4 to be the 'best timestabler' ever! Year 1 will also be completing their Phonic screening this first week back too so may I ask that families can support learning across the two weeks on phonics and multiplication so that the children maintain their current level of knowledge and skills.

**Just a reminder that Year 5 have an extra Watersports on Monday 12th June to replace the one we missed on our Coronation Festival in the Field day.** Please can Year 5 remember to bring their Watersports kit for this first day back. On Tuesday 13th May, Year 5 are off to the Quay Arts and Year 6 begin a very special end of term project!

**The children who have visited the Quay Arts have also created their own works of art and these are now being exhibited in the Clayden Gallery in our very own Lanesend exhibition, 'Messing with Heads'.** I am definitely going to go and have a look in the holidays and enjoy a lovely slice of cake whilst I am there too! Please do take a look. We have booked to take children to the Design Centre in London, but we are struggling with transport at the moment which makes me very sad. We are going to keep trying. It is so important to arrange visits away from the Island and so frustrating that the cost is so inhibiting.

**We also have Father's Day coming up when we return so on Friday 16th June we would like to invite our special men in the children's lives into school for a celebration.** Class teachers will Dojo out times to join us in school. It is also the festival weekend that weekend so lots of lovely things going on.

As the sun is shining, we have now made the decision that hoodies are not to be worn in school as the children are getting a little too hot.

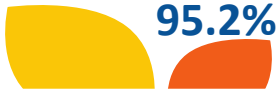
I think that is it for this week! I would like to wish you a very lovely break and for those who love Christmas, it is only seven months away today! *Caroline Sice, Headteacher*



# FOR YOU

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Attendance Last Week:



Can anyone host foreign students for the summer? Please contact [ruth.gangonells@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:ruth.gangonells@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk) for more information

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th May—Watersports Year 5

Friday 26th May—Last Day of Term

Monday 12th June—Return for Summer Term 2

Monday 12th June—Year 5 Watersports

Tuesday 13th June—Year 5 Quay Arts Trip



Well done to Bobby Scudder who was awarded 'Cub of the Year' by his Scout group. Well done Bobby.



**Has being online changed things for the better?**

## World Wide Web

The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area hypermed  
Everything there is online about W3 is linked direc

What's out there?

Pointers to the world's online information, s



# Lanesend Conversation Starters...

Use these prompts with your children at home to start a conversation about their week in school...

*Reception— Talk to me about... Tangrams, number stories, what happens when we use unkind words and how can it be fixed, Ballet, our music session, Talk for Writing on Rainbow Fish.*

*Words to use... Addition, subtraction, first, now, next, unique.*

*Tips for the week... To practise different ways to represent twenty.*

*We have been reading... The Rainbow Fish and Along Came a Different.*

*Year 1— Talk to me about....finding half and quarter of an object, a shape or a quantity.*



*Words to use...whole, part, equal, half, quarter.*

*Tips for the week...help me practise reading real and alien words for my home learning over the holidays.*

*We have been reading.....Traditional Buddhist stories.*



*Year 3— TALK TO ME ABOUT... language and cultural diversity*

*WORDS TO USE... habits, behaviour, vocabulary, flag, gestures, welcoming, belonging, inclusion, celebrate, traditions*

*TIPS FOR THE WEEK... “If you talk to people in a language they understand, that goes to their head. If you talk to them in their own language, that goes to their heart.” (Nelson Mandela)*

*WE ARE READING... The Twits, by Roald Dahl*

*Year 5— Talk to me about... ‘Stop and think’ and how this has helped us to identify misconceptions in maths and science.*

*Words to use... symmetry, reflection, coordinates, x and y axis, horizontal, vertical, diagonal.*

*Tips for the week... Always read the x coordinate (across) before the y.*

*We have been reading... ‘Who Let The Gods Out’ by Maz Evans.*

*Year 6— In year 6 the children have been learning about what life was like for evacuees during the Second World War. They are producing beautiful, imaginary diaries in English.*

*In geography they have learnt about how the Isle of Wight was affected by war.*



Thanks to Mrs Wyld for this brilliant guide on things you can regrow from scraps.

## 15 Foods You Can Regrow from Scraps

Don't throw away those old potatoes! There are lots of foods you can regrow from scraps - it's easy, free, and you don't need a lot of space to keep fresh produce ready all year long!



### Green Onion

Plant the bulbs in a pot or container garden so that the top of the stalk pokes out of the dirt



### Onion

Save the bottom piece of the onion that contains the roots! This one piece of onion can be used to re-grow two or more onions

### Kale

Once your kale plants are mature, clip off leaves as needed, starting with the larger leaves at the bottom of the stem



### Sweet Potato

Sweet potatoes are grown a little differently than regular potatoes. To regrow sweet potatoes, you plant the sprouts, or "slips"



### Leeks

Save bulbs with at least an inch or two of the stalk. Plant the bulbs in the ground with the stalk peeking out



### Ginger

Plant a piece of ginger root in a pot with soil, water, and wait for it to sprout

### Basil

Cut the stem, keeping a few leaves attached. Place in a jar of water to generate roots, then you can move to a planter



### Mint

Mint is a fairly easy plant to grow and spreads quickly on its own. You can regrow mint cuttings as you would basil



### Garlic

Simply bury the cloves under about an inch of soil and keep watered. The garlic is ready to harvest when it starts to turn yellow



### Rosemary

Cut a 3" piece from a mature plant. Strip the leaves from the bottom half of the cutting and plant that end in soil

### Potatoes

Cut a sprouting potato so that each chunk has an eye and a sprout. Plant with the eye facing up and cover with a few inches of dirt



### Cilantro

Like basil, cilantro can be regrown from cuttings. Once you have a mature cilantro plant, you can cut leaves as needed



### Romaine Lettuce

You can plant the bottom end of a head of Romaine in soil, water, and it will start to regrow leaves



### Celery

Celery can be regrown by saving the base and placing in a cup of water until leaves sprout. Then transfer the celery plant to a pot with soil

### Bok Choy

Bok Choy can be regrown just like romaine lettuce!





At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

### THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

### PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

### UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

### SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

### SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

### PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

## Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



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# SKILL OF THE MONTH



## Teamwork

*Working cooperatively with others towards achieving a shared goal*



### Getting started

To begin building this skill with your child you can help them to behave in a positive, respectful way in a group.

Skill of the month is TEAMWORK <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/teamwork-getting-started>



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### **FUTURE INNS**

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