

Newsletter

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Term 2 Issue 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

How are you and your family? We do hope you are all well and keeping positive. Congratulations on making it to the last week of half term. You have all been amazing, whether you have risen to the challenge of educating your child at home or if you have been doing an brilliant job as a Key Worker.

We are sure that the children have all been very excited by the snow and hope they have managed to get out and have some fun playing with snowballs, making snow characters and possibly sledging!

This has been a very strange half term and certainly not the start to 2021 that we were all hoping for. However, all of our Byron community has done fantastically well and we have been so proud of the children in school and at home over the past weeks. We now have almost every child logging on, joining Teams meetings and working at home each day which is brilliant.

We would like to thank all of the staff at our school who have once again risen to the challenge of providing remote learning, supporting the pupils in school and managing their own family situations. They have been a true team and we know 'our' children have benefitted from their skills, time and efforts over the past few weeks. We continue to be grateful for the kind comments you have sent to staff directly or to us regarding the work, support and little extras the school have provided. Your positive messages have been a real boost and we really enjoy reading them.

You will have seen in the media that the Government has started to plan for a possible return to school. At this moment in time, 8th March is the earliest date being suggested, provided that the vaccination programme continues to go as planned. We do not have any more information than this currently, and it is always the case that school hear the updates at the same time as the rest of the country does. We shall update you about these plans when some more information is released but at least we know that the reopening of schools is a priority and on the horizon.

Thank you all for your amazing support this half term. We think it really does highlight what an amazing school community we have. Please do have a good rest over half term and stay safe!

Best wishes,

Clare Wingrave (Principal) and James Norris (Deputy Principal)

REMOTE LEARNING



Many thanks to all the respondents to our recent survey on Remote Learning. We had an excellent response and appreciate all of your suggestions and helpful comments. It was great to hear that 92% of parents feel supported by the academy in accessing home learning.

We know that 35% of parents would like more live lessons and we aim to increase this offering when all of our pupils have been given their own ipads .

SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS

Ahlberg House 3005

Donaldson House 3002

Wilson House 2989

Morpurgo House 2981



Well done Ahlberg House!

**CELEBRATING PANCAKE DAY ON
TUESDAY 16TH
FEBRUARY?**



**SEND US A PICTURE OF YOU &
YOUR CREATIONS TO FEATURE IN
OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

Byron@oasisbyron.org

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Every pupil at Oasis Academy Byron will have their own iPad to support their learning in the classroom and at home. It will be theirs from Reception through to year 6 and will provide enhanced learning for all.

To find out more visit our website today!



Oasis Academy Byron



Leader Board

Name	Rock Name	Year Group	Rank in School	Rock Status	Studio Speed in seconds
Jai	Ace Black	3	1 st	Rock Hero	0.68
Finley	Jack Carter	6	1 st	Rock Hero	0.68
Lacai	Jeff Rock	6	2 nd	Rock Hero	0.87
Anushka	Angela Fleischman	6	3 rd	Rock Hero	0.93
Bassam	Basil Golden	6	4 th	Rock Hero	0.97
Louie	Mark Sebastian	4	4 th	Rock Hero	0.97
Ian	Leopold Saint	3	5 th	Rock Legend	1.07
Candice	King Clayton	5	6 th	Rock Legend	1.08
Keira	Kandace Summers	6	7 th	Rock Legend	1.12
Dani	Sugar Case	3	8 th	Rock Legend	1.15
Nicole	K.C. Fox	6	9 th	Rock Legend	1.34
Keira	Toryn Sansone	3	10 th	Rock Legend	1.44

Congratulations for making it onto our leader board this week. You are truly amazing!

Well done to all of you who are working hard to improve your score. Remember that you need to play in the Studio area of Times Table Rock Stars to enter the leader board. **If you need a copy of your password, please contact your class teacher.**

We can't wait to see who will be in the top ten next time!



In these unprecedented times, everyone is spending more time online at home, including our children and young people. The Internet provides many benefits in keeping us all connected; however, for our children and young people especially, this can present more significant risks.

The online environment can be overwhelming at times. It is therefore important that we understand what our children are doing online and in so doing protect them online. The Safer Schools App aims to help us with this.

The App is designed to support you, as you keep the children and young people in your care safer online. It provides information on how you can make your home and your children's devices safer: provides a greater understanding of Social Media and highlights the benefits and risks of popular apps such as Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok to name but a few. The app also provides suggestions on inspiring healthy media habits and screen time as well as increased awareness of scams and personal information security. The in-app safety centre also provides you up to date information on how to block, mute and report anything you or the child in your care may find worrying or upsetting online from images to comments from online bullies or trolls.

To download the Safer Schools App for free, please follow the instructions on the following page of this newsletter and use the four digit code **7440** when prompted.



Educate, empower & protect the entire school community.

Download and Login Instructions

STEP 1

Search 'Safer Schools' and download the App.



STEP 2

When you open the Safer Schools App, you will be presented with the login screen. Here you will see your two options for accessing the App - numeric or QR.

1) Scan the QR Code

First, tap the "Scan QR Code" button (...or just Scan QR on Android...).

Hold your device so the QR code appears in your camera view (you may need to give permission for the App to use the camera). When it scans the code, you will be logged in!

2) Using the Numeric Code

In the "Select your school" section, choose your organisation from the dropdown list and click 'continue'.

Next, simply enter the 4-digit access entry code for your role within the school (parent/carer, staff or pupil).



SCAN QR



Please do reach out to us at school if you need any help in terms of food or advice. We would hate for a family in our Byron community to be experiencing hardship and not be able to offer help. We work with many organisations who are ready to help. For non judgemental support, please do call us at school or email Byron@oasisbyron.org.

If you are struggling and need some financial support, please click the link [here](#) for more information on help available.

February half term for all the family!



While we're in lockdown for the start of 2021 and no events are planned at places in our care, there's still lots to keep little ones busy at home or in your local area. This February half term, you could find a new hobby, be inspired by '50 things to do before you're 11¾' or discover their next favourite book to get stuck into. We've got plenty of ideas for things to do outdoors and indoors if the weather turns.

Click [here](#) for ideas

HOME LEARNING

Well done to all the children who have sent in remote learning this week. We will be celebrating home learning during every newsletter, so please keep sending work to your child's class teacher via the class email address.

