



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

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Online and Digital Safeguarding

Recently, Mr Hawthorne attended a Local Authority training session about E-Safety and Online and Digital Safeguarding. This was a really useful event that gave him an

insight into how we can make children's access to the online world a safe and beneficial experience for them. It also provided a better understanding of the risks that can sometimes be present online.

Mr Hawthorne recommends parents and carers make use of three excellent websites that provide lots of useful information about parental controls, the risks of certain specific apps, as well as other age appropriate resources for making your child's online experience safe and beneficial:

www.net-aware.org.uk – an NSPCC website providing information about the most common apps that children will access;

www.internetmatters.org – provides a wealth of age specific resources and an internet safety checklist for parents;

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety - provides useful advice for technophobic adults about how to set up devices with parental controls and advice to help you talk to your children about being online.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr Hawthorne if you have any questions or concerns about your child's online safety.

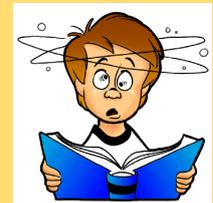
Things that make
me smile...



Seeing the happy faces of the Y3 children going off for their first swimming lesson!

Year 6 Dedication!

On the last day of their Easter break, 21 pupils from Year 6 gave up their morning to practise some reading and maths skills with their teachers.



Armed with some delicious treats, the children tackled some problem solving and key arithmetic skills in maths, then some challenging questions, often encountered in reading test-papers. This confidence-building exercise was embraced by the children, who arrived enthusiastically and full of smiles. The teachers are really proud of them, both for their positive attitude and for giving up the last morning of their break.

Well done to all who participated!

Ark Blacklands Athletics Success

Recently, 28 Year 5 and 6 children took part in East and West Sussex Indoor County Athletics Finals. It was a full morning of competitive events against nine other schools from across Sussex, each of which had won their own area events against hundreds of schools to reach the final. Field events included the



long jump, triple jump, javelin, speed-bounce, vertical jump and the chest push. Together with the results from all the relay races Ark Blacklands came fifth. The Blacklands' team have now made the county finals for the past eight years running!

Congratulations to every member of the team for a fantastic effort!