

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2020



# Mile Cross Primary School

Working As One.



Nursery have enjoyed making play dough gingerbread men this week.



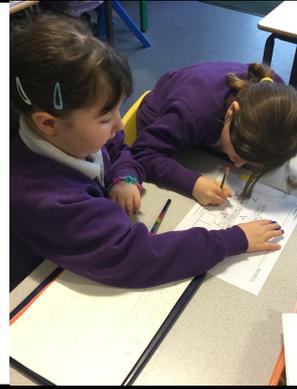
Reception have been learning about washing their hands to get rid of all of the germs!



This week Year 1 had their Maths Cafe filled with shape and number work and based on the book *Handa's Hen*.



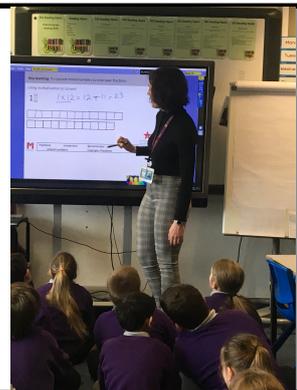
Year 2 have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. We have been sorting them into venn diagrams and branching diagrams by their properties.



Year 3 had a great time exploring the River Wensum. We looked at new and old structures and tried to find the site of John Crome's 'Norwich: River Afternoon' painting.



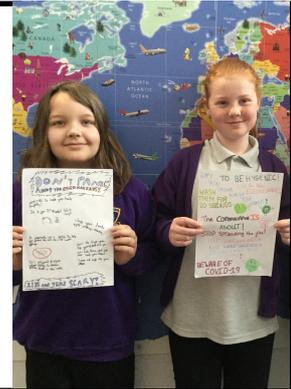
Year 4 have been learning to convert mixed numbers to proper fractions in maths this week.



Year 5 have been working extra hard this week in maths. It's fraction, percentages and decimals time!



Year 6 children have been creating posters to put around the school promoting good hygiene.



Dear Parents

I want to reassure you that we are in daily contact with the Local Authority and the Department for Education about government decisions and messages regarding the national response to Covid-19. (Coronavirus)

We are taking a clear and responsible approach. This situation is serious enough already; it does not need fuelling with headlines about hypothetical situations.

The main point is that we will follow the guidance of the government. It is widely reported this morning that the government is considering introducing significant measures. When we know exactly what those measures are, we will inform you of what we intend to do.

This is a tough situation. We are waiting on the government to provide more and better guidance. We should also remember that this situation is unprecedented.

Please talk to your children and continue to follow this advice.

Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.  
For sneezes Catch it – Bin it – Kill it.  
Clean surfaces regularly.

Mr. Allen



Artsmark Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts Council England



Here are the winners of last week's Golden Ticket. Tickets are awarded every week to a child in each class who has read at least 5 times a week, completed their homework (reading or times tables), attended school all week (on time) and has an amazing 'can do' attitude towards their learning. Winners will have their photo in a frame outside their classrooms, be celebrated at the front of Monday's assembly and will also join Mr Allen's Golden Table at 12pm for a special lunch with cake.

**Reception: Casey-May Crowe & Monika Bareikyte**

**Year 1: Dovis Laskevicius & Michael Trafidlo**

**Year 2: Cleo Corbin & Jekisha Jegatheeswaran**

**Year 3: Jessica Grublyte & Lyla-Grace Curran**

**Year 4: Gracie Calver & Joe Denby**

**Year 5: Tayla-Lei Wicks & Neve Wines**

**Year 6: Ryley Newnham & Olivia-Marie Bale**

## Important dates and information

(All dates and events can be found on the school website - [www.milecrossprimary.com](http://www.milecrossprimary.com))

Mon. 16th March - Fri. 20th March	Kingswood Residential Week - Year 4, 5 & 6
Tues. 17th March [10-10.15am]	Class Assembly - Shark Class (Miss Hall) - KS1/EYFS - Parents welcome
Weds. 18th March [9.15-11.45am]	CASMA performance (Choir) - Norwich Salvation Army Citadel
Thurs. 19th March [8.30-9am]	Springtime Stay & Play - All Nursery parents welcome - Nursery
Thurs. 19th March [9-10.30am]	Maths Cafe - Reception - Shark Class - Studio/Hall
Thurs. 19th March [9-10.30am]	Maths Cafe - Reception - Turtle Class - Classroom
Thurs. 19th March [12.15-12.45pm]	Springtime Stay & Play - All Nursery parents welcome - Nursery
Fri. 20th March [10-10.15am]	Class Assembly - Shark Class (Miss Hall) - KS2 - Parents welcome
Fri. 20th March [1-3pm]	3LW Food Discovery Cooking - Wrap Room
Tues. 24th March [9.15-10am]	Easter Service - St. Catherine's Church - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Tues. 24th March [10.15-10.45am]	Easter Service - St. Catherine's Church - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Tues. 24th March [3.15-5.15pm]	Year 6 Football match vs George White Junior
Weds. 25th March [9-3pm]	Reception Easton Farm visit - Turtle Class - Miss Arnold
Weds. 25th March [9-3pm]	Year 1 Football Festival (8 boys) - Lotus Training Centre
Thurs. 26th March [9-3pm]	Year 1 Easton Farm Trip - Miss Begum's Class
Thurs. 26th March [2.15-3pm]	Rock Steady Easter Concert - Invited parents
Fri. 27th March [9.30-10.30am]	Presentation Assembly - KS1 - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - Hall
Fri. 27th March [9.30-10.30am]	Presentation Assembly - KS2 - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 - Hall
Fri. 27th March [1.30pm]	Easter Egg Raffle

	Hot Dinners	Pasta King	Pick & Mix
Mon	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake (v) Tomato & Cheddar Pizza Whirl	Beef Bolognese (v) Vegetable Bolognese	Wrap Sandwich or Baguette (range of fillings)
Tues	Chicken Pasta Bake (v) Butternut Squash & Pepper Risotto	Bangers & Beans Tomato Sauce (v)	Cut Fresh Salad Vegetables and Fruit
Wed	Pork & Apple Burger in a Bun (v) Vegetable Bean Burger in a Bun	BBQ Chicken (v) BBQ Quorn	A snack (eg. Cheese straw, mini pizza etc.)
Thur	Roast Beef & All the Trimmings (v) Quorn Wellington & Gravy	Meatballs in Sauce (v) Vegetarian Sausage Stew	Fruit Juice
Fri	Crispy Cod Fish Fingers & Chips (v) Crunchy Vegetable Fingers & Chips	Chicken Tikka (v) Cheese Sauce	A Tasty Dessert

## Online Safety Newsletter

March 2020

### Snapchat

Snapchat is a messaging app used to send photos, videos, text and drawings (called snaps) which disappear after they've been viewed. You should be 13+ to sign up. If you choose to allow your child to have an account then you should be aware of the following:

#### Snap Map (sharing their location)

The Map lets users see where their friends are if a friend has chosen to share their location at any given time. Location sharing with friends via the map is optional and is off by default (we recommend that this remains the default setting).

#### Snapchat streaks

Streaks count how many consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other. A streak is shown by a little picture of a flame and a number (the number of days the streaks has gone on for) next to a contact's name. There can be pressure to respond on a daily basis to maintain their streaks and it can cause issues with people logging into other's account to carry on streaks for friends.

#### Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to report any issues when using Snapchat.

#### Safety tips and resources

It's really important to talk to your child regularly and make sure that they know that you're always there to talk to if they have any concerns.

### TikTok update

#### What is TikTok?

Users can watch musical clips, record (up to) 60 second clips, edit them and add special effects.

#### Is your child old enough?

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

#### Why should I be concerned?

Some of the songs used in this app may contain explicit language and sexual imagery, which may not be suitable for your child to view.

If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private. Internet matters explains how to here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/tiktok-privacy-and-safety-settings/>

#### Did you know?

Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio is still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. address, age and phone numbers).

#### Talk to your child

Why does your child use it? What do they like about it? Do they know their followers? What do they like watching on it? Have they ever seen anything that has worried them?

#### Family safety mode

This new tool has just been launched by TikTok which when enabled gives you control over your child's safety settings. More information available here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51561050>

#### Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app>
- [http://support.tiktok.com/?ht\\_kb=for-parents](http://support.tiktok.com/?ht_kb=for-parents)

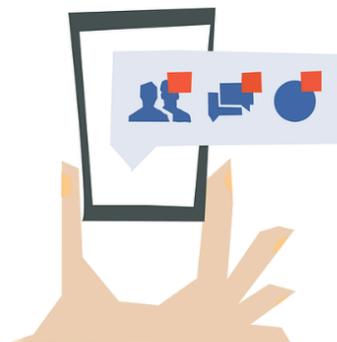
1. Set account to private

2. Show them how to report

3. Show them how to block

4. Learn about the app yourself

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.3.20.



# YouTube

# Parent Question

## What should I do if my child wants to upload videos on YouTube?

The decision obviously lies with you as the parent and regardless of your decision, it is really important that you maintain an open conversation. If you choose not to let your child post videos on YouTube then explain why, if you agree, then set some ground rules such as comments must be switched off, the channel must be kept private and of course monitor what they are uploading.



This article by Common Sense Media looking at YouTube channels has some great tips (particularly around labelling the content 'for kids' which is a new feature on YouTube) and also explains the legalities if your child is under aged 13: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/learning-with-technology/is-it-ok-for-my-kid-to-start-her-own-youtube-channel>

This article is also really useful as it includes top tips for staying safe: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/youtube/>

## What is Roasting

This is a form of cyberbullying. This involves people asking to be insulted on social media, it can lead to very hurtful comments. You should talk to your child about this type of behavior and why they shouldn't participate in this type of behavior regardless if they see it as a game. Further information available here:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/roasting-a-guide-for-parents>

## New Apps

This article lists the latest 5 apps you should know about and includes a top tip if your child is using them:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/five-apps>

## Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age to play. PEGI do not take into consideration the chat features when rating games. Fortnite contains voice and text chat, which can contain inappropriate and explicit language. You can turn the voice chat off but not the text chat. As always, show your child how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour (more information can be found here: <https://epicgames.helpshift.com/a/fortnite/>) and ensure that they know that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

### In app purchases:

All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your credit card details and your child understands that they must check with you before making any purchases.

We always recommend playing the game with your child so you can see what they are playing and monitor the sort of chat that they are listening/contributing to.

# Ofcom:

# media use and attitudes

This report examines children's media literacy providing evidence on current media use, attitudes and understanding among children. The report highlights that half of ten-year-olds now own their own smartphone – the importance of understanding what your child is doing online, going online with them and talking to them about what they do online continues to be of upmost importance.

Access the full report here: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2019>

