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PTA Movie Night

The children across the school had the chance to enjoy movie night thanks to the huge efforts from the PTA. Birch class enjoyed, The Star, Oak watched Arthur Christmas and Maple were treated to Home



Alone. As well as this, the children had popcorn, sweets and a drink during the movie! Once again, huge thanks to the PTA for their hard work and efforts to put this together and their determination to give the children at school a great time. The Beech movie night will be on Friday 11th December at the same times.

Restore, Reform and Respect

Reform, Restore, Respect (RRR), is a registered charity, who is a specialist organisation set-up for vulnerable young people and adults with a diverse range of needs. Their aim is to help vulnerable people achieve in schools, without turning to offending and raising awareness about the importance of education. They promote, motivate, inspire and encourage vulnerable people to realise their self-worth, gift and how talented they are to be successful individuals regardless of their emotional and social circumstances. This week, the children in Maple had the chance to take part in a workshop with Francis. They thoroughly enjoyed this and took a lot from it. Thanks to Mrs Doherty for organising this.



Helping to reform, restore and gain respect for young adults...

PenPals in Japan

Through our network with the Sevenoaks Schools Partnership, we have the opportunity to begin a PenPal scheme with Linden Hall in Japan. Linden Hall was established to nurture talent rich in individuality and capable of acting on a world stage. They make use of an immersion program where classes other than Japanese Language are conducted in English. Their long-term aim is being able to build their self over a lifetime of learning, mastering English, but at the same time experiencing Japan's traditional culture and arts in ways that are not been possible in a conventional education. We are hoping that classes will be able to communicate regularly with them and share information about their lives and their culture. We are also hoping to have some Zoom link ups with them!



Online Safety – YouTube

YouTube is an online platform – owned by Google – where anyone can upload & watch video content. All different types of information, advice & entertainment are uploaded & billions of people tune in to watch, rate & comment on it. As a parent, it's important you understand exactly what content your children might be seeing.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EASY TO ACCESS

Any child with a Gmail account can sign into YouTube & access videos. Some content is flagged 'age-restricted', but the platform relies on self-verification, meaning kids can get around the rules with a fake date of birth. This could enable access to vulgar, violent & dangerous videos.



USERS CAN PRIVATELY CONTACT YOUR CHILD

When your child is signed-in to YouTube with their Gmail account, there are various ways they can send & receive messages. This could be via the messages icon, or via the 'About' tab. There is scope here for users who your child does not know to make contact.



YOUTUBE SUGGESTS RELATED CONTENT

YouTube will often 'auto play' videos based on your child's viewing habits. The aim is to show related & appropriate content. But the problem is: it's possible your child will be exposed to inappropriate content that isn't accurately related.



'CHALLENGE VIDEOS' CAN GO TOO FAR

Challenge videos refer to a stunt you're encouraged to recreate & film. Many challenge videos can be harmless & for a good cause, like the Ice Bucket Challenge. But some are dangerous & even life threatening, such as the Bird Box Challenge.



SHARING VIDEOS RISKS YOUR CHILD'S PRIVACY

If your child has a Google account, they can upload their own videos. To do this, they must create a personal profile page known as a 'YouTube Channel'. The videos uploaded here can be viewed, commented on & shared by anyone. This could put your child's privacy at risk.



Spotlight on Staff

'My name is Sonia Doherty and I am the School Secretary at St. Paul's. I have been in post since November 2018 and love the challenges that the role brings. I have worked in an educational setting for many years in a variety of roles. I am a mother of two children and am passionate about children's well-being and education. I really enjoy the close community within St. Paul's and the relationships between the school, children and their families.'



Ask your child

We know how frustrating it can be when you ask your child what they have done at school today or this week and they reply with 'can't remember' or 'don't know'. We'd love to hear any responses you get through Twitter, Facebook or Schoolcomms!



Birch	What was the name of the angel that came to Mary and Joseph?
Oak	What were the quickest methods to melt ice that you found? What were the slowest?
Beech	What is deforestation? Why is it happening?
Maple	What does streamlined mean?

Value of the Term: Wisdom

'Life in all its fullness' John (10:10)