



The Pochin School

Newsletter 10th March 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It was wonderful to see so many parents at parents evening this week. I would like to say a special thank you to our Senior Leadership team, Eva, Shanneya, Isla Mae, Jessica, Kristiana and Laila who did an amazing job as welcoming parents into school and organising the books and keeping all the appointments on time.

It has been nice this term reviewing half term projects. Class 4 were very lucky to share Autumns half term project. She made an edible Viking Long Boat.

Illnesses and Bugs

We are having extremely high number of children and staff being off school with tummy bugs. We have increased cleaning on high traffic touch points such as door handles. As a school we follow the guidance that children should not return to school until 48 hours from their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. We hope keeping to this policy will decrease transmission between pupils.

Red Nose Day Bring and Buy Cake Sale - Bake My Day!

On the 17th March the school will be supporting in a fundraising event for Red Nose Day. Each class will have the opportunity to bake cakes or purchase some and bring them for a school bake sale. Each class will have their own stall in the village hall, run by children in the class. All the children will have time to look at each of the class stalls and will then be able to purchase a cake. Each cake will be £1. Each child can purchase 1 cake at break time. All the left over cakes will be available for further purchase after lunch.



STRIKE DAY

The National Education Union (NEU) are due to commence industrial action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

The Pochin School intends to be open to all pupils on this day. However, please be aware if we experience high staff absences on this day, this would affect the safeguarding and well being of children, we may have to close a class at short notice. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible. The majority of lessons will go ahead as normal on this day. In the event of manageable staff absence, pupils will be supervised and appropriate activities given.

Attendance Matters - Our attendance target is 97%

Our attendance for the week beginning 6th March: 95.9%

Winning class from last week was class 5 with 100%. Well Done!

Thank you for helping your children get to school when they are able

Diary Dates

March

17th - RED NOSE DAY - Bake My Day!
24th - Mad March Hair Day PTA £1
29th School Easter Service in St Mary's Church

April

3rd-14th April - Easter Holidays
17th - School reopens for Summer Term

May

9th - 12th - Year 6 SATS week

Parent Support

E-safety – What are the age ratings? Please see the poster below for support in understanding the age ratings online. These will ensure your child is not exposed to images and experiences that are age inappropriate for them.

[Parents and carers | CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/)

Head Teacher Awards

The following children have worked extremely hard and this has been celebrated by the pupils receiving awards in front of their peers.

Isabella W, Emilia H, Archer, Isla-Mae, Joel, Aarav



Cultures Celebrated within our School

Language of the Month - Hindi

British Value of the Month - Mutual Respect

Pochin Value of the Term - Optimism



Next week School Dinners 2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

Mon - Cheesy Swirls with New Potatoes / Tomato Pasta

Tue - Chicken Curry with Rice / Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice

Wed - Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy / Crunchy Top Veg Bake with Roast Potatoes

Thur - Build a Burger (Meat or veggie) toppings and Potato Wedges

Fri - Fishfingers/Salmon with Chips / Cheese Omelette with Chips



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.

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 BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

Universal, suitable for all ages	Parental Guidance required	Suitable for people aged 12 and over	Suitable for people aged 15 and over	Suitable for people aged 18 and over	Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers

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, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence and smoking. 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:

www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



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 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.

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.

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.bbfc.co.uk

Source: www.pegi.info



National Online Safety

A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

