



Prior's Mill C.E. Primary School Newsletter May 5th

Welcome to the Prior's Mill Newsletter - this will now be shared weekly and will contain key dates and information.

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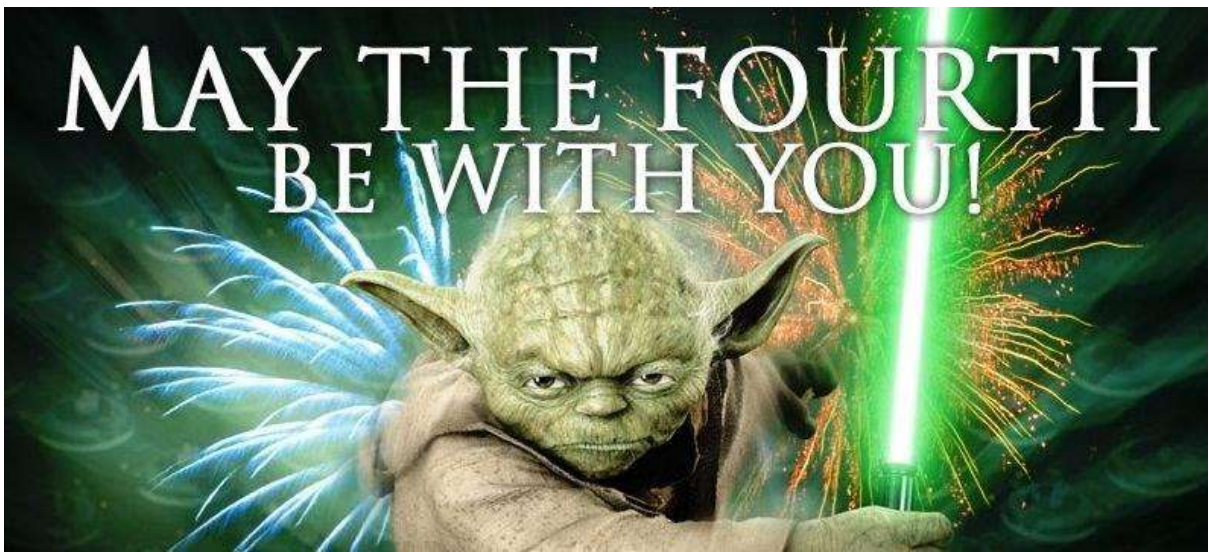
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May the 4th be with you!





Star Wars Day this week and we have had plenty out of this world learning opportunities happening for pupils. Thanks to Mrs William's Class for the posters!

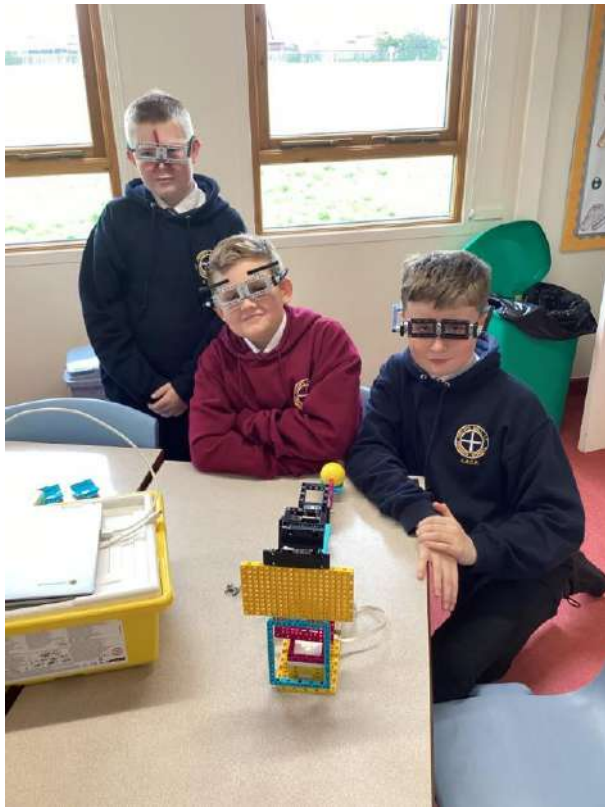
I was invited to see some fantastic problem solving involving 'LEGO' in Mrs Kemp's Class. Hopefully you will enjoy looking at the pictures and the Video!

Pupils across school have been continuing with their learning and taking part in activities linked to the Coronation Weekend.

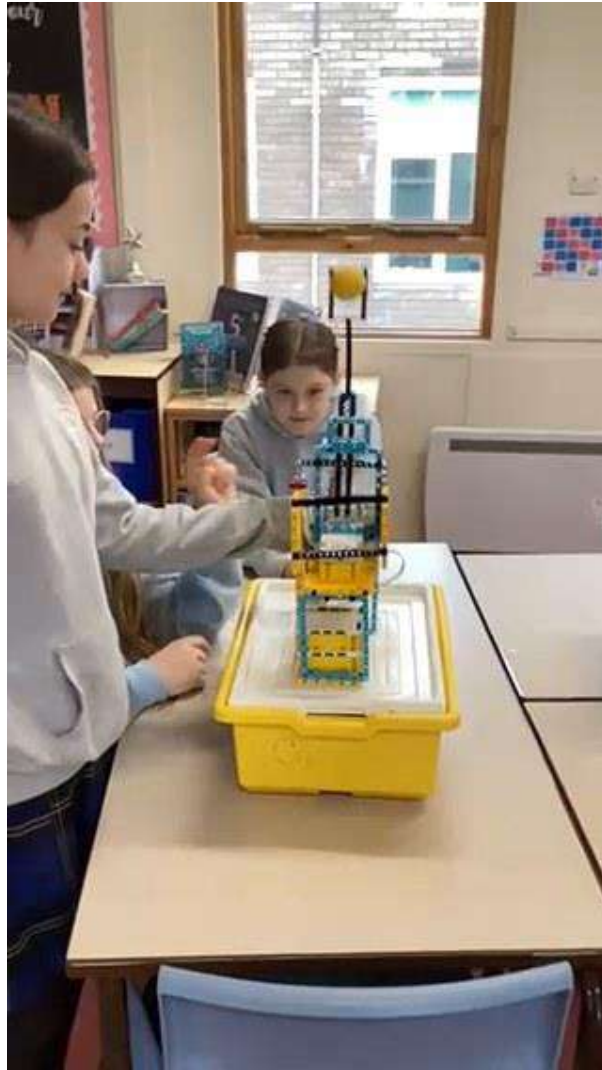
Online Safety is something we take very seriously in school please look at the parents guide to Whatsapp - we do have children with mobiles who are in Whatsapp groups it is important to know that the age limit for these groups is 16+. If you have concerns you can contact a member of the SLT for advice or speak to your child's class teacher.











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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help our children have a safe online experience with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients, not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

UK AND EUROPE
16+
THE REST OF THE WORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS
Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes, encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve convincing someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES
Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 30 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear once the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the recipient can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING
Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING
The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth entering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING
If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS
Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP
If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once. If they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION
If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should mentally stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS
You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert
Parven Keur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids' Notices, a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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The Coronation

The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at Westminster Abbey.

We were able to celebrate in school today, from 2-3pm we provided activities in each classroom and families were able to join us for refreshments and cakes in the KS1 & KS2 halls. We had a children's tombola in each hall and a raffle was also drawn.

Following refreshments children can be collected from their class at 2.50pm but will need to be signed out with the class teacher.

All pupils were provided with a badge and a cupcake courtesy of the SPA.

It was lovely to see pupils, staff and parents dressed in Red, White and Blue!



Attendance Matters



We strongly advise that any holiday in term time should be avoided due to the impact of lost learning time on children. Please be aware that leave of absence (holiday) during term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. It is school policy to refer any unauthorised absence due to holiday to the local authority who may issue a fixed penalty notice. This is a penalty of up to £120 per child, per parent and so can add up to a significant amount. The school does not receive any revenue from fines; the money is paid to the Local Authority. In addition, we now have a new system in school for pupils who are late. Pupils must be escorted to the office in the main building and a form completed by parents/carers to sign the pupils in and indicate the reason for the lateness. This is for our records and also to avoid pupils becoming distressed.

Y6 SATs



I just wanted to say how proud I am of pupils and staff in ensuring Y6 are ready to embrace SATs week next week. I also wanted to reiterate that although SATs are important what is of greater importance to me is that pupils leave Prior's Mill ready for Y7 as great young people who embody the school vision and values through the Prior's Promise. I see that in all our Y6 pupils and I'm excited about the wonderful opportunities they will have as they continue their education. Until then we are very lucky to have them and I'm sure they will do everyone proud.

Good Luck Y6 please rest and relax this weekend we will approach SATs together and I look forward to celebrating their completion with you next Friday afternoon.

Worship Theme - Friendship

It was lovely to be a part of Mrs Williams and Mrs Chapmans class worship all about worship this morning. Well done for some great singing, a lovely bible story about the importance of true friendship and some personal anecdotes about why you have some lovely best friends.



Key Dates

5th May Coronation of King Charles III

From 2-3pm Friday 5th May we will provide activities in each classroom and you are welcome to join us for refreshments and cakes in the KS1 & KS2 halls, we will have a children's tombola in each hall and the raffle will also be drawn that day.

Following refreshments children can be collected from their class at 2.50pm but will need to be signed out with the class teacher.

Children who have not been collected will be dismissed at usual time.

15th May

Christian Aid Week

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Walk to School week

23rd May

School Council Charity Day

EY – Teddy Bears

KS1 – Turtle Day

KS2- Mind

5th June - School PD Day (Closed)

6th June - School Re-opens using New Start Time 8:30am

8th June

National Best Friends Day

13th June

Grandads wheels visit.

26th June

National school sports week

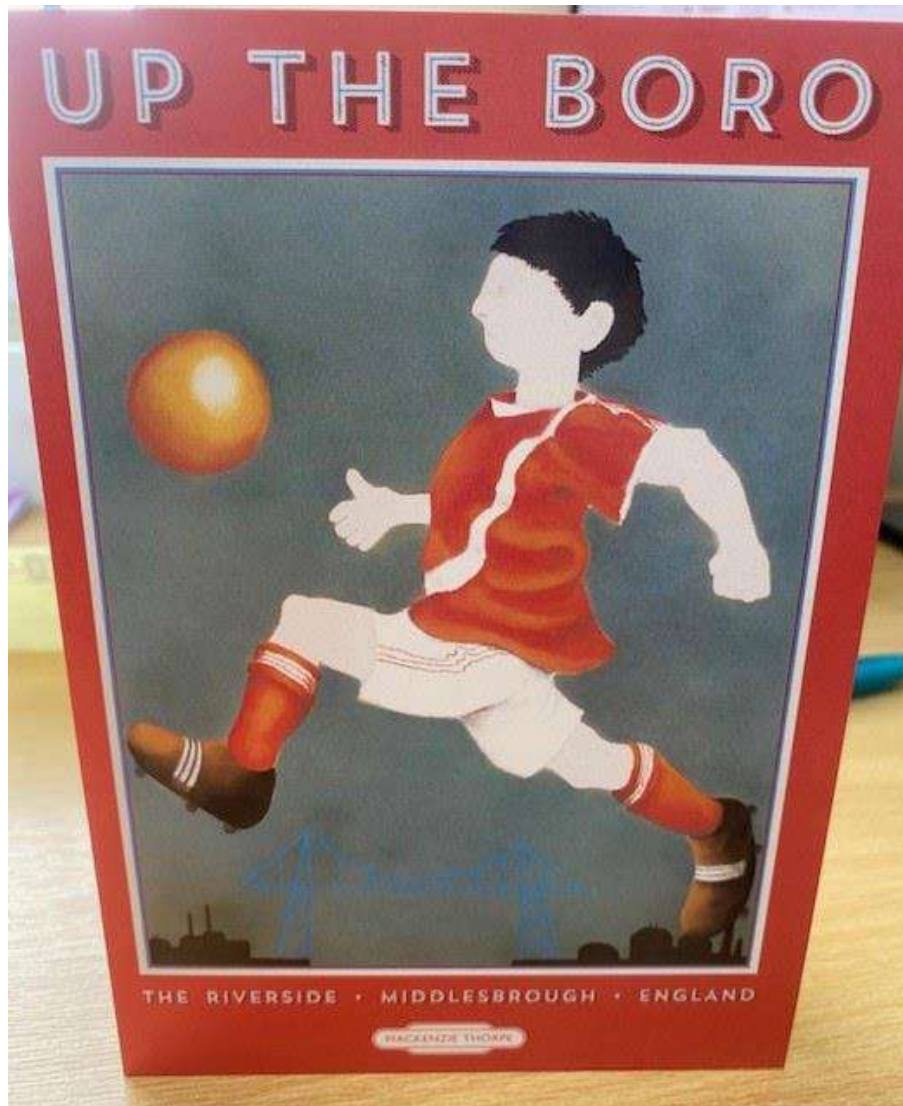
Whole week to include sports day

3rd July

National Fieldwork Week

Save the Date

**The Year 6 Prom will be held on Tuesday 11th July
at 6pm. Further information to follow.**



1 - And Finally..... I thought you might like to see the card that the office team got me for my birthday this week - it's not really what I expected!! I hope all families and friends have a lovely additional bank holiday weekend and enjoy the coronation celebrations!

Contact Us



If you would like to contact us about anything in the newsletter or need an additional conversation then please don't hesitate to catch me outside on the yard or through making an appointment at the office.

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School Vision

As an inclusive Church of England primary school, we welcome children and families of all faiths and none to be part of our school family which has a distinctly Christian character and ethos. At Prior's Mill, we encourage everyone to discover, flourish and grow in their talents, nurturing their God given gifts and potential. We work with passion to foster a love of learning, a love of community and personal resilience. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we are a school where kindness, forgiveness, respect and honesty underpin our words and actions.

Biblical Narrative - The Parable of The Mustard Seed – Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)

“What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

School Values

We give our best - We are kind - We are honest - We are respectful - We forgive