

Copplestone Primary School Newsletter

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Message from Head of School:

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break – it was lovely to see the children back last week and being able to enjoy some sunshine. We were so pleased to hear that the Bunny Bounce raised so much for the CPTA funds and we are very grateful for all the generous sponsorship and the support of the CPTA for organising this.

I had a fabulous residential trip to Bristol with Orange Class last week. We visited the SS Great Britain and the Aquarium as well as seeing some of the city. The children were an absolute pleasure to take away – their curiosity, enthusiasm and happiness made for a very enjoyable time. My thanks go to Miss Blake and Miss Poole for their hard work in planning and running such a great trip.

Rainbow Class had a very interesting visit to West Town Farm, which is a new venue for us. Mr Hagan reported that the children found it very interesting and engaging. It was a lovely way to round off their learning about farms from last term.

There are many other trips and visits going ahead this term for all classes and the teaches will be in touch in due course about this.

Purple Class have their SATs tests approaching and there has been some hard work and revision going on in class, and no doubt at home too. We know that they will all want to do their best, and they will have lots of support and encouragement from us to help them do that. There will be information coming home soon about our SATs breakfast club so do keep a look out for this.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Mackey



Spotlight:

Our spotlight this week falls on Orange Class – all dressed up and ready to launch the SS Great Britain!



Certificate Winners and Hot Chocolate Awards

Certificate Winners – 22nd March 2024

Challenge - Amos - Rainbow Class

Confidence - Elsie - Green Class

Challenge - Oscar - Yellow Class

Curiosity - Evelyn - Blue Class

Curiosity - Esme - Orange Class

Challenge - Joshua - Red Class

Community - Paige - Purple Class

Hot Chocolate Awards – 22nd March 2024

Rainbow Class – George

Green Class – Jared

Yellow Class – Matilda

Blue Class – Louie

Orange Class – Elliot

Red Class – Anya

Purple Class – Seth

Certificate Winners – 26th April 2024

Confidence - Henry - Rainbow Class

Curiosity - Isla - Green Class

Confidence - Rosa - Yellow Class

Curiosity - Evelyn - Blue Class

Curiosity - Whole Class - Orange Class

Challenge - Max - Red Class

Creativity - Tristan - Purple Class

Hot Chocolate Awards – 26th April 2024

Rainbow Class – Henry

Green Class – Albie

Yellow Class – Zac

Blue Class – James

Orange Class – Harley

Red Class – Ruan

Purple Class – Mykola



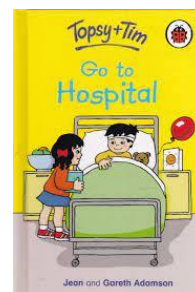
Pre-School:

Pre-School children are learning about People who help us. We have been reading 'Topsy & Tim go to the Dentist', 'Topsy & Tim go to Hospital', 'Topsy & Tim at the Vets' and a few other stories.

The children have enjoyed dressing up as Firemen, Policemen, Vets, Paramedics and Nurses. They have put bandages, eye patches and slings on the dolls and given them pretend medicine.

They have also been practising their cutting skills by having a go at cutting out a mask, gloves, medicine, tablets and plasters to put in the Doctor's bag.

Outside they have also been practising writing their names with the large chalks on the Pre-School playground and have enjoyed riding on the trikes, bikes and scooters.



March whole school attendance was 97.17 %

April 2024

26th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

30th CLC Y4 Handball Event @ QE – Barnfield 11am – 2pm

May 2024

3rd 9.10am Celebration Assembly

6th BANK HOLIDAY

10th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

w/c 13th Year 6 SATS

16th Summer Term Census Day – Special Lunch Menu

17th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

17th 7pm CPTA & CRA Quiz Night

20th Red Class Trip to RHS Rosemoor – details to follow

21st Yellow Class Trip to Dartmoor – details to follow

21st CLC Y3/4 Rounders Event – details to follow

24th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

27th -31st HALF-TERM

June 2024

3rd All Pupils Return

12th Sports Day

14th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

14th CPTA Fathers Day Shop

18th Green Class Trip to Exeter – details to follow

19th Purple Class Dartmoor Hike & Fish & Chips – details to follow

20th Chulmleigh College Y6 SEND Transition Day - TBC

21st 9.10am Celebration Assembly

25th Year 5 Taster Day at Chulmleigh College – details to follow

25th CLC Y6 Athletics Event (TBC)

26th Reserve Sports Day

27th Red Class Quogwarts Day @ QE – details to follow

28th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

July 2024

2nd Chulmleigh College Y6 SEND Transition Day – TBC

5th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

5th CPTA School Disco – details to follow

9th Chulmleigh College Year 6 Transition Day

11th QE College Year 6 Transition Day

11th Whole School Move-up Morning

12th 9.10am Celebration Assembly

12th School Reports Published

16th 5.30pm Year 6 Performance

17th 5.30pm Year 6 Performance

20th CPTA & CRA Family Fun Day

22nd 9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly

22nd 2.45pm Rainbow Class Graduation

23rd Rainbow Class Trip to Bicton Park – details to follow

23rd 3.15pm Year 6 Leavers Arch

23rd LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

BACK TO SCHOOL
2023-24 School Year



Quiz Night

**TICKETS £10 EACH TO INCLUDE
A FISH & CHIP SUPPER**
Vegetarian option available
Bring your own drink - soft or alcoholic

**Tickets to be purchased from the School Office
or Copplestone Farm Shop - cash only please**

TEAMS OF NO MORE THAN 6 PEOPLE

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2024
7:00 PM
AT COPPLESTONE SCHOOL

All profits raised split between Copplestone PTA and Copplestone Community Hall



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, asocial and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvier online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert

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