



Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Heat Wave! –

This week has been really challenging in school, as I know it will have been for you at home. I am very grateful to the wonderful Turves Green staff and pupils who have continued to work hard, and still smile, through a very challenging week. A huge thank you to parents and carers for their understanding when the school was forced to close on Thursday.



Water Fight! –

Today 250 pupils and LOTS of staff enjoyed a huge amount of fun with 2000 water balloons! It is safe to say that today will be a day to remember! Thanks for sending children ready for this fun activity.



Don't Forget!

NEW DATE: Sports Day will be on MONDAY 6th JULY – EYFS & KS1 - 9:00 – 10:15 & KS2 – 1:30 – 2:45

Speak Up! Speak Out! –

Today, Alice and Kriti from Year 6 represented Turves Green Primary School in the annual Speak Up! Speak Out! Competition at Millenium Point in Birmingham City Centre. The girls' speeches were titled:

'My Teacher: Miss Tonks' and 'Proud of Me and my BAPS Sanstha'. The girls performed with courage on a big stage in front of pupils from a total of 19 Birmingham Primary Schools. I cannot wait to find out how they have done!



Professor McGinty.

On Tuesday this week Professor McGinty visited school to perform for our Year 4 (Romans) & Year 5 (Tudors) pupils. The children fed back that this was brilliant, particularly about how funny Professor McGinty was!



Summer Fair Donations.

The Year 6 pupils are busy planning and making for the School Fair (Thursday 9th July). Anyone who brings in an unopened gift donation for the adult and child tombola can wear their own clothes on Friday 3rd (gifts can be brought in on Friday 3rd) and Year 6 can wear own clothes on Thursday 2nd as they will need to wear uniform on the Friday due to their trip. If anyone brings in toy donations on Monday 29th they will get a house point. Any money made at the fair will be used to go to buy games and equipment for our OPAL provision.

Have a great weekend!



Mrs Young



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Composer of the week Edward Elgar (1857-1934):

Edward Elgar's father was a musician who tuned pianos, owned a music shop and was employed as a church organist. The young Edward learned to play the organ and violin at a young age, and composed his first short piece at the age of 10. His first job was as assistant organist to his father. His main love was composition, although his music was not successful until his Enigma Variations were published in 1899. This work made him famous. Other well-known pieces are the march, Pomp and Circumstance, and his Cello Concerto.

Until Elgar, there had not been a major creative composer in England since Handel's death in 1759. He became known as England's greatest composer and was widely recognized in his day. Unfortunately, Elgar's fame waned at the end of his life – he composed little music during his last fifteen years and withdrew from almost all musical contact. It was not until the 1960's that his music again became popular.



Have a conversation about the story behind these pictures which were shown in our No Outsiders assembly this week and how they link to No Outsiders and British Values:



TURVES GREEN SUPERSTARS - LUNCH TIME CLUB!

Today we had SH Active in school, Miss Knight and Miss Clark selected a group of students to take part in martial arts during lunch. These children have been chosen for showing good behaviour and excellent work.



The following children were selected:

RF - Shivangi & Oliver	RSW - Ella & Maya
1BC - Aiden & Eleanor	1C - Erin & Taqwa
2C - Arlo & Arsema	2W - Eryn & Sam
3B - Alaska & Mohammed	3P - Aya & Logan
4C - Logan & Hazel	4W - Zawiya & Jay
5S - Quincy & Daisy	5W - Eshaani & Berat
6T - Eva & Toby	6M - Mollie & Enoch

Well Done Everyone!

Protect Our Earth

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Dear Zawiya

Thank you for writing to me about plastic waste.

I agree that plastic pollution is one of the biggest environmental issues we face. It affects humans, animals and our natural environment.

Its damaging effects can be seen from our beaches, rivers and fields to the bottom of the ocean. This is an issue locally, where the River Rea has become polluted and is frequently littered with empty plastics bottles or packaging.

I think it is also important that we remember the importance of plastic to our daily lives, whether that's plastic in our computers, on the public transport we use or life-saving medical equipment.

We need to find a way together, through everyday activities, to reduce our use of single-use plastic. This is something I am actively supporting in Parliament.

The Government is changing how we deal with plastic. This represents a shift for our country towards no longer discarding plastic after a single use but instead repairing or recycling it so it can be given a new purpose time and time again.

**WELL...ALL CHILDREN IN
YEAR 4 RECEIVED A
PERSONAL RESPONSE FROM
OUR LOCAL MP. CHECK OUT
ONE OF THE LETTERS.**

**WE MAY BE SMALL BUT OUR
VOICES CAN BE BIG AND
HAVE AN IMPACT!**

**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP - A FEW
WEEKS AGO WE INFORMED YOU
ABOUT OUR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4
WHO HAVE FELT SO PASSIONATE
ABOUT PLASTIC POLLUTION AND
ITS DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON
THE ENVIRONMENT THAT THEY
HAVE WRITTEN TO OUR LOCAL
MP.**

This will mean less plastic waste ends up in landfill and fewer gas emissions into the environment.

I have also supported a number of other measures that will reduce plastic waste, including:

- Aiming to almost halve plastic waste disposed of by people like you and me by 2030.
- Making it easier for people to recycle plastic separately.
- Banning wet-wipes which use plastic.
- Introduce the Deposit Return Scheme, to encourage recycling by adding a small, refundable payment to the price of eligible drinks in single-use plastic bottles.

I help lead a group in Parliament, with the University of Birmingham, where people from different political parties work together to talk about plastic waste and how to fix the problem. We also bring in people from lots of different jobs to share ideas about how to stop plastic ending up in landfill.

Countries also need to work together on this, and it's good that the UK is doing that. We are one of 60 countries that have promised to help end plastic pollution by 2040.

I will look to raise this issue in Parliament with the responsible Minister. I would also be happy to come and visit your school to talk about this issue with you and your class.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely,

Laurence Turner

Laurence Turner
Member of Parliament for Birmingham Northfield

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Let's Learn Spanish Clothes

Ropa/Clothes

pantalón de mezclilla
jeans
vestido
dress
mallas
tights
abrigo
coat
camiseta
T-shirt
pantalón corto
shorts
jersey
jersey
impermeable
raincoat
traje de baño
swimsuit
pantalón
pants
ropa interior
underwear
calcetines
socks
bufanda
scarf
suéter
sweater
gorra
cap
guantes
gloves
gorro
hat
sombrero
hat
cárdigan
cardigan
camisa
shirt
chaqueta
jacket

NEW LUNCH MENU!

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Dog Veggie Sausage Hot Dog (V) with Friend Onions Battered Fish with a Lemon Wedge	Beef Bolognese Bake Veggie Meatball Pasta (V)	Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Herb Crusted Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding (V) Veggie Nuggets (V)	Chicken / Mixed Veg (V) Korma with Naan Bread Bettered Fish & Tartar Sauce	Chicken Tikka Pizza Margherita Pizza (V)
Herby Diced Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Mixed Vegetables & Baked Beans	Creamy Mash, Carrots, Green Beans & Baked Beans	Oven Baked Wedges, Steamed Rice, Peas & Baked Beans	Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas & Sauces
Waffle with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Homemade Shortbread Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit Salad Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Iced Sprinkle Sponge Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Ice Cream Pots Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Fresh Bread
Jacket Potatoes
Sandwich, Wrap
Salad Cart
Available Daily



**Be an attendance HERO
Here Everyday Ready Ontime**

