



Eton Porny C of E First School

Newsletter 7 – Autumn Term 1

20th October 2023

*We are all created unique and special.
He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness.*

1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a jam packed half term, it has been lovely to see and hear children around school this week recapping and sharing their learning through express events and sharing home learning with their peers. After half term we have our school photos so it's the perfect time to double check that your child has all of the correct uniform that they need and it is labelled clearly with their name. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 30th October. Please don't forget to check out the Holiday club and out of school page on our website for some fun ideas and activities to keep you busy over the half term.

Wishing you a lovely half term, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 finished their 'Shade and Sheter' Topic by evaluating the shelters that they made last week and considering what they would change if they made them again. The children used this learning in their English lesson, writing instructions on how to make a shetler. In Maths, the children have been learning about number bonds and have enjoyed considering all the different ways a number can be made.

Ask me: How many ways can I make 5?



Year 2 have been using our knowledge of place value to add and subtract tens. In geography, we learnt about the characteristics of the UK including climate, landscape and famous features. In literacy, children have been using adverbs in sentences and have learnt that a lot of adverbs contain the suffix 'ly'. For our end of half-term express event, children sorted animals into the correct diet group (herbivore, omnivore, and carnivore) before reading a non-fiction text. As we bring this half-term to a close, it is a good opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and I would like to praise them for the productive learning that has taken place and the progress they have made. Well done year 2!



Year 3 have had an amazing last week of this half-term! Our Express Event was hosted at the Eton Museum of Antiquities in the afternoon; excited that our parents were joining us – we were thrilled to show them what we knew about the Stone Age to Bronze Age to Iron Age! We arranged images about the different periods in the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic); we worked in our groups and parents about the placement of these Stone Age periods on a timeline, and lastly rotated in our groups to take part in the different activities laid out. We have worked really hard during Mr Manners' Singing session, sounding out the notes displayed on the board. We've had so much fun this first half-term!

Ask me: What did we enjoy this half-term? What was the most exciting fact learned from our topic?



Year 4 enjoyed their final netball lesson with Coach Katie this week. After half term, the children will have circuit training and badminton. In the classroom, the favourite activity has been weaving. The 'Warp and Weft' topic has focussed on ancient weaving techniques. The children have learnt about different materials, such as cotton and linen, and how the Anglo Saxons made their clothing. In History, the focus has been the Viking invasions from Portland and Lindisfarne to the peace treaty between King Alfred and the Viking Guthrum.

Ask me: How did King Alfred bring about peace?



Reception have been finishing off their Build It Up project this week. We have built bridges, created maps of construction sites and made bricks with mud outside. In maths this week, we focused on counting accurately with the help of our new friend Ellie the Elephant. We helped Ellie to count the beats of her drum as well as find out how many toys were in her toy box. Our Three Billy Goats Gruff focus has led to some lovely role play and we have finished off this term by splashing in the puddles.

Ask me: what sign do we use for 'three billy goats' and for 'troll'?



FORTHCOMING DATES

30th October	Children Return to school.
6th November	Individual School Photos-All Years
16th November	Eton Christmas light switch on. (Year 3 and Four to sing in the chapel and parade.)
17th November	Children In Need (Please see poster below.)
21st and 23rd November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00 (All Years)

New PE Days After Half Term

Reception: Friday

Years 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Years 3 and 4: Tuesday and Wednesday

Children In Need

The School council have been helping the rest of the school vote for which charity they would like to support this term. We have decided to support Children in Need. Please See the poster below for more information.



Sparkly Green



CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Oscar and Violet

Year 1: Zoe and Aliza

Year 2: Danil and Thomas

Year 3: Aiyzah and Boris

Year 4: Aaron M and Daisy

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Yousaf

Year 1: Emmery

Year 2: Aryan

Year 3: Pranaya

Year 4: Aaron B

**A huge well done to all of these children.
We are really proud of you.**

PTA news

Thank you to all of the parents and school staff who volunteered their time for the 'Spooky Disco'. The children had a lovely time.

Fundraising update

This half term the PTA have raised in excess of £400 which is fantastic. The school have purchased 2 new Tonies boxes, a Yoto player and some magazine subscriptions to support reading for pleasure in school

Festive wreath making

This office are taking bookings for our festive wreath making evening on Thursday 7th December 7-9pm at school



Christmas Jumper donations

Please bring any pre-loved Christmas jumpers to the school office. If we have enough we plan to sell them before the School Christmas Jumper Day which will be on 1st December

Eton Porny School

Come dressed in
SPOTS OR STRIPES

on
Friday
17th November 2023

To support
CHILDREN IN NEED

SPOTACULAR

BBC

£2
Donation

SEND parent and carer engagement workshop

**Tuesday
14 November 2023**

12pm to 1.30pm

**Windsor Youth and Community Centre,
65 Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD**



SEND Voices RBWM and Achieving for Children Education Team invite you to their next termly engagement workshop.

This is for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A chance for us all to meet and discuss education services and support for our children in RBWM.

Register for the workshop on [Eventbrite](#).

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN SWAP SHOP

www.rbwm.gov.uk




Donate clean, gently used children's costumes to Maidenhead Library throughout October up until Friday 20th of October.

DON'T NEED A COSTUME?

You're welcome to donate with no obligation to exchange.

DON'T HAVE A COSTUME TO SWAP?

No problem!



FIRST COME
FIRST SERVED



Everyone is welcome to find their 'new-to-you' costume from 3-5 pm on Friday 20 October.

The costumes will still be available in the library until Friday 27 October.

**All unclaimed costumes
will be donated**

A GUIDE ON HOW NOT TO BE A SCREEN ZOMBIE

It's not always easy to tell if you've been spending too much time on your device. Mobiles phones, tablets, games consoles, TVs; the list of devices you might have access to seems never-ending and switching between them can be seamless. However, too much time on your device could lead to certain problems and could be an indicator of an addictive habit. It's important therefore that you try and manage your screen time as much as possible and avoid becoming a 'screen zombie'.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BRAIN

Spending too much time on social media, watching YouTube or playing games online can result in you becoming a screen zombie. This can affect your mood, how much sleep you get, how you perform at school and how you behave around others. Limiting your screen time will keep you alert, keep your mind focused and help to look after your own mental health and wellbeing.



BE PRESENT, NOT A ZOMBIE

Screen zombies often find that they spend a lot of time alone in front of their tablet or their mobile phone and reduce the time they spend with their friends or talk with their family. Zombies often lack communication skills. Always try to limit your screen time as much as possible – there's so much fun you can have with others!



SCREEN-FREE BEDROOMS

Keeping your phone in your bedroom means that it can be tempting to check every notification you get. Your phone could be the last thing you see at night and the first thing you see in the morning. This can contribute towards poor sleep and a lack of focus the next day. Try to keep your phone out of your bedroom or turn off all notifications before bedtime. This will mean you'll get a good night's rest and be ready for the next day.



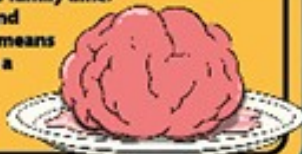
DON'T GET TRAPPED INSIDE

Screen zombies usually find that they spend a lot of time inside as they lose interest in other things that don't include their device. It might seem obvious, but meeting your friends outside or doing outdoor activities like playing sports, trampolining, camping or just going for a walk are all healthy replacements for screen time and can help keep your mind fresh and active.



ZOMBIE-FREE MEALTIMES

Mealtimes can be seen as a good time to sit down, relax and switch on your tablet or phone as you eat your food. But it can also mean that you're not interacting with others, sharing jokes at the dinner table or just talking about your day. Keep mealtimes for family time. Eating your food and staring at a screen means you're turning into a zombie.



BEWARE OF OTHER DANGERS

Spending too much time on your device and online can increase your chances of potentially encountering other online dangers. This could range from viewing inappropriate or harmful content to online bullying, grooming or fake news. Controlling how much time you spend online will reduce your risk of exposure. If you do see anything that makes you upset or if you're concerned about contact with others, always report it to a trusted adult.



BEWARE OF SNEAKY TRICKS

A lot of apps and games use certain ways of keeping you online and using their platform for long periods of time. This can include simple things like unlimited scrolling on a newsfeed, 'streaks' or uncovering hidden levels. Be mindful of how much time you're online and try to remember you're in control. You decide when you've had enough, not your device.



SAVE YOUR PARENTS!

Even though your parents will often be the ones telling you to limit your screen time, turn off your tablet or switch off your phone, sometimes they will forget to take their own advice. So it's up to you to make sure you remind them of the dangers of becoming a screen zombie!



UN-ZOMBIFY YOURSELF

If you think that you've already become a screen zombie, then don't worry, it's never too late to get help and support from your friends and family. Talk to your parents if you feel you've become addicted to your device, try to understand why and work with them to help you limit your screen time so that you can leave your zombie character behind.



Meet our expert

Pete Badh is content specialist with over 10+ years in research and analysis. He has written various expert pieces around online safety for children and parents and previously worked in a specialist role for the police, contributing work which was pivotal in successfully winning high profile court cases and writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



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