

March 2023



As March marks the start of the month of Ramadan, may I take this opportunity to wish those of you observing a Ramadan Mubarak.

March also marks the end of spring term and there have been many exciting activities in school, with many more to come after the holiday in the summer term.

Thank you for attending parents evenings which I hope you found useful for talking to class teachers about your child's progress. It was lovely to see proud smiling parents and children leaving the building.

Mrs Tindal



What's happening

**Don't
Forget!**

- Friday 24th March interschool i-challenge orienteering event for some children
- Monday 27th March welcome back to school to Mrs Razaq who returns from maternity leave to teach Moors class
- Friday 31st March school CLOSSES and REOPENS on Wednesday 12th April
- Thursday 30th March spring term sports awards
- Friday 31st March spring term attendance awards and t-shirts
- Friday 14th April PROUD parents invited into school assemblies (your class teacher will let you know when your child receives PROUD)
- Friday 21st April school CLOSED for EID
- Monday 1st May school CLOSED for May Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May school CLOSED for the King's Coronation Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May Year 6 SATs week

PROUD at Warley Road Academy. Parents invited after the Easter holiday.

Each week, teachers choose children they are PROUD of to attend a PROUD meeting with Mrs Tindal on a Thursday and to receive a certificate on a Friday. We are delighted to be able to now welcome parents of these children into the Friday assembly to watch their child receive their certificate.

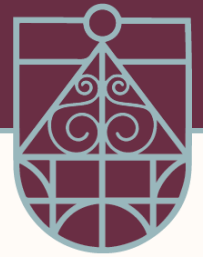
If your child brings a PROUD postcard home on Thursday, then please come along on Friday to take part in the assembly.

1.30pm for Years 1, 2 & 3

2.45pm for Years 4, 5 & 6

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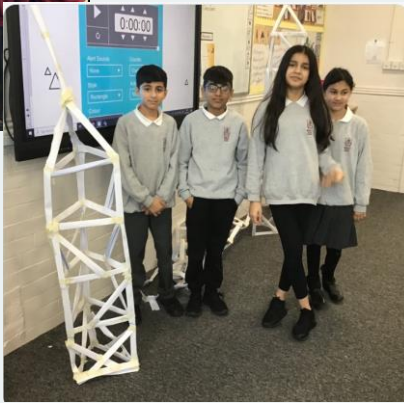


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March has been STEM week!
Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths!



Our
engineers of
the future



Warley Road Academy @WarleyRoadPri · 13h
Girl Power! Year 5 STEM challenge 2: build a stable structure using 20 straws. Thinking about all they'd learnt in science and DT, the girls won with their structure holding 120g.

Our
scientists
of the
future

Warley Road Academy @WarleyRoadPri · 33m
We had the whole world in our hands for year 1 and 2 to see how the world is made by making a play dough planet.



Keeping your child safe

See our Twitter to read the information.

All national online safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many services which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to date. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device – and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE
While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers, could be costly to repair. Investing in a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION
Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too much time on their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, it's a good idea to visit the 'Screen Time' settings and ensure you know how long your child spends on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something like that auto-play or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help guard against this by adjusting the content settings (see our top tip section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS
The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) limit what features are accessible to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions by using Siri, Apple's voice assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' function off in the device's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING
Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilize the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the iPad's settings, on their behalf. By going into the iPad's settings, you can then select a family member to manage your child's access to the iPad's settings, or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS
The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' lets you set limits on certain apps. You can also set a specific length of time each day, the iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child know to prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING
To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device, without losing anything else to worry about in the process, you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, whenever you're not in the room, you'll be notified. If you've set up Family Sharing, you can also approve or deny purchases if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS
The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content. In addition, the device can be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN
Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's device – so long as you've set up 'Find My' in the settings menu. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been misplaced, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

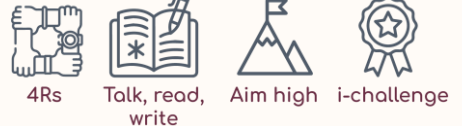
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