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THANK YOU:

“Uttlesford Foodbank would like to thank you so much for your amazing Harvest collection. Your school collected 92kg for us. We took it all to the warehouse, sorted it out, dated it and put it on the shelves ready to make into food parcels for families in Uttlesford. Your donation helps us make 58 meals! Without the support of our amazing community, we could not do the work that we do.

We have been overwhelmed by the level of generosity, and with everything you have given us it will go a long way to making the lives of those living in poverty that little bit more bearable.

Once again, thank you so much and you should all be very proud of what you have achieved this Harvest.

Best wishes from everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank”

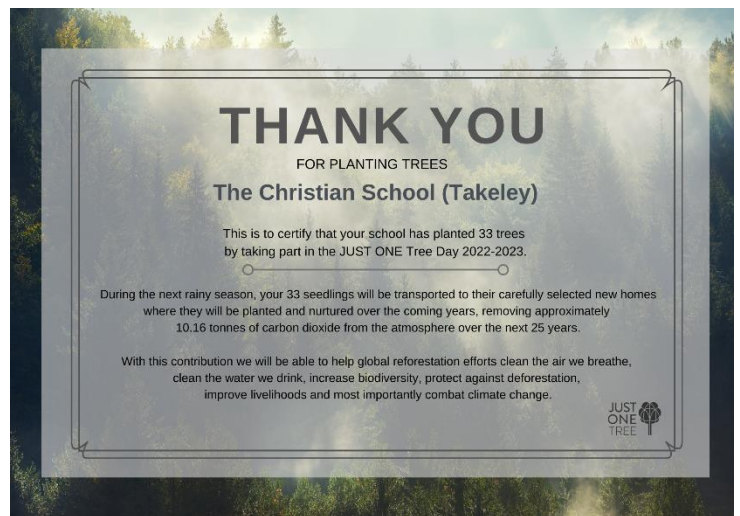
ECO TEAM NEWS:

Thank you to everyone who is remembering to turn off the lights and wear layers. Turning your thermostat down by just one degree can reduce your monthly energy usage by one to three percent. A small number until you multiply it by every business or household.

Just One Tree Update:

“Because of your school, 33 seeds will be chosen and planted by our partners in one of their nurseries. Once the next rainy season is upon us, your seedlings will be transported to their carefully selected new homes, where they will be planted and nurtured over the coming years.

Your school's 'forest' of 33 trees will remove approximately 10.16 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 25 years.”



TikTok

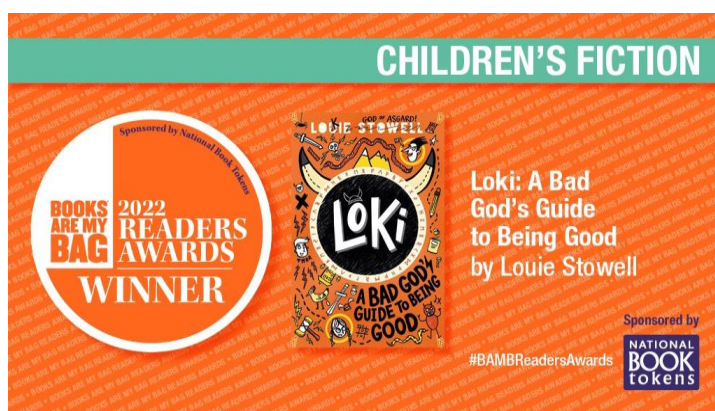
TikTok is one of the fastest growing social media platforms in the world. Focusing on short-form videos, the platform has over 1 billion daily active users. We promote online safety in school, and this is a platform, like others, which needs to be monitored.



More info graphics can be found in the parent section of the school website. Scroll down to the end of the newsletter to see the shareable graphic from ineqe.com.

AWARD WINNING BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

We are always pleased when a book in one of our school libraries wins an award.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 18th November is the annual BBC Children in Need fundraiser, and we will be marking the event within our family assembly. Students can wear something dotty – socks, ribbons etc.

We will all be participating in a sponsored ramble. More details have been sent home.

“BBC Children in Need has been helping children and young people in every corner of the UK be the best they can be for more than half a century.

1927: First ever children's BBC radio appeal
Christmas Day, 1927 saw the very first BBC radio broadcast appeal for children raising more than £1,300 (around £70,000 in today's money!) for four children's charities in the UK.”

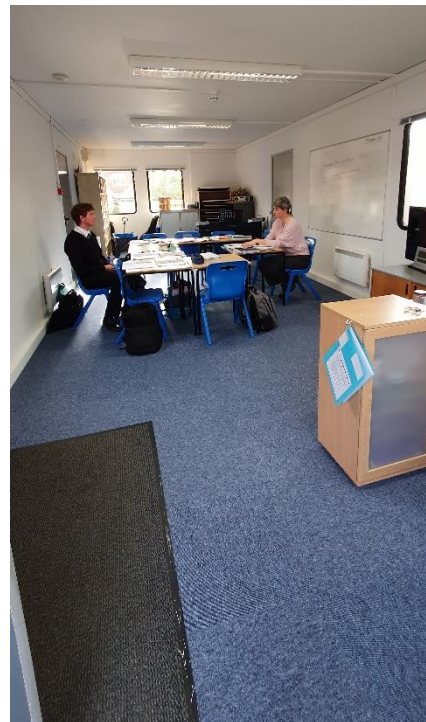
Source: www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/about-us/history/



Charity number - 802052

THANK YOU

Thank you to the staff, students and parents who gave up their time on Saturday 5th November to help move things back into the Titan. Thank you to the team from Portakabin who completed the complimentary refurbishment. As you can see from the photographs, the project has been a great success.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

Save the dates:

Christmas Bazaar: Monday 12th December.

Christmas Carol Service – Friday 16th December.

Christmas Events – 19th to 21st December.

Last Day of Term – 21st December.



LOCAL PRODUCE AVAILABLE

We have locally produced eggs and honey available to buy in our Reception.

A jar of honey - £6.00

6 free range eggs - £2.00

Cash only please



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year's event will be late afternoon on Monday 12th December. Students get the opportunity to make a voluntary donations for several gifts; how many depends on the items we get donated following our appeal before the half term. There will be wrap stations run by volunteers.

If you are able to help, please speak with Linda or Sam.



DRESSMAKERS MANNEQUIN



Our art department are looking for a female adjustable dressmaker mannequin.

Do you have one that you would be willing to donate?

We hoping to source one as soon as possible, to support a GCSE students final art piece.

Please contact Katie if you can help.

Thank you.

Blessing:

Matthew 5:15-16

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

USEFUL DATES:

Friday 18 th November	Family Assembly: Children in Need
Week of 28 th November	Mock Exams (Y10 & Y11)
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Bazaar
16 th December	Carol Concert
19 th to 21 st December	Christmas Events
21 st December	Last Day of Term
Advanced Notice:	
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday – School Closed – Coronation of King Charles III

JUNIOR LIFE:

This week, Key Stage 2 had a magic maths carousel of activities, doing calculations in exciting ways!



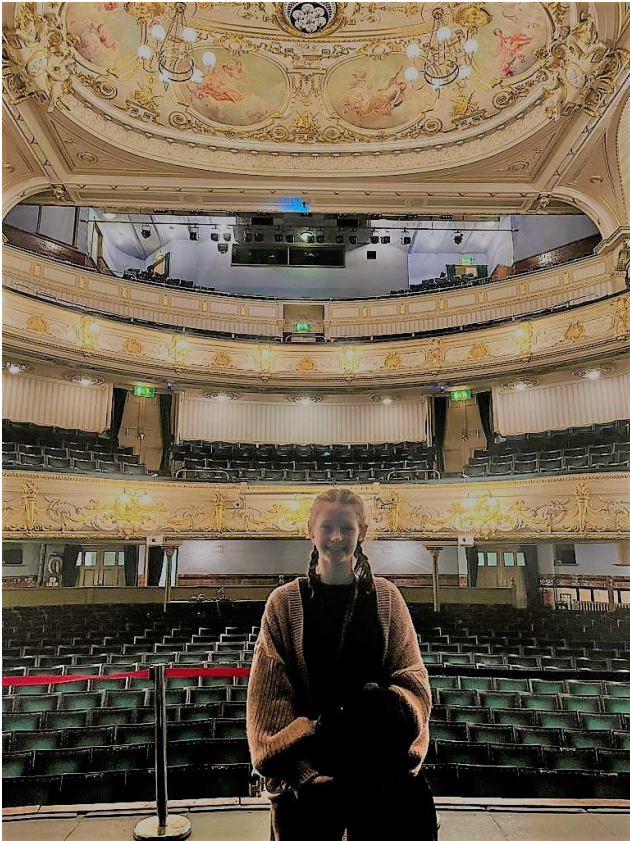
As well as smoothie making:



HALF TERM BREAK

Life in school over the break was busy, with the refurbishment of our Titan classroom, maintenance and admin. Thank you for sharing some of your half term news. A selection of images for you to enjoy:





You can support the school via Easyfundraising, AmazonSmile or PayPal using the QR code below:



ALL ABOUT TikTok

TikTok is a video sharing social media platform used to create and share short form videos that allows users to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy, and lip-synching. It exploded in popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic and has only continued its rise since.

64% of young people in the UK visited TikTok in September 2021.



Over 2.5 billion installs on global devices.



1 billion global daily users by early 2022.



58% of children aged 3-15 use TikTok (alongside other social media).

THE FYP

TikTok wants users to see the content they want to see – which is where the 'For You Page' comes in. The platform uses algorithms to figure out a completely unique feed for every individual user.



RISKS



PUBLIC VIEWS - For users registered as 16 and over, their profile is 'public' by default and their videos can be viewed and downloaded by anyone.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT - Some videos include suggestive language, mature situations, and sexualised content without warning.



SCREENTIME OVERLOAD - The continuous scrolling design of the app makes it harder for users to look away from their screens, and is likely to increase screentime.



PAID ADS - Many brands and companies have taken to TikTok to try and boost product exposure with paid adverts that mix into normal content.



INFLUENCERS - Young people may be 'influenced' by popular creators on TikTok, and could spend time or money following someone or trying to become an influencer.



IN-APP PURCHASES - Users can make in-app purchases to get 'coins', which can buy virtual gifts to send to influencers on the platform.



WATCH OUT FOR... #TikTokChallenges



Hardly a day passes without a new TikTok Challenge popping up. A 'challenge' is a type of video that is widely shared and copied by others. Many of these can be fun and engaging, incorporating things like dances, songs, and filters.

There are some, however, that can be riskier and potentially harmful - which can make them even more tempting to try! These can include dangerous stunts, mean pranks, or reacting to upsetting content.

ALERT

TikTok says users must be 13+ to use the app, but our research shows that it is extremely popular with younger children.



HOW IT WORKS



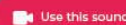
SHARE
Upload short videos for other users to view, comment, and like.



EDIT
Change or alter videos to include popular filters or themes.



STITCH
Use snippets of existing videos to create a new video or trend.



COLLAB
Add popular music or audio (including from other users) to videos.



DUET
Create a video that is posted directly alongside another user's video.



MESSAGE
Users aged 16+ can send private messages to one another.

TOP TIPS



KEEP PRIVATE. Ensure your young person's privacy settings are appropriate for their age. Remember – a private profile gives the most control!



TALK IT OUT. 'Digital life' should be as much a part of everyday conversation as every other aspect of a young person's life.



DISCUSS TOGETHER. Find out what videos and influencers they view, what they like, what they dislike – and why!



BE HONEST. Talk about how social media content is often a far from accurate depiction of real life, especially for influencers.



STAY SAFE. Some TikTok challenges could be potentially harmful to young people. Remind them that their safety is #1 always!



GIVE SPACE. Give them room to voice any concerns they might have around harmful or inappropriate content they come across.



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