

25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

# Newsletter

## KS2 End of Year Show: The Next BIG Step

Our KS2 (Class 3 & 4) children are looking forward to their end of year production and rehearsals will soon begin in school! This year the show is called, 'The Next BIG Step'. We will send out further details, including information about costumes, tickets and evening performances, but in the meantime, please save the dates to your diary (see below) as all Class 3 and 4 children will take part.



## Secondary School Transition

If your child is moving on from Friezland this summer for the next part of their learning journey to secondary school and will be using public transport, they will need a bus pass! Apply using the link:



<https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass>

## Friends of Friezland: We Need You!

To ensure the success of our FOF and further school events, the team need more support. Joining the team doesn't mean you have to be available to support every event- simply offer what you can. Speak to a member of the team to pledge your support or attend the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June- 7.30pm @ The Royal George.



**School Dinners: Summer Term 2** Please credit your Eduspot account in advance of a lunch being taken. Lunch is charged at £2.60 a meal.

**£13.00** per week

**£91.00** summer term 2 (35 days)

## Starting Reception Class in September 2023?

**We have spaces for September 2023!** If you know anyone who is unhappy with their allocation or who considered Friezland but thought they may not be within the catchment area, ask them to contact school.

**Sport Race Afternoon** What a great day! We hope you enjoyed watching our races and the ice-cream treat! Thanks to Chaddy the Owl for demonstrating our races and showing us how not to cheat!

## Attendance: Every Day Counts

Please support school to make sure every day counts! Our attendance figures currently show:

**Class 1: 96%**

**Class 2: 97%**

**Class 3: 96%**

**Class 4: 97%**

0 Days absent	<b>100%</b>
1 day absent	<b>99%</b>
3 days absent	<b>98%</b>
1 week absent	<b>97%</b>
1.5 week absent	<b>96%</b>
2 weeks absent	<b>94%</b>
2.5 weeks absent	<b>93%</b>
3 weeks absent	<b>92%</b>
3.5 weeks absent	<b>90%</b>

\* Each school day is made up of 2 sessions: AM and PM

Requests for holiday absence during term-time will always be unauthorised unless circumstances are 'exceptional'. Our goal for every child is to be **97%+** at the end of the school year.

## Dates for the Diary

### May

**25<sup>th</sup>** End of Summer Term 1 (**THUS**)

### June

**5<sup>th</sup>** Start of Summer Term 2 (**MON**)

**7<sup>th</sup>** FoF Planning Meeting -7.30pm @ The Royal George

**14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** Y6 Kingswood Residential

**15<sup>th</sup>** Guitar Awards (*selected children only*)

**WB 19<sup>th</sup>** Healthy Me Week 3

**20<sup>th</sup>** Class 3 Halle' Visit

**21<sup>st</sup>** Fathers' Day Breakfast 8:45-9:45am (*pre-book ONLY*)

**22<sup>nd</sup>** DLP Spelling Bee Final

**28<sup>th</sup>** Fathers' Day Breakfast 8:45-9:45am (*pre-book ONLY*)

**30<sup>th</sup>** Class 2 Castleshaw Visit

### July

**5<sup>th</sup>** Friezland Move-up Morning 1

**8<sup>th</sup>** Summer Fair- ***we need volunteers!***

**10<sup>th</sup>** Friezland Move-up Morning 2

**12<sup>th</sup>** The Next BIG Step KS2 Production, 2pm and 6pm

**13<sup>th</sup>** The Next BIG Step KS2 Production, 6pm

**19<sup>th</sup>** Leavers' Service, 9:30am, Friezland Church

**19<sup>th</sup>** Y6 Leavers' Lunch



# 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

## AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

## CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

## BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

## ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

## MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

## TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

## THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

## STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

## USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

## BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

## Meet Our Expert

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# *Ladies Race Night*



1st July @ OAFCE Events Centre  
7pm Onwards

£40 per ticket - Includes: Three Course Meal  
Races and evening DJ playing all the classics


Tickets Via Bank Transfer Only  
ACC: 12316377 - SORT: 01-00-39

Text: 07843 629 985  
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# OLDHAM ATHLETIC SOCCER SCHOOL

**Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June**

Royton & Crompton E-Act Academy, Blackshaw Lane, Oldham, OL2 6NT.

Ages 6-12

£72 for 4 days

9am-3pm



SCAN ME

Scan the QR code to  
book your place.

For further information:  
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## Soccer School Feedback!



*My son absolutely loves coming to soccer school. He is always so excited in the morning to go and loves telling me what he's been doing when he comes home. I love the updates that we get telling us what the children have been up to during the week. I also think it is excellent value for money. I love that he gets to meet some of his favourite players also. I highly recommend!*

*My son absolutely loves soccer school even though he isn't the most skilled footballer, he loves the fact he can enjoy doing something he loves without being told he isn't good enough! He feels part of something without having to be the best at it!*

*My son has loved this soccer school. It's his favourite one out of all that's he's been too. It's great value for money. Meeting some of the players has been a highlight for him as well as the daily penalty shootouts. We will be definitely be booking on in the future. Thanks to all the coaches!*

*My child is very anxious going to new places but was made very welcome from the start. His confidence grew throughout the week and he was so happy that he started to score goals towards the end of the week. He even got star of the day which was such a big thing for him. I can't thank you enough for this opportunity and we will definitely be looking to sign up again.*