

18th March 2024

Social Media platforms

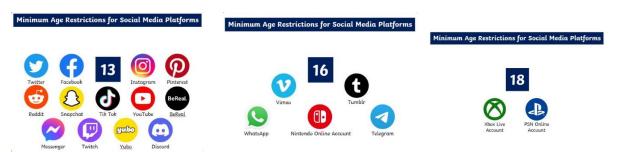
We are writing to advise you of a concern that we have regarding children's use of social media. In some class discussions, it is apparent that some pupils are communicating with people they do not know over platforms such as Snapchat, WhatsApp and Discord.

Most Social media apps are for pupils 13 years and over. If you do allow your child to access social media, we ask for your vigilance. Just like their interactions in person, online interactions require supervision and support.

What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include:

- Monitoring phones for the apps that are downloaded
- Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles
- Reviewing the messages sent on platforms and apps (make monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine)
- Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to devices
- Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing.

It is important that you know how to report, block and filter content, and personalise privacy settings.



Fairtrade Coffee Morning

We learnt about the journeys our food takes during the Fairtrade Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see some of your there. Thank you for joining us. The Eco Council raised £44.50 for the Fairtrade Foundation.



The School Council RED SALE raised £63 for Comic Relief.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th March PTA Easter Bingo doors open 5.45pm Friday 22nd March Y34 Easter Service at Memorial Hall 1.30pm Friday 22nd March School closes for the Easter break **School re-opens on Tuesday 9th April**

After the Easter holidays, Mrs Richards will start her new role as School Secretary following a successful interview earlier in the term. She will combine this many-faceted role; which I am very happy to hand over, with her role as HLTA during the afternoons.

Attendance monitoring letters will be sent this week.

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Pre-loved uniform is available

Please inform school on the first day of absence 01745 570171 / trhead@hwbcymru.net

Forms requesting holiday in term time are available from the class teachers or school office and should be completed in advance