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Parents Evenings

Parents' Evening slots are now available to book using the School Spider app.

ParentPay & School Spider

On **Friday 31st March**, we will be moving all bookings and payments from ParentPay to the School Spider App.

Please only **book and pay the correct money onto ParentPay up until Friday 31st March**. After this, bookings and payments must be made through the School Spider app which will be easier for parents.

Bookings and payments made through the School Spider app will be available from Saturday 1st April 2023. This means that we **cannot issue ParentPay refunds from Saturday 1st April 2023**.

It is very important that you download and ensure that you can log into the School Spider app as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties.

We have some unicorn and dinosaur bottles for sale.

There are 28 dinosaur bottles and 40 unicorn bottles, these can be bought via ParentPay. Once the last bottle has been sold, ParentPay will not allow anymore bottles to be purchased.

A bottle costs £1.50 and holds 500ml of liquid.



Please remember to visit our website for long term dates. Thank you.

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| Friday 27th January: | Year 6 trip to Robinwood. |
| Sunday 29th January: | Year 6 return from Robinwood. |
| Monday 30th January: | Pupil Passport meetings week. |
| Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th February: | Parent's Evenings. |
| Friday 10th February: | School Closes for half term, 3:30pm. |
| Monday 20th February: | School reopens for Spring 2, 8:45am. |
| Tuesday 21st February: | The Whitaker performance for children in Nursery & Reception. |
| Wednesday 22nd February: | The Whitaker performance for children in Key Stages 1 & 2. |
| Thursday 23rd February: | Vision Screening for Reception children. |

Star Pupils



Nursery:	Jonah N. & Adaline C-J.
Green Class:	Louie H.
Blue Class:	Lilly-Mai H.
Pink Class:	Isla W.
White Class:	Havanah W.
Red Class:	Harper F.
Yellow Class:	Thomas D.
Orange Class :	Faith P.
Lime Class:	Andre L.
Turquoise Class:	Rhys L.
Gold Class:	Abigail H.
Purple Class:	Charlie C.

We aim for at least 97% attendance each week; here are the attendance figures for last week:

Green Class:	96.8%	Yellow Class:	95.9%
Blue Class:	95.7%	Orange Class:	98.9%
Pink Class:	99.3%	Lime Class:	96.3%
White Class:	95.7%	Turquoise Class:	93.3%
Red Class:	98.9%	Gold Class:	97.5%
		Purple Class:	96.8%

Our overall school attendance figure for week ending Friday 13th January 2023 is 96.3%



Friendship and Kindness



House Points

Dolphin:	272
Octopus:	337
Seahorse:	324
Starfish:	283

to the Octopus Team who are this week's winners.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



YUBO



Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 80 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLimsy AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a Sunday Times investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.



ON AIR

BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes'; left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 Sunday Times exposé and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app before they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



LOCATIONS



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday

February Family Fun Arts, Crafts and Games

Children and Family
Wellbeing
Service

Mon 13th February at The Maden Centre 1-3pm

Suitable 0-11 years

Maden Centre, Rochdale Road, Bacup

Tues 14th February at Haslingden Link 10-12pm

Suitable 0-11 years

Haslingden Neighbourhood Centre, Bury Road, Haslingden

Thurs 16th February at The Zone 1-3pm

Suitable 0-11 years

The Zone, Burnley Road, Rawtenstall



Limited places, booking essential

To reserve your place call

01706 237780/237788/237782

or email

RossendaleGroupWork@lancashire.gov.uk

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facebook.com/RossendaleFamilyZone



Children in Key Stages 1 and 2 have been learning about the art of Wassily Kandinsky.

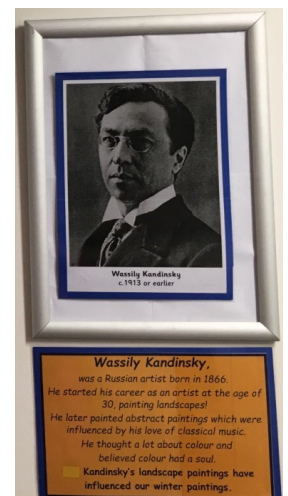
The children recreated their own versions of some of Kandinsky's most famous works. A selection of our children's artworks are on display at Whitworth swimming baths.

The children with work on display are:

KS1: Harper M, Tony, Ruby, Harper S, Rio, Francesca, Frankie C, George, Paisley, Ava, Billy, Isabel, Skylar & Millie.

LKS2: Max J, Oliver K-W, Ivy-Mae, Isabelle, Liam, Skye, Alfie W, Sydney, Aston, William, Ember & Lili.

UKS2: Elodie, Cassiana, Harrison P, Riley, Casey, Chloe, Isabelle, Maddison, Pippa, Melody, Reece L & Daisy.





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	Holidays





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