



Portobello Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

3rd May 2024



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown "curiosity" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Isla **Year 1:** Eliza & Isla **Year 2:** Bobby

Year 3: Charlie **Year 4:** Jessica **Year 5:** Will **Year 6:** Sam

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95%.

Well done to Year 6 for best attendance this week at 100%!

Our raffle has restarted. Our next draw will take place the Friday before May half.

Dates for Diary

- Tuesday 21st May - Breakfast Club special breakfast: Toasted muffins or pancakes
- Monday 3rd June - Occasional day - school closed**
- Tuesday 18th June - Health and Sports Week - Keep fit Breakfast!
- Thurs 20th June: Lunch menu change: National Picnic Day
- Wed 26th June: Y3 trip Adventure Sunderland
- Fri 5th July - PM school summer fayre
- Thurs 11th July: Lunch menu change: End of year celebration (burger & fries & ice cream cone)

Reader of the Week Award

Celebrating our school's passion for reading! A huge congratulations to this week's school reading award winners. We are delighted to introduce this week's star readers who will receive a certificate:

Reception

Harry and Harry

Year 3

Aishah and Dylan

Year 1

Franky and Miles

Year 4

Isla and William

Year 2

Bobby and Emily

Year 5

Rhys and Frankie

Year 6

Nifemi and Jake



Matilda THE MUSICAL JR

Thank you to our audiences this week, we hope you enjoyed our production of Matilda. Well done to our performing arts group and staff too, who have supported and coached the children throughout! Thank you for coming along!



Earrings in school

A polite reminder for health and safety reasons we have a no earring policy in school. Your child will not be able to take place in sporting, PE or playtime activities with earrings in. Please organise this for week one of the summer holidays so they are ready to take out in September.

Get quick and reliable NHS advice about your children's health?

Not sure if your child should be attending their childcare setting if they are unwell? It can be hard to know what to do for the best. Follow Healthier Together's simple guide for common conditions and illnesses: <https://www.nenc-healthierttogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/tips-guides-and-resources-parents-and-caregivers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

You can download the Healthier Together app from your app store now! Designed to reduce anxiety and worry for parents and carers and help you access the right NHS services: <https://www.nenc-healthierttogether.nhs.uk/resources/download-healthier-together-mobile-application>

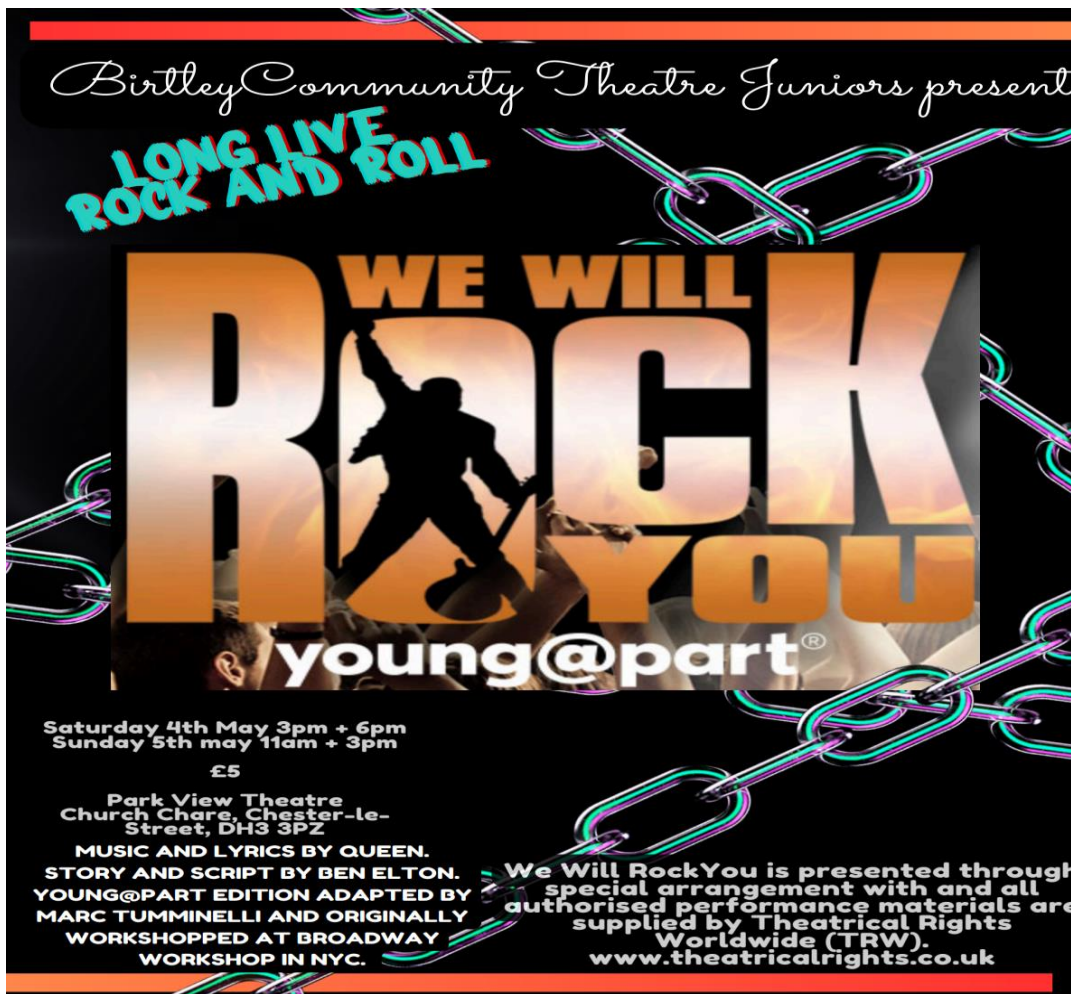


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Birtley Community Theatre Juniors present We Will Rock You on the 4th & 5th May.

We have several children performing in this fantastic show, please show your support for a local theatre group and enjoy a superb afternoon or evening performance too, you will be blown away!



Birtley Community Theatre Juniors present

LONG LIVE ROCK AND ROLL

WE WILL ROCK YOU

young@part®

Saturday 4th May 3pm + 6pm
Sunday 5th May 11am + 3pm
£5

Park View Theatre
Church Chare, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3PZ

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY QUEEN.
STORY AND SCRIPT BY BEN ELTON.
YOUNG@PART EDITION ADAPTED BY MARC TUMMINELLI AND ORIGINALLY WORKSHIPPED AT BROADWAY WORKSHOP IN NYC.

We Will Rock You is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).
www.theatricalrights.co.uk

SEND Support for Young People in Gateshead



Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has special educational needs and /or disabilities (SEND)?

Do you know where you can access support or advice to ensure your child's needs are being met?



The **local offer** is a website that shares the help you can get if you have SEND, or if you care for someone who does. It is for people from 0 to 25 years old. It has information about different services, e.g. education, health, and social care, and how to use them. It also lets you share your opinions and see what other people think.



Parent carer forums are groups of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND who work together to improve local services and support. They provide information and advice, gathering and sharing feedback, working in partnership with decision-makers, offering peer support and networking, and helping with rights and appeals.



Would your teenager like to be involved with the SEND Youth Forum?

It is a group of young people with SEND who meet regularly to share their views and experiences, and to work together to improve the services and support for young people with SEND. They also have fun, make friends, and learn new skills. A SEND Youth Forum is a great way to have your voice heard and make a positive difference in your community.



Special Education Needs and Disabilities Information and Advice and Support Services (SENDIASS) is a free and confidential service for parents, carers, and young people with SEND. It helps them to understand and exercise their rights, and to access the right provision for their needs. It also supports them with SEND Tribunal appeals.



Gateshead Autism Hubs is a free service in Gateshead that provides information, advice, and support to parents and caregivers of autistic children and young people aged 0-25. They help with various challenges that can affect autistic individuals and their families. A diagnosis is not necessary to receive support. The team offers drop-in sessions, learning opportunities, peer support, and guidance throughout Gateshead.



The Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) –
Acts as a single point of contact for parents/carers, partner agencies and professionals to raise queries and concerns related to NHS health services and SEND. To contact email dawn.robson4@nhs.net or nencicb-ng.sendhealthteam@nhs.net, or telephone 07342081199.

The Designated Social Care Officer (DSCO) –
Acts as a point of contact for parents/carers, partner agencies and professionals to support the resolution of queries and concerns related to the quality and interaction of Early Help, Social Care and SEND services. To contact email [taraodonnell@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto: taraodonnell@gateshead.gov.uk), or call 0191 433 3826.

www.gateshead-localoffer.org

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



SCREEN TIME

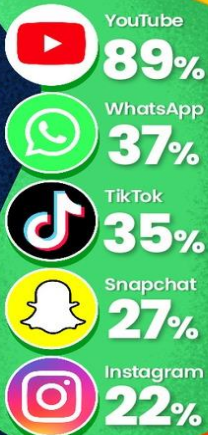
By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



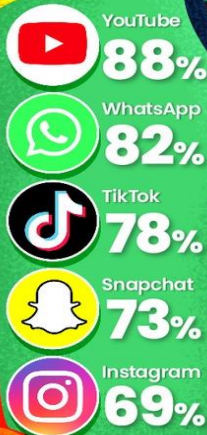
POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s



Over-12s



ONLINE GAMING

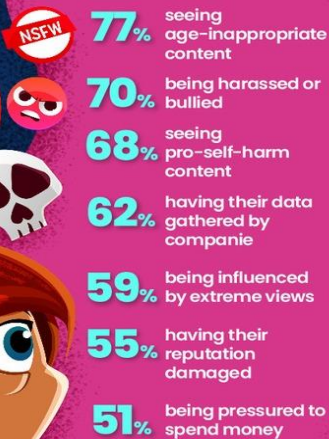
68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

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