

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- Thursday 2nd Year 3 National Maritime Museum
- Tuesday 7th Year 1 Zoolab visit
- Wednesday 8th Years 1/2/3 Super Citizens Assembly 09:00am
- Thursday 9th Years 4/5/6 Super Citizens Assembly 09:00am
- **Friday 10th LAST DAY of SCHOOL
HALF TERM**
- **Monday 20th RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday 22nd 9:00am Coffee Morning P2Be
- Tuesday 28th Year 5 Natural History Museum

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems strange to say now but Happy New Year to those I haven't yet had the opportunity to say it to.

I hope you have all seen the new playground markings in all playgrounds that are proving very popular with the children. This has been funded by the PSA with money raised through events they have organised and that you generously supported.

I have sent an email regarding the industrial action on Wednesday 1 February 2023. School will be closed to all children on that day. Please make sure you read it for further information on arrangements for children eligible for Free School Meals.

I have met with every teacher over the last 2 weeks to discuss every child in their class. This is something I do 3 times a year, along with other members of the school leadership team. It has become clear that while many of you are supporting your children with reading and online learning at home there are a lot of you who are not doing this. It is so important that ALL children spend at least 10 minutes after school reading with an adult. Also, please support your child with Mymaths and Bug Club.

School attendance has improved slightly but we have issued more fines this year than before – not something we like to do. School attendance EVERY day is essential for your child's progress.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many at the last coffee morning. Please make a note of the next coffee morning where we will be learning more about the range of services on offer from Place2be.

Angela Anterkyi

The Largest Choir in the World

The KS2 choir took part in The Young Voices experience on January 23rd, 2023, singing and dancing their hearts out at one of the 'largest children's choir concerts' in the world. All our staff are incredibly proud of our amazing children. What fantastic behaviour, enthusiasm and of course singing.

Miss Enahoro would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and parents for their dedication and hard work in managing the immense number of songs that they had to learn. Thank you also to the parents for attending the concert and indeed for supporting their children. What a brilliant time we all have had! Thank you.



Natural History Museum

On Monday 16th January Year 6 went on an educational visit to the Natural History Museum in Kensington. The aim of the trip was to add to, and consolidate our science learning on evolution of species over time.

As part of the trip the children took part in a workshop where the fundamentals of Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection were taught. The children then investigated the changes of environment that led to the adaptation of a creature that walked on toes into the modern-day horse that walks on hooves.

As well as this the children were able to observe how an advantage in a group of animals could lead to a change in a species. Additionally, the children had opportunity to visit several other exhibits including the ever-popular dinosaurs and the terrifying T-Rex!



ATTENDANCE

The ideal attendance at school is **100%**, but anything above **96%** is on the right track.

Classes where there has been 100% attendance in the previous week get a very special certificate presented to them at assembly, and teachers proudly put them on the classroom door.

Attendance





QUICK-GUIDE FOR PARENTS

TikTok

What is TikTok?

TikTok is an app that allows people to view, create and share short videos with friends, family, or the entire world. Although used by lots of adults of all ages, the app is especially popular with teens and young adults, who enjoy using its tools to combine video, popular songs, and graphics into fun sketches, creative shorts and viral videos.

Is TikTok safe for kids?

As with any social media app, a positive experience on TikTok ultimately depends on how it is used. TikTok has built-in safety and privacy features that vary based on the user's age. For example, kids under 13 access a different app experience called TikTok for Younger Users, which offers a curated feed of age-appropriate content. Teens 13-15 have private accounts by default and can't live stream or send direct messages.

Are TikTok accounts public or private?

For people under 16, TikTok accounts are automatically set to private. For people over 16, TikTok accounts are automatically set to public, but everyone has the option to set their profiles – and any TikToks they create – to private.

What are TikTok challenges?

Activities, dances – really anything that can go viral and inspire others to imitate the idea and spread it further. Participating in challenges can make people feel part of the broader TikTok community – say, by learning the latest dance and sharing their version of it – but people should exercise caution when participating in challenges, especially ones that may require a special skill. Talk to your kids about dangerous viral internet challenges and the peer pressure to participate.



Parents Ask: How Can I Keep My Kids Safe?

Start by talking with your teen about how they use TikTok. Make sure they understand that the videos and comments they post affect their or others' reputations and that they should never post anything that jeopardizes their privacy and security. Make sure your teen knows how to block anyone who bullies, threatens, or harasses them, or if they don't want that person to see their content or comment on their videos.

TikTok offers **Family Pairing**, which allows parents and guardians to pair their TikTok account with their teenager's account to guide their teen's use of the app. Parents can decide whether their child can search for content, users, songs or hashtags, set daily screen time (40 to 120 minutes a day), set the account to public or private, limit who can comment on their videos, turn off direct messaging and enable Restricted Mode, which 'can limit content that may not be appropriate for some audiences.'

More Ways to Stay Safe

Moderation and abuse reporting. To enforce its [Community Guidelines](#), TikTok uses a combination of policies and human- and machine-based moderation practices to handle content that may violate its guidelines. To report a comment: Press and hold on the comment and select Report. To report an inappropriate video, tap the Share arrow and choose Report. Report a profile by going to the profile, tapping on the three dots and selecting Report.

Passwords and other personal information. Talk with your kids about the importance of keeping passwords and other personal information private. Friends can become ex-friends and use their account in mean or inappropriate ways. You'll find password tips at [ConnectSafely.org/passwords](https://connectsafely.org/passwords).

Time management and life balance. Whether it's TikTok or any other app, teens (and adults too) need to put down their phones and interact with others in person. No app should ever keep you or your teen from getting exercise, doing chores, work or anything else that keeps us healthy, happy, and productive. If you need a nudge, use the time management features in the TikTok app or Apple and Android phones.

A note about parental controls. Parental controls have their place, but sometimes conversations can accomplish even more. For general advice on parental controls, including suggestions for talking about them with your kids, visit [Connectsafely.org/controls](https://connectsafely.org/controls).



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TikTok](https://connectsafely.org/TikTok)



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