

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - March 26th 2019



Easter egg competition

It's that time of year again! We will be holding our annual Easter egg decorating competition during the last week of term.

For the children's competition (including Nursery), we ask that each child brings a hard-boiled egg into school on Thursday 4th April, along with anything specific that they'd like to use to decorate it. Children in Nursery & Reception can bring their eggs plus bits & bobs from Monday. Thank you!

For the family competition, we ask that each family decorates a hard boiled egg which should be clearly labelled with the family name and dropped off on the morning of Thursday 4th April in the school hall.

There will be Easter eggs and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each class and some fantastic prizes for the family competition. We can't wait to see your imaginative & creative ideas this year!!

Bargain Basketball tickets

We have been given some discounted tickets for the remaining Newcastle Eagles games on the following dates:

Friday 5th April

Friday 12th April

Friday 19th April

Friday 26th April




Adult tickets cost £5 and children have free tickets! Please contact the school office if you would like to request any. Thank you.

Water bottles

We have noticed that there are some children who don't have a reusable, refillable water bottle at school. We would be really grateful if all children could bring a water bottle into school. Please note, this should only be filled with water, not squash. Thanks for your support with this matter.


Online Safety

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





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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.





RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

U	PG	12	12A
Universal, suitable for all ages	Parental Guidance required	Suitable for people aged 12 and over	Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult

15	18	R18
Suitable for people aged 15 and over	Suitable for people aged 18 and over	Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.









WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

3	7	12	16	18
www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

FEAR	DRUGS	IN-GAME PURCHASES	VIOLENCE	BAD LANGUAGE	DISCRIMINATION	GAMBLING	SEX
							

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

We have shared some useful guides recently on our Twitter feed regarding online safety, and information for parents. Please find above, a guide to everything parents need to know about age ratings. We hope that you find it useful.

Girls Football Festival

Next week we are really pleased that our girls from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a Wildcat Football Festival at John Spence High School on Friday 5th April. The girls will all need to wear school PE kit, bring a water bottle and a coat for the walk.



The Big Pedal

As you will be aware, we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2019, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 25 March to 5 April. We would love everyone to be involved!

Each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking or scooting to school. You can let us know if you or whoever does the school run has cycled, walked or used a scooter.

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling actively to school and is a simple way to boost their physical and mental health.

We would also be grateful if you would post a photo of you and your child cycling, walking or scooting to school on Twitter & tag school as well as using the hashtag #BigPedal



Superhero day

At the end of the Big Pedal, on Friday 5 April we'd love our pupils to be involved in Sustrans' Superhero Day by dressing as their favourite superhero. This gives every child the chance to be involved in the Big Pedal even if they don't cycle, walk or scoot to school. You may like to contribute £1 toward Sustrans on this fundraising day. Thanks for your support.

Read Aloud Month

Thank you to all of the reading volunteers we have had in school this month so far! We have been taking part in Read Aloud Month, which seeks to promote further opportunities for children to listen to stories read aloud. Thanks to everyone involved so far. If you would like to take part, we will continue read aloud until the end of term.



Pictured here is Mr Heath, Headteacher of John Spence High School, who very kindly made some time in his very busy diary to read to Year 2 this week!

Welcome

We recently admitted twins Daisy & Lola into our school, having moved from South Africa. They have settled really quickly!

After Easter, we are delighted to be welcoming Luke & Stephen Thelwell starting in Year 3 and 6, having moved up from West Yorkshire. We are pleased to welcome all of the children and their families into our school & hope that they will be very happy at our school.

Summer after school clubs

You will shortly be receiving a letter and booking form for next half term's after school clubs. We have Key Stage 1 ball sports, drumming, Key Stage 1 archery, Year 5 & 6 basketball, ipad band, KS2 tennis, Key Stage 2 table tennis and healthy Ready Steady Cook club on offer. I am sure you will agree that this is a wide range of clubs! Please sign up quickly so as not to be disappointed. Thank you!

Race for Life

On Monday 1st April, we will be running our own school Race for Life to raise money for cancer research. Thank you Louise Cox for registering us for this race in school. We invite children to come into school wearing their sports gear on that day, and ask that the children bring a donation for cancer research. Thank you.



Forest School

This week Miss Beavers will be doing forest school with Year 2 on Thursday afternoon and Year 5 on Friday afternoon. Please make sure the children have their wellies & a coat thanks.

Easter holidays

The last day of the Spring term is Friday 5th April. Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April, as the Monday is Easter Monday.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher

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