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MAGIC MATHS DAY

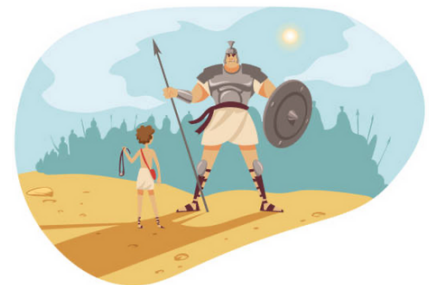
Today, our children have explored Maths in wonderfully creative and engaging ways. Through games, puzzles, and hands-on challenges, they discovered just how much maths is all around them in everyday life. From building intricate patterns with colourful shapes to solving number mysteries and logic problems, every activity was designed to spark curiosity, teamwork, and a love of learning.

Classrooms were buzzing with excitement and laughter as pupils worked together, shared strategies, and celebrated their successes. Whether measuring, estimating, or reasoning through tricky problems, the children showed growing confidence in their mathematical thinking and enjoyed seeing how maths connects to the world beyond the classroom. It was a fantastic day of fun, learning, and discovery for everyone involved!

Thank you for your support for this fantatsic day.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Ava-Rose B
- Class 2 - Sila O
- Class 3 - Archie R
- Class 4 - Jack H
- Class 5 - Tadiwa
- Class 6 - Hope C
- Class 7 - Arianna D
- Class 8 - Dominic K
- Class 9 - Andy S
- Class 10 - Gracie-Mae H
- Class 11 - Rogan J
- Class 12 - Thomas F



VISION AWARD

- Class 1 - Olivia B
- Class 2 - Maryam A
- Class 3 - Tawheed H
- Class 4 - Toby T
- Class 5 - Lilly-May H
- Class 6 - Tiyarne P
- Class 7 - Jorja Mc
- Class 8 - Oliver C
- Class 9 - Tanaya P
- Class 10 - Joshua S
- Class 11 - Roshan A
- Class 12 - Max F

Reminders

SCHOOL TIMES

The day should go as follows:

- The bell rings at 8:40am and teacher should be outside ready to greet children & parents.
- At 8:45am, children will be taken into the building to begin their learning.
- Children should be dismissed at 3:15pm.

Please appreciate that these times are often very busy parts of the day, and on occasion, things may not always go exactly to plan. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these times.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week, we will be participating in Anti-Bullying Week. A time to celebrate kindness, respect, and inclusion within our school community. We kickstart the week with **ODD SOCKS** on Monday.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Don't forget our first round of parent consultations will take place next week. They will be telephone appointments.

Please see your class teacher if you are not sure of your appointment time or if you need to book one.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 14th November, children can come dressed to school in spots for a small donation of 50p/£1 for Children In Need.



Gold Scroll

Wesley D x2

Eliza H

Barin O

Axel W

Isabella P

Kingsley Q

Ava-Rose B

Fatima A

Evie Q

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

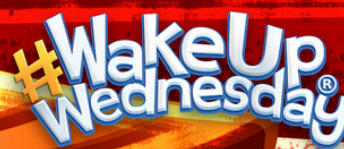
The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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