

ENGAGE ACADEMY

BULLETIN

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Nurturing inclusive learning communities

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new year! All of the pupils have settled in well and seem to be enjoying being back. They have impressed us with their enthusiasm and effort in their learning,

This term we are looking forward to inviting parents and carers back into school for coffee afternoon, key worker sessions and other events.

Look out for the diary dates!



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



You are invited to join our coffee afternoon, in aid of Macmillan, on Thursday 30th September at 1.00pm.

The afternoon will begin with the sharing of some important curriculum information. This will then be followed by coffee, tea, home baked cakes, craft activities and a raffle.

We have really missed our parent events over the last couple of years so shall look forward to welcoming you all at our first event of the academic year. Please save the date in your diaries.

The event will finish at 2.30pm and you are welcome to return home in the taxi with your child.

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Leading Parent
Partnership Award



2021-2024

Dolphins Class



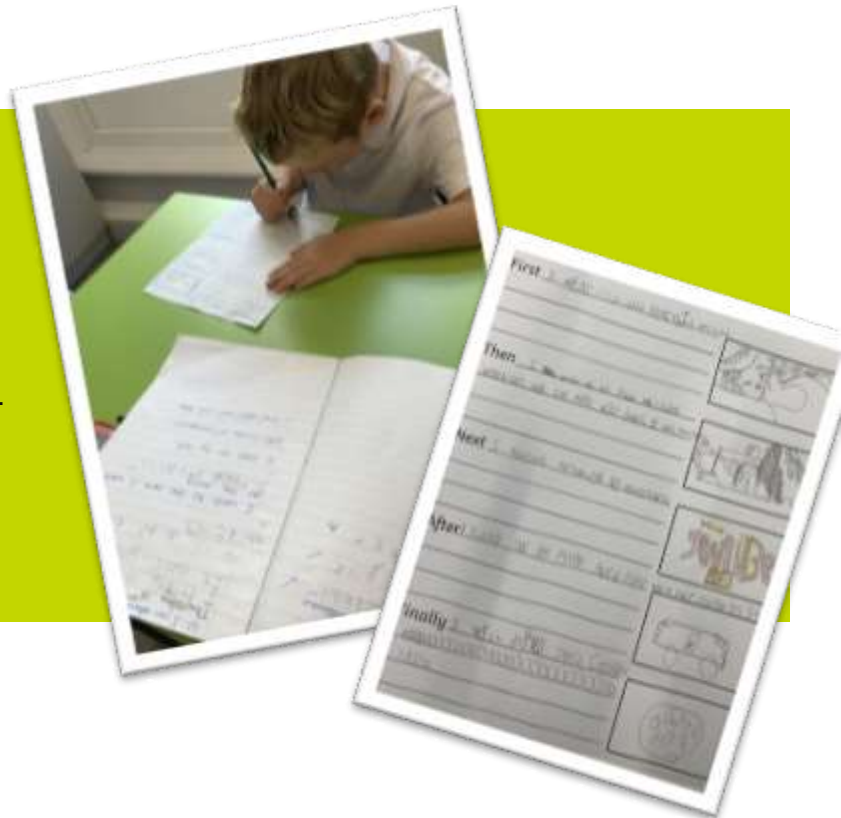
Coming up this half term....

This half term our topic is All About Me! We shall be thinking all about ourselves; what we look like, how tall we are and how we have changed since we were babies. We will also be joining in with lots of fun activities to teach us about our senses.

If you have any baby/younger photographs of your child then please could they bring one in to show the class?

Brilliant Writing

Dolphins have made a great start to the year by writing some amazing sentences about their summer holidays. They cannot wait to show you when you come in for coffee afternoon.



Outdoor Learning



Over the summer we have had our outdoor area developed and now have a brilliant, covered space for outdoor learning. Over the half term we will be accessing this area for both playing and for lessons with a focus on our speaking and listening skills.

Please ask us what we have been doing in our outdoor area – you never know, we may have been vets, doctors or chefs.

PE & Sports

September 2021 saw the grand opening of a brand new versatile outdoor play area at Engage Academy. The open plan area will allow pupils to access a wide variety of sports and physical activities, throughout the day including The Daily Mile, Physical Education lessons and sporting activities ran at play times. The Daily Mile has continued to be a key part of the school day at Engage Academy with all pupils and staff completing a ten-minute walk or run each morning before lessons begin.

The focus of the term within PE will be Multi-Skills. This will allow staff to deliver and cover a wide variety of topics across the term, giving an opportunity for pupils to access many different sports and activities whilst also being able to develop their key skills within physical education. At play times throughout the day staff facilitate a variety of different team games. This provides the pupils with an extra opportunity to develop their communication skills, team-work and will contribute to a healthy lifestyle.



2021 School Leavers

Life at Engage Academy doesn't always mean the end of the support when you leave us. We have continued to engage with our students on the next stage of their journey. All have made an exceptional start with some already achieving a special award from their Principal. We have some parents who wanted to share how proud they were of their boys by sending those super smart first day photos. Others managed to avoid the spotlight but we have been informed from the staff team that they too are 'rocking' the smart secondary school look. A huge well done to you all on your outstanding start. We are very proud of your achievements so far and we wish you lots of luck for the future.



Online Safety Awareness

internet
matters.org



Tons of age-specific related information created specifically for parents. Check it out!
www.internetmatters.org

<https://www.internetmatters.org/the-online-together-project/>

The Online Together Project

An interactive tool has been designed by Internet Matters and Samsung to help all young people, their parents and carers, to develop critical thinking skills and encourage a positive and inclusive culture online.

The content has been reviewed and supported by teachers and experts from Global Diversity Practice. Our next phases will cover other topics such as disability, gender stereotypes and race.

Balancing Screen time

Top Tips to balance screen time.

1. Set digital rules together.

Agree digital boundaries together with your child to get them involved in the process and build up their understanding of why it's beneficial for them to stick to them.

2. Stay engaged in their screen use

Get engaged and stay engaged in their digital life as they grow. The more you get involved and understand the things your children do online, the easier it is to gain their respect and influence what they do in their digital world.

82% of children are online
nearly 9 hours a week

As screens become a bigger part of young children's lives at home and at school, it's important to put balance and purpose behind screen time to help them develop key skills and benefit from their screen use. Find tips and advice to help them do just that.

3. Discuss online risks and strategies to tackle them

Take time to help them understand the risks and benefits of using the internet, whether it be discussing what steps to take if they see something that upsets them or guiding them towards apps and platforms that will help them explore their passions and enhance their skills.

4. Set a good example with your own screen use

Children will tend to model their behaviour on you, so if you encourage them to take breaks when on screens or leave phones out of the bedroom at night, they will follow your lead.

5. Use tech tools to manage their time & access to media

Whatever device your child uses, be sure to make use of free and premium tools available to manage their access to age-appropriate content and review the time they spend on specific online activities.