

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

SENIOR VOICE

Trinity School, Teignmouth, TQ14 8LY

Headmaster's Message

BY MR ROBINSON

It is the week of Remembrance weekend and Trinity is having a service of remembrance in school for all those people who lost their lives to war. I will also be laying a wreath on Sunday on behalf of the school at the war memorial on the sea front at Teignmouth. Sixty of our CCF will be taking part in the town's service and parade. Before all of this I spoke to the pupils about the matter of remembrance and tried to personalise it with two stories. The first was of Captain Billie Nevill at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Billie went up to Jesus College, Cambridge in 1913 to study Classics but had only been there for a year when war was declared in 1914 and he volunteered straight away. In May 1916 Nevill, now a captain, went home on leave and bought two footballs and took them back with him to France. A fellow officer, Second Lieutenant C.W. Alcock, wrote to Nevill's sister:

There were two footballs, and on one was printed:- "The Great European Cup-Tie Final. Five minutes before 'zero' hour (7.30 am) your brother strolled up in his usual calm way and we shared a last joke before going over. The Company went over the top very well, with Soames and your brother kicking off with the Company footballs.

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Approaching the enemies barbed wire, the advance hesitated and Nevill dashed forward to urge his men on. He was killed instantly, a shot to the head, aged just 21 just outside the wire where two footballs were found the following day. Nevill's actions with the football are sometimes portrayed as evidence of the naivety of these volunteer soldiers but Billie was an intelligent man and realised that his men would have been nervous and that the familiarity of the football and their "crazy" officer could give some courage. Many officers wrote to Billie's family of his personal charm & never failing good humour & courage, also how the interest he took in every individual under his command, made him loved by everyone. Perhaps the most telling testimony was a letter written by Sergeant Cutting.

"Though I was only a Sergeant and your son a Captain – I can safely say he was my friend....Your son was a brave man he was a good man. He made us better men for having known him."

My second story was of Sergeant Hayley Ridgeway who joined the British Army in 2005 when she was just 15. After completing her basic training, she became a medic, and saw tours of Iraq and Afghanistan. On 12 August 2011, Hayley and her unit were sent on a routine patrol into the local village of Dactran. They were only 150 meters from the front gate when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated, injuring seven out of ten of the patrol including Hayley. In a scene of chaos and devastation, and despite being injured herself, Hayley rushed straight over to the casualties to assess who was injured and needed immediate treatment first.

Lieutenant Dan Clack was severely injured, falling in and out of consciousness as Hayley battled to keep him alive until a helicopter arrived to take the wounded away. With another soldier who had also stayed behind she waited a further five hours before another helicopter arrived to rescue them. In that time, she realised how badly injured her legs were. When Hayley arrived at the medical facility in Camp Bastion she needed to be rushed into theatre, but her first thoughts were her fellow soldiers.

"I flew into Bastion and they wanted to operate on me, but I was like 'where's my boys' and they said, 'Lowe's over there, so-and-so is there'... and I said, 'where's Dan?' and they ignored me. I knew then that he had died." After a few operations at Camp Bastion Hayley was sent home for further treatment. At first she had to use a wheelchair and then relied on crutches. It took 6 months for her to be able to walk unaided. Hayley was mentioned in Despatches for her bravery in saving the lives of her fellow soldiers but struggling with the mental repercussions of what happened in Afghanistan, Hayley had to work with mental health professionals because of the nightmares she had. Hayley currently works in a non-deployable teaching role training new Army medics and has decided to move into the area of mental health. She now has a daughter called Belle.

In Britain, we remember volunteers and professional soldiers through remembrance services and buying a red poppy. For some, even some in the press, the poppy is painted as a symbol of militarism. Well let's consider that, the poppy was chosen as a symbol of remembrance because it represented hope. As the guns fell silent in Belgium and France, the poppy was one of the first flowers to reappear, a symbol of resurrection and a return to a more peaceful time. It still is that, unless you wish to twist its meaning or remove its meaning because you dislike the tradition.

As for professional soldiers, some say why should we buy a poppy to support them, they choose to do that job. For me that is simple, they deserve our thanks and support because few jobs have the danger that as part of the prosecution of that job, on any given day, you could lose your life. It is part of the social contract civilians have with the military, soldiers take a special position in this relationship being that they forego some of their basic rights through their choice of career and must be prepared to sacrifice their lives for the common good or our defence when the elected political leaders deem it necessary. Who you support politically is up to you but soldiers do not get to choose but we can choose to support them as individuals and their families and remember all those who gave their lives and that is not much to ask just once a year.



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In the run up to Remembrance Sunday, Year 9 Army cadets have visited Teignmouth Old Cemetery on Buckeridge Road in CCF parade time.

There are 49 War Graves which were uncovered from overgrown brambles by The Friends of Teignmouth Old Cemetery and adopted by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) in November 2016.

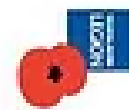
Cadets are pictured at several memorable headstones. Firstly that of Lt Cdr F Underhill RN who died in 1912. His CWGC headstone is lying on his family grave. By contrast the headstone of LAG Hamlyn is installed in the much more upright position for a War Grave. He was only 16 years old when he died which gave Year 9 pause for thought because they are only 2 or 3 years younger.

My thanks to Mr Turnbull, Mrs Barrett and Lt Poulet for accompanying the Year 9 cadets.

Back in school, later in the week in Mr Martin's History lessons, Year 9 were introduced to the extensive information contained on the CWGC website and were encouraged to do searches of WWI and WWII dead using their own family surname or the details of one of the 49 War Graves that they had visited. They wrote the details on an RBL poppy with the words 'Lest we forget'.

Trinity School CCF cadets of both RN and Army Sections will meet on Sunday 12 November at school at 0920 before being taken by minibus to the Teignmouth War Memorial on the seafront. The Civic Service of Remembrance will take place there from 1030 on Sunday. The 2 minutes' silence will be observed after the Last Post and a wreath will be laid on behalf of our CCF. **You are most welcome to join the congregation around the War Memorial.**

Cdr G Poulet-Bowden CCF RNR



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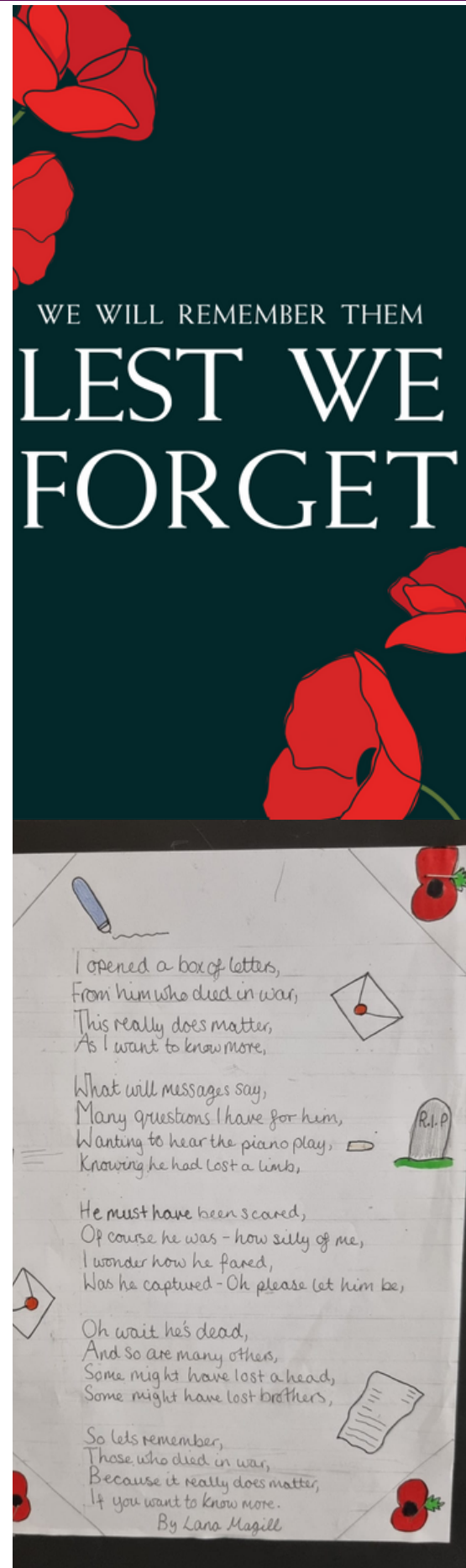
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YEAR 8 REMEMBRANCE POEMS

A big well done to our Year 8 students who wrote fantastic Remembrance Day poems and created a lovely display board!

If you would like to read some of the wonderful Year 8 poetry, the display is in the literacy classroom in the Sutton Building.



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HELLO NOVEMBER!

Here are some fascinating facts for you from Mrs Evans:

- November takes its name from the Latin word 'novem' which is nine, as it was the 9th month in the ancient Roman calendar.
- Its birth stone is topaz , representing honour and strength and the official flower is the chrysanthemum.
- It is called a 'transitional' month as it heralds Winter in the Northern hemisphere and Summer in the Southern hemisphere.
- The Anglo Saxons called it the 'wind month' or the 'blood month' (due to slaughter of animals)
- The 2 Zodiac signs for November are Scorpio and Sagittarius.
- In Mexico November 1st is 'Dia ds los Muertos@ or Day of the Dead.
- November see the festival of Diwali in Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism.
- November is often 'Movember' where growing a moustache for the Prostate Cancer charity has raised millions over the years.
- In the USA November sees Thanksgiving, celebrated since the 17th Century.
- November is the only month to represent a letter in the phonetic alphabet.
- It is the only month that Shakespeare doesn't mention in any plays or sonnets.
- A memorable song that mention November is Guns n Roses "November Rain".
- The 17th Century astrologer Richard Saunders it was the month of "melancholy much increased" recommending one should eat eggs and honey and then vomit!



SUPPORTING OTHERS

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we are asking all students and staff to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November.



We will marking Children in Need on Friday 17th November with a mufti day. We would ask that students bring a donation of £2.



LOST PROPERTY

This is a friendly reminder for students to remember the importance of looking after their belongings.

Possessions should be clearly labelled and items should not be dumped around the school site. Students need to check that they are taking their own items home and not those belonging to others. Items found which are unnamed will be put in the pigeon holes in MD quad.

Anything that is unnamed and unclaimed at the end of the term will be washed/launched and given to charity or added to the spare emergency uniform/PE kit or the 2nd hand uniform shop.

This Anti-Bullying Week, let's make a noise about bullying.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023

from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November

ODD SOCKS DAY 2023

Monday 13th November

#OddSocksDay #MakeANoise

MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



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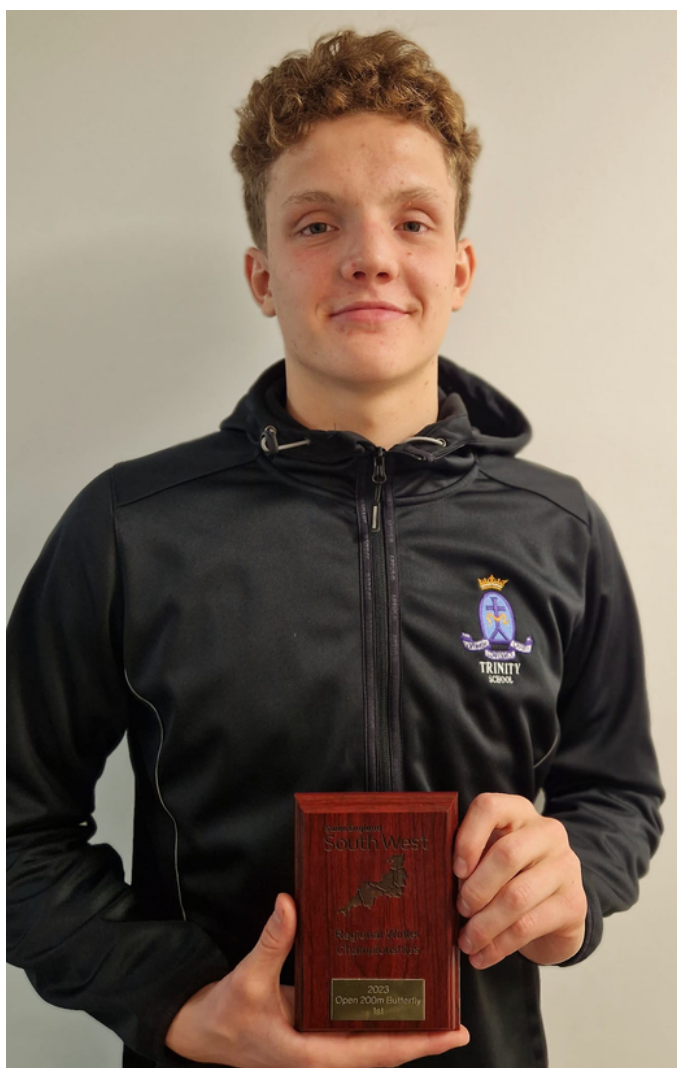
MORE SWIMMING SUCCESS FOR VOVO

On Saturday 4th November, Vovo travelled to Millfield School to compete in the Swim England South West Short Course Winter Championships in the 100m freestyle and 200m fly.

Outstanding performances led Vovo to win gold in the 200m fly and qualify for the finals with two personal best times.

Vovo was presented his gold medal by Brian Armstrong, Swim England South West President and will go on to compete in the national finals at a later date.

Everyone at Trinity wishes Vovo congratulations on his brilliant results. We even got him to smile in one of the photos so he must be pleased with his times!



ISA REGIONAL SWIMMING COMPETITION

A huge well done to everyone who competed this week!

The following students won their race and therefore should have qualified for the National Championships on the 1st December at the London Aquatic Centre but we are waiting for the official results for confirmation:

Vovo - 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 200m IM

Harry Butler – 100m Backstroke

George Tucker – 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke

The following swimmers narrowly missed out on qualification for the nationals, coming a close 2nd: Sam Bird, Ben Collison and Freddie Young.



"The
swimmers did
so well
stepping up
on the big
stage"

MR MILSOM



TRINITY NATURE PAGE

This week we have spotted some parrot waxcap mushrooms!

Waxcaps are under increasing environmental pressure as their natural grassland habitats are destroyed by chemical fertilisers. When you do come across a waxcap, please enjoy these little jewels. Tread carefully!



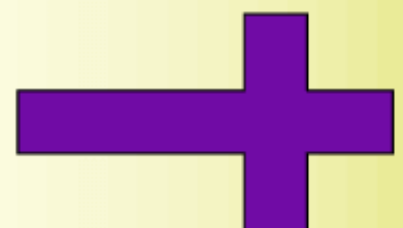
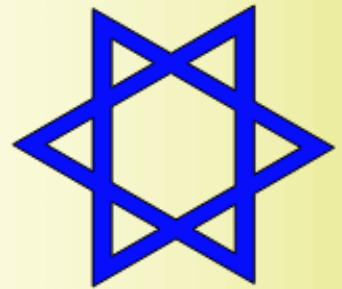
Y7 RS- SPECIAL OBJECTS LESSON

To help Year 7 to learn about why objects or artefacts have meaning for religious people students brought in an object to the lesson that was special to them.

They then discussed their reasons through a class presentation showing great courage and confidence. There were excellent listening skills throughout and lots of reflection.

Well done to year 7 – lots of interesting reasons given which they can then compare when we learn about religious artefacts.

Mrs Bird, subject leader for RS



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PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY
22ND NOVEMBER

ALL OF KEY STAGE 3
PLUS GCSE, BTEC
AND ALEVEL MUSIC
AND PERFORMING
ARTS STUDENTS WILL
BE PERFORMING!

6:30PM IN THE SALLE

YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Following great success in recent years, we are once again taking part in a national young writers competition. This year, the theme is 'glitch'. Successful students will get their stories published and we have a copy of last years 'integer' book featuring a number of our published students available in the Red Library.

The competition is open to all year groups. Years 7&8 will see this on their epraise, year 9 will complete in Mrs Bird's English lessons once a fortnight and years 10 - 13 are invited to pick up an application form from Mrs Bird.

Deadline is 6th December. Good luck!

THE GLITCH

STUDENT PLANNING SHEET

STORY STARTERS

Choose one to inspire or start your mini saga:

☐ "YOU'RE EARLY," SAID DEATH. "WHAT HAPPENED...?"

☐ THE DRAWINGS PREDICTED THE FUTURE...

☐ THE SUN HADN'T RISEN FOR FIVE YEARS...

☐ IGNORING THE WARNINGS, I DOWNLOADED THE APP...

☐ WE BURIED IT, BUT IT WAS BACK...

☐ EVERY CLOCK HAD STOPPED...

☐ SUDDENLY, I WAS TRAVELLING THROUGH TIME...

☐ I DIDN'T MOVE, BUT MY REFLECTION DID...

CHARACTER

Describe your main character.

SETTING

Describe where and when your story takes place.

BEGINNING

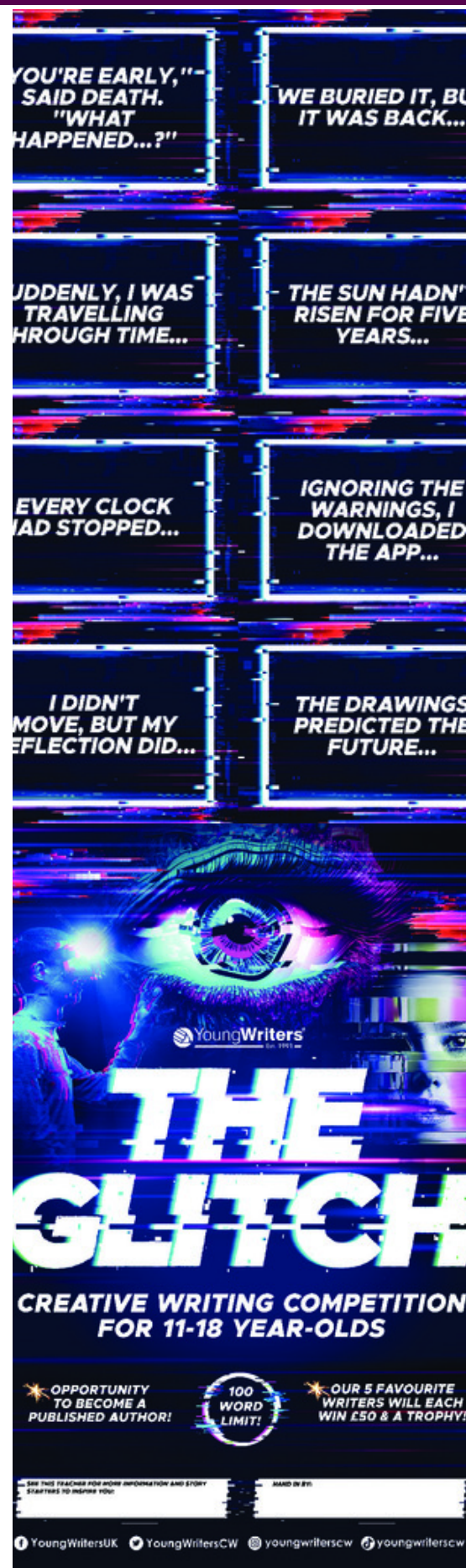
What is the glitch in your story? How does this affect your character's world?:

MIDDLE

How do they react? What happens next?

ENDING

How does your story end? Do things go back to normal or do they have to adapt to the new reality?



STAR CHEFS

Well done to all of our star chefs from each KS3 year group and class this week, fantastic passion, confidence and vision in food tech lessons!

Year 7 have been making apple crumble and year 8 made scone-based pizza!



BOARDING LIFE

Never a dull moment in boarding!

Lately, they have been pumpkin carving and making themselves into toilet paper mummies for Halloween; going on a Segway forest trip; getting creative in an Art Workshop with Ms Bugg; and enjoying the wonderful local firework display and bonfire across the estuary in Shaldon.



YEAR 13 LIFE SKILLS

At Trinity, we feel being prepared for life after school is extremely important so learning important life skills is proactively built into the curriculum.

Recently, the year 13 students were practicing how to sew on buttons and were proud of the results. If you have any buttons that need sewing on, you now know where to go!



THE RED LIBRARY

Back in the early part of this year we took part in a Readathon, which is a national sponsored read with the aim of motivating young people to read and to raise money for books for children in hospital. As a result of our fundraising Trinity were awarded a book voucher towards some new fiction stories, here are the titles that were chosen and now available in the senior library, there are some great titles all different genres, something for everyone - hopefully!



MANGAHIGH MATHS LEADERBOARD

Well done to everyone who has made it onto the Mangahigh Maths Leaderboard this month.

"...something
for
everyone!"



Top 10 Students

01 Oct 2023 to 31 Oct 2023
Trinity School – Teignmouth

1. James D	57	★
2. Max Kirton	43	★
3. Hugo Rawlins	34	★
4. Oscar B	29	★
5. Mali Eykyn	27	★
6. Edward Stone	24	★
7. Mia M	23	★
8. William Mason	21	★
9. Lilly-May Salter	19	★
10. Henry Lovett	17	★

Points are scored when a student beats a previous best in a 30 day period. e.g. If a student already has earned a silver medal in the last 30 days and achieves a gold for the same activity, they will score 1 point.
Bronze = 1 point. Silver = 2 points. Gold = 3 points



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HISTORY CORNER

This week's photo from our archives. This is the Salle, previously named the Assembly Hall.



ON THIS DAY... 10th NOVEMBER

In 1619 Rene Descartes had a dream that inspired his "Meditations on First Philosophy"...

In 1793 France ended forced worship of god...

In 1871 Henry Stanley famously greeted David Livingstone in Central Africa with "Dr Livingstone, I presume?"...

In 1885 Gottlieb Daimler unveiled the first motorcycle...

In 1918 a coded message received in Nova Scotia stated that the following day would see a ceasefire of fighting in Europe...

In 1940 Walt Disney became an FBI informer, reporting on Hollywood 'subversives'...

In 1951 the first long distance telephone call, without operator assistance...

In 1989 Germans started demolishing the Berlin Wall...

In 1990 "Home Alone" premiered in Chicago...

In 2022 an art collection from the late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen reached a record figure of \$1.5 billion- donated to charity!...





'Tis the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and as our thoughts turn toward Christmas, why not make a plan to join Trinity's PTA for a festively-fabulous wreath making workshop?

Whether you're drawn to fashioning a sumptuous wreath for your door or creating a stylish candle-lit advent table setting, why not book a place for you and a friend or relative to come along on!

Wednesday 29th November at 5.30 – 8pm.

Tickets are £30 per person and include a festive drink and mince pies together with an oasis ring, spruce, greenery, ribbon and accessories (extra charges do apply for extras so please along bring some cash).

To book your place, please email: coenn@trinityschool.co.uk

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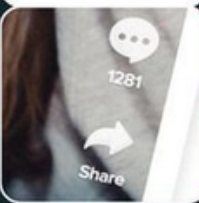


Tik Tok

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+







What parents need to know about TikTok

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

CONCERNING CONTENT

Some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Of course, as with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts – for example, a 'diamond' costs 100 coins. A child can use coins to purchase virtual gifts for creators. These can be expensive and easily purchased – there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £97.99 with a one-click buy button.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

TikTok encourages users to 'share their passion and creative expression through their videos' and while something may seem fun at the time, videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason: to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child see something on TikTok that appears to be inappropriate, they can report content in different ways within the app. They can report an account, video, comment or chat conversation by simply tapping 'Report' in the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', which limits the appearance of videos that may not be appropriate for all audiences.

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure they know how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest using these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on TikTok, in the app's setting, you can switch on a feature called Digital Wellbeing. This includes 'Screen Management' to limit the amount of time your child spends on the app.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety', Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice Threadworms	Tonsillitis
	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.