



Linchfield Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 21st May 2021

Online Safety

Controls are not a single solution to staying safe online; talking to your children and encouraging responsible behaviour is critical. However, controls are an important first step to helping to protect your child online. Here are seven simple things you can do to use them effectively:

1. Set up home broadband parental controls and make use of controls on your home broadband.
2. Set controls on your search engine; encourage your child to always use child-friendly search engines, and activate and lock the safe search settings on the browsers and platforms they use.
3. Make sure every device is protected. Controls should be installed on every device your child uses, such as their mobile phone, tablet and games consoles (both home and handheld).
4. Use privacy settings. Activate the safety measures offered by different sites; social networking sites like Facebook have privacy settings that will help prevent your child seeing unsuitable advertising or sharing too much with other people.
5. Block pop-ups. If you're worried about your children accessing inappropriate content through accidentally clicking on adverts in pop-ups, follow the advice from [Tech Advisor](#) on how to stop these.
6. Find good sites and agree on them as a family. By talking to your child about their interests you can help them find suitable sites to visit and apps to use. Review these sites as they get older.
7. Manage their use and access. Children may be very worried that your response to a problem will be to take away their internet access. Whilst this may be an appropriate response in some cases, the threat may be a barrier for a child who needs help. Be aware of this when talking to them about their internet use, and reassure them that they can talk to you or a trusted adult whenever they need to.

Staffing Update for September 2021

Assistant Headteachers

We have successfully appointed two Assistant Headteachers for Linchfield Community Primary School. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Pilsworth and Mr Reeve have accepted these positions and will be supporting the school in moving forwards and ensuring that your children are safe, happy and well educated.

Class Teachers

We have also appointed two new teachers for September 2021. Mr Wilkins, who is currently on supply in school, and Miss O'Hanlon, who is just beginning her teaching career, have accepted the positions of class teachers and are very excited to join the Linchfield team.

Library Books

Many thanks to Market Deeping Tesco Store and Staff for donating a collection of both new and second-hand books to our school library. They are very much appreciated and I am sure that the children will enjoy reading them.



School Information

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Online 11+ Information Evening

Bourne Grammar School would like to invite the parents of Year 5 students to attend an online 11+ Information Evening. The 11+ Information Evening will include a presentation from Mr Anderson, the Headteacher of Bourne Grammar School, about the 11+ Admission Tests, the types of question that students may face, where to locate familiarisation materials and the timelines for the 11+ process and admission in to Bourne Grammar School. The details of the zoom meeting can be found below and we are looking forward to you joining us:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: July 8, 2021 06:00 PM London

Topic: 11+ Information Evening

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84437660781?pwd=aU05b1BlTU9zOU91TVFKZ0pLTtQ2dz09>

Passcode: linchfield (Please note that the password is case sensitive.)

Transition to Secondary School

Transitioning to secondary school is coming upon us for the year 6 children and it can be an anxious time for some but fear not I am about to share a link!

BBC Bitesize have a whole section dedicated to moving up to secondary school including interviews and clips from celebrities about how they felt!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>

You can click on video clips and watch along with your children too if you want to! I found it really relatable and a nice resource for them to be able to take a look at as and when.

Next term, year 6 will be doing lots of work on transitioning to secondary school but I know sometimes parents need some support too as it can be just as emotional for you!

Here are some top tips just to help you through the transition:

1. Share the information that comes through via email with your child rather than just telling them you've had an email or a letter. Make them part of the process, read it with them so they understand what's going on and make it exciting. After all, it does involve them!
2. When it comes to choosing their kit list (uniform and stationary etc..) again involve them in the process, let them have a choice in what they want, obviously there's a uniform policy but trust me there's a difference between 'trousers' and 'skinny leg trousers' or a 'normal' shirt and a 'slim fit shirt' and these decisions are important to them!!
3. Get them to write down anything they want to know about secondary school and if you can't answer them then we might be able to. This will help to stop it from whirling around in their head and them worrying about it.
4. Sit down one night and have a look at the school website. There's a virtual tour on there so it's an opportunity to be nosey and familiarise them with where they are going.
5. Don't over talk about moving schools as this can build anxiety. When they want to talk make time to talk about it, that may mean dropping what you are doing at the time but it's important to them and it's important that the opportunity doesn't get missed.
6. In the summer holidays do a dummy run to school, walk with them, get the bus, show them the stops, walk different routes they can take. Also, encourage them to do it with their friends independently so they feel confident before they start.
7. Encourage them to enjoy it! Making new friends and learning new things is exciting. Remind them that everyone else is in the same boat, so they should just aim to have a good time!

Remember it's never as scary as you think! If you need any support or have questions please just ask!

Be brave, be confident, you got this!

Mrs Roberts 😊

Linchfield Learners

We have had a busy week in Year 5, this week! The children have been identifying, comparing and measuring angles in maths and we have introduced the protractor to the children for the first time. We have learned that there are acute, obtuse and reflex angles and we have come across lots of new vocabulary surrounding the use of a protractor e.g. vertex., baseline, origin, and inner and outer scale.



In P.E. this week, we have been looking at raising our heart rate and improving our agility. We have done this by completing a range of circuit training exercises, organised by our Year 5 Sports Ambassadors, these have included: skipping, mini hurdles, dribbling with a football, ladders and step bench.



In Science this week we have been looking at comparing life cycles. The children loved getting hands on with eggs trying to identify the different parts and functions. They were so surprised to discover the 'germinal disk' in the yolk, which is where an embryo would be formed if it were to be fertilised.



Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children have been busy finishing their Stop Motion films about transitioning to secondary school. We were so impressed with their movies and the storyboards they created.



They have also continued with their DT projects in which they are either building a Nest Box or a Book Corner sign. Their finished products will be placed around school to be enjoyed by the children.



In maths, the children used concrete materials to investigate the 'mean', to conclude our unit on statistics, following some challenging learning on how to construct a pie chart. They have all worked so hard all week!



Road Safety

Time for Road Safety



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The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team

Term 5 Primary parents update Fun on two wheels

We all want everyone to stay as safe as possible while riding a bike or scooter.

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership always encourages people to wear a helmet for all bike or scooter journeys. Helmets can make a huge difference to the severity of an injury from a blow to the head.



Cycle safety

The road safety charity [Brake](#) has some great tips on cycle and road safety for all the family.

If you haven't used your bike for a few months it is worth doing some checks before you first take it for a spin. [Sustrans](#) has some useful advice on checking and maintaining your bike. There are also many local businesses that will service your bike ready for warmer weather riding.

Cycling shops, sports shops and outdoor activity stores stock a large range of helmets. They come in different sizes, shapes and designs and there will be a helmet to suit and fit everyone. We would not recommend wearing second hand helmets; any visible or invisible damage will vastly reduce the protection they provide.

Family rides

[Cycling UK](#) has lots of useful information on cycling as a family including great places to ride as well as good tips and cycling advice.

Bikeability

Bikeability is the government's accredited cycling programme, which develops this important life skill for year 5 or 6 pupils. It includes the practical skills for cycling on the road as children become more independent. Throughout the pandemic many primary schools have had to cancel their booked Bikeability programmes.

Ask your school if they already offer Bikeability, or would consider arranging to have this training at the school.

[Bikeability](#) has some fun activities for children to do at home to help develop their love of cycling.

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Education team can be contacted on 01522 805800.

Look out for the next newsletter in term 6