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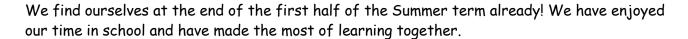
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Spring Term Newsletter 04 – 28/05/2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We find ourselves at the end of the first half of the Summer term already! We have enjoyed our time in school and have made the most of learning together.

We have had a busy week interviewing for two new teachers for next year. Miss Huddleston and Miss Wren were selected from over thirty applicants after a long interview process which involved teaching, a reflection task and a formal interview with our senior leadership team and the governors. We also asked the children for their opinion of the lessons they were involved in.

We are looking forward to them joining our super team in September and are planning for them to visit in the meantime. They too are very excited about joining the Pennington family. We are still considering which teacher will teach which class. It is good practice for teachers to gain experience of teaching different year groups and can be refreshing for a school therefore we will inform you next half term when decisions have been made.

Vacancies in School

We are currently advertising a 20hour Senior Teaching Assistant post on the Cumbria County Council website and the school website http://www.penn.cumbria.sch.uk/vacancies.html along with adverts for two midday supervisors. If you know anyone who might be interested, please advise them to consider applying.

Reminder that trainers are not school uniform

Please be aware that children should wear shoes to school. There have been occasions when children have broken school shoes or have sore feet and they have been allowed to wear trainers temporarily however, this is not a permanent arrangement. We like the children to look smart and be comfortable. In summer, sensible sandals can be warn.

Sun cream and sunhats

There has not really been a reason to mention these yet this year but as we look forward to rising temperatures and sunny days ahead, please remember to apply sun cream to children before they come to school and send in sunhats and water bottles

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Street Tag is a free child and family-friendly mobile application that uses virtual tags to incentivize communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health.

On the Street Tag app, you collect points assigned to virtual tags all-around your community including green spaces, once you are within a 40-metre radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points, steps can also be synced and converted into Street Tag points. These points add up in real-time on your school's leader board, with prizes to be won at the end of each season.

It's lightning-fast and easy to create new tags on your preferred walking, running, or cycling route on Street Tag. Anyone can create virtual tags around them using the app.

Use the Street Tag 'Power Hour' to commit to an hour of exercise at least 24 hours in advance and have all your tag points collected during that hour tripled and maintain a daily streak of physical activity for even more bonuses.

Start using Street Tag to explore and boost your daily physical activity and mental health. Collect virtual tags, sync your steps, try different experiences in the virtual playground and WIN PRIZES.

Join the school team today!!

FURNESS PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEADER BOARD

We are delighted to announce that Pennington CE School will be participating in the Street Tag FURNESS Schools Leader board program.

With Street Tag, participants record the distance they walk, run, or cycle by collecting virtual tags with their smartphone at various locations, watching their total distance accumulate to climb up the Schools leader board; steps are converted into points by syncing their steps into the Street Tag app. This is designed to encourage families to walk and cycle to school, to be physically active, to connect with green spaces, and is an opportunity to rediscover their local area as well as earning rewards for their school.

Furness Schools Leader board Date: *29th May 2021 to 1st September 2021*

Steps to join your School Team
- Download the App "Street Tag" from Play Store/ App Store.
- Click on Sign up.
- Fill in your details.
- Password should be at least 8 characters with 1 special character, 1 upper case, and 1 number.
- Click YES for Team QR Code.
- Scan the school QR Code. (SEE BELOW)
- Click Sign Up
- Verify either by email or phone number.
- Fill in the questionnaire.
- You are ready to go.

Tips for Parents/Guardians to add a child to a parent account
1. Make sure your child has an Email Id.
2. A parent can add a max of 2 children as players C1 and C2.
3. Go to settings, select the add a child option.
4. Fill in all the details to add a player.
5. Go to the main menu on the Street Tag app and click on Settings and then go to the Profile option.
6. Select Add C1 and C2 options.
Once a child is added as a player. You can see the C1/ C2 option on the main screen.
While tagging with your children, please click on C1/C2 to scan a tag for them.

A guide for using the Offline Mode on Street Tag

1. Open the Street Tag app and open the app side menu.
2. Click on "Collect Tags Offline".
3. Switch on either "Collect Tags in Complete offline mode" or "Collect Tags in Hybrid offline mode".
4. Your C1 and C2 will work in offline modes from May 2021.
5. Your main account, C1, and C2 will be able to collect Poly Tags and Monument Tags in complete offline mode from May 2021. (Note - When in offline modes, all Poly Tags and Monument Tags are automatically converted into normal tags for collection)
6. Your tags collected in offline mode will appear on the 'Collect Tags Offline' screen only an hour after your tagging activity. You must sync your offline tags within 24 hours after they've appeared. Street Tag CANNOT recover unsynced tags that are automatically deleted after 24 hours.

Further guides can be found on the app via the information button on the top right of the screen of the 'Collect Tags Offline' screen.
If you ever face any issues with the app, don't hesitate to contact us by raising a support ticket through the app settings, or through our website, or email us at seun@streettag.co.uk, or through our social media channels. We wish you a Happy Tagging playful experience with lots of prizes to be earned.