



Online safety at home: parents and carers update

Online gaming

Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow children to chat with others whilst they play. For information about the positives of gaming, the risks of in-game chat and measures you can take to help protect them, watch this short video: [In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers](#) .

The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating system can be a useful tool to help you decide what online games are appropriate for your child. For more information on the PEGI system and other factors to consider before deciding what's suitable, read [Gaming: what's appropriate for your child](#)

Gaming is popular with both children and adults and can help to cure that lockdown boredom! If your child is gaming, you may have some questions about how to keep them safer. If so, check out - [gaming: what parents need to know](#). For a guide on the apps, sites and games your child might enjoy, visit: [Net Aware](#).



National Tutoring Programme Springs into life!

BFJS has launched its engagement with the National Tutoring programme to provide catch-up tuition in groups of 3 to children in all four yeargroups. There will be 15 face-to-face sessions over the course of the term.



Stars of the Week

23rd April 2021

Y6	<i>Cameron Eley</i>	<i>Luc Hhier</i>	<i>Jack Engwell</i>
Y5	<i>Amelia Alexa</i>	<i>Ethan Appleton</i>	<i>Oliver Pye</i>
Y4	<i>Lola Coles</i>	<i>Danny Ke</i>	<i>Shayon Alexander-Howell</i>
Y3	<i>Kerem Calik</i>	<i>Daisy Smith</i>	<i>Freddie Lawrence-Revell</i>

Aim High - Ride Higher!!



The children in every class had the opportunity to try something new this week with the hire of pony cycles from the Chelmsford Sports partnership. As part of a wider calendar of experiencing new sports such as boccia, kurling and archery, the horses went down a storm in the hall. There were many competitive races and much laughter too!



Earth Day in Y3

Year 3 celebrated Earth Day on Thursday as part of their summer term investigation about how we can make a difference to our planet.

The children enjoyed getting their hands dirty while making wildflower seed bombs with scrap paper. They hope to attract pollinators like bees and butterflies to their gardens at home!



In the school garden, the children were able to identify many different insects, birds and plants. While pond dipping, the children investigated the live cycle of a frog. They saw frog spawn and tadpoles! We're looking forward to checking up on the tadpoles in the coming weeks!

We spent lots of time on the field this morning, and the children were so creative with their ideas for taking in the great outdoors. Some children read books about saving the planet, some created art using natural materials, and some just enjoyed the sunny weather!



In the afternoon, we watched the musical play *The Lorax*, streamed live from The Old Vic Theatre in London. The children loved the story of the Lorax, who "speaks for the trees" to teach an important message about our responsibility to the environment!



Mrs Crumlish

FINAL CALL!



The Big Bird Box and Feeder Competition



We are looking to increase the wildlife at Barnes Farm for us all to enjoy. There are never enough holes and hideaways where wildlife can shelter, however we can help them by making a nest box and putting out food.

If you'd like to help the birds around our school, why not have a go at making your own nest box or bird feeder? We would love to choose our best examples to share with

RSPB! Here and some links to help get you started;

[RSPB Build a birdbox step by step guide](#)

[RSBP Make a small nest box](#)

[RSPS Make a recycled bird feeder](#)

[RSPB Produce a pine cone feeder](#)

Please ASK AN ADULT TO HELP. You may need to use tools that could hurt you

We would love for these to be hung up in and around our school site after Easter, so please remember to include a hook or bracket. You have plenty of time to design and get creative!

Have fun,
Mrs Jordan

