

Longlands Primary School

JUNE BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are rapidly moving through our Summer 2 half term and before we know it we will be breaking up for the Summer Holidays.

In this bulletin you will find articles on various sports events, Summer Holiday Club and FOLS Summer Fete / Inflatables Day.

As we move to the end of the academic year I would like to remind all parents and carers that Friday 18th July is the last day of school for our pupils. Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July are INSET days.

We have a busy last couple of weeks with lots of things going on including: new Reception starters Stay and Play, School reports, Meet the Teacher, Year 6 production, Year 6 leavers assembly and many more exciting things before we wave goodbye to the 2024/25 academic year. Please can I remind you to ensure that children are on time and in school every day wearing correct school uniform, and that all children bring a water bottle to school.

We will be saying goodbye to our Office Manager Mrs Short at the end of this academic year, Mrs Short has been an important part of the school community and has had an impact on so many pupils, staff members and parents/carers. Mrs Short will be swapping the excitement of the school office for a different career. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Short for her hard work, her impact on Longlands and always going above and beyond. We wish you all the best for the future.

We are currently working on recruiting an Office Manager and will share information around this with you when we are able to.

Finally I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our FOLS who ran an amazing summer fete. It was a lot of fun and raised a fantastic amount of money.

Kind regards,

Mr Baines

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Sports Competitions and Festivals

This term there have been a lot of festivals and competitions going on.

We had the year 3 and 4 cricket competition, which took place at the Bexley Cricket Club. The children took part in matches across the afternoon and showed great improvement as they moved from match to match. We also took part in a year 5 and 6 cricket competition at Bexleyheath Cricket club. The children again took part in lots of matches and improved on their fielding and striking skills.



We also took part in lots of other sport festivals this term. We took part in a tennis festival at Bexley Grammar. The children took part in lots of different tennis skill stations that were led by the sport leaders at Bexley Grammar. The children had lots of fun as they learnt different skills.



Sports Competitions and Festivals continued.....

We took part in a Change for Life festival at Hurstmere. During this festival, the children took part in lots of different sport skill stations including one with a giant football which they loved!



Year 5 took part in a hockey festival at Hurstmere. This was a great festival, where the children took part in lots of fun skill stations.



Miss Gayson

Holiday Club Provision

We have had a great response to our Summer Holiday Club but do have spaces still available. If you would like to book please speak to the school office to check availability.



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A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Longlands Summer Fete and helped make it such a fantastic day! We're thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we raised an amazing £6,500. Every penny will go directly towards supporting our school. Whether you volunteered, donated, performed, ran a stall, or simply came to enjoy the day—your contribution made a real difference. Thank you for being part of our wonderful community! As always a HUGE thank you to the local businesses who sponsored us! Keep your eyes peeled for our next event! FOLS x



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DATES

Monday 7th July—Matisse class assembly

Tuesday 8th July—Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 9th July—Summer Concert

Wednesday 16th July—Year 6 Leavers Service

Thursday 17th July—Year 6 Leavers Production

Friday 18th July—Last day of term for children

Monday 21st July & Tuesday 22nd July—Inset days

Monday 1st September—Inset day

Tuesday 2nd September—Children return to school

Tuesday 9th September—Year 6 selection test



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate content than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young users. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had allowed children that promote child kidnapping, wildfires, drug culture and threats to children as young as ten, or inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE MARY OF ADVERTISING

Like many popular mobile apps, YouTube Kids features persuasive advertising before video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family-friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids contains information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the infinite stream of new videos and the recommendations of nearby or related videos, can be very engaging and fun. It's worth noting for children to ensure that recommendations about that spending too much time using digital devices such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's sleep, school, and even interpersonal lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling restricted users like kids and teens. The content settings are easy to use; however, children can often work their way through them. They can easily bypass or break these settings if they have access to the concealed browser, account manager, thereby opening themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'bots' that can be recommended to children's channels. These videos include conspiracy theories and have the look of news to leading.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

With over one billion on Google Play, YouTube has collected videos under 13. Children can still be recommended to many content information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, account creation and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can see.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers some settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can disable all in-app content you need to be aware of "Parental" or "Private". You can also limit the watch limits, so that only those videos approved by the parents can be shown. This will appear on a child's screen as a lock.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that both turns off and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they reach forward to other more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easier for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By changing the "Recommended" view to the "History" view, you can see what videos they have watched, and how much of each. It also makes YouTube Kids stand out into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's "My Activity" page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the best of your videos. This can be a great way of making sure you're able to talk to your child and keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Drury Page has over 20 years of experience working in technology security, privacy and digital citizenship. She is currently a member of The National College's Wake Up Wednesday panel, and has worked in the industry for over 20 years. She is the author of 'The Wake Up Wednesday' and 'The Wake Up Wednesday'.



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