



Eton Porny C of E First School Newsletter 8 – Autumn Term 2

3rd November 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, A warm welcome back to Autumn Term 2, I hope you all managed to enjoy a restful half term break. Autumn has definitely arrived with the weather taking a turn this week so please ensure the children are equipped with coats/hats/gloves as appropriate every day - and please ensure these are all named. Autumn term 2 is always busy and full of exciting events in the lead up to Christmas. The first of these is the Eton Lights Switch On which takes place on Thursday 16th November. The Lights Switch On event and parade is open to everyone and on the night the High Street is closed to cars and a whole host of stalls are open selling a wonderful variety of gifts and treats. Our year 3 and 4 children will be singing in the carol concert and tickets for this can be purchased via School Money. On the evening the PTA will have a stall and will be asking for donations of cakes to sell nearer to the time.

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

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have enjoyed being back after half term. The children have started a new Science topic called 'everyday materials.' They enjoyed going on a material hunt around school and learning about the difference between man-made and natural materials. They considered what they want to learn about materials and created Scientific questions. The children completed a matching activity in teams, matching an object to the material it is made from.

Ask me: What are some examples of materials?



Year 2 have continued to use our knowledge of place value to add and subtract tens. In literacy we have started reading a new text, The Last Wolf, and spent our first few lessons making predictions based on some of the illustrations. In history, we have started our Movers and Shakers topic during which we will be learning about significant figures from the past. This week, we spent some time learning about William Herschel, a famous composer and astronomer who spent some time living in Slough!

Ask me: What does it mean if someone is 'significant'?



Year 3 have started investigating how the Bronze Age (introduction of trading, mining, weaving, farming) changed life in Britain. Examining the different objects created in the Bronze Age (from ploughs to axe heads and bronze swords), we compared these against those used in the Stone Age. In PE, we have been focusing on our footwork and positioning skills, and circuit training. Resuming our singing lessons with Mr Manners, we explored different pitches to sing Christmas Carols.

Ask me: How did the Bronze Age change how humans lived?



Year 4 have started Badminton and Circuit training this week. They enjoyed using the Eton College Sports Hall for their Badminton lesson. On Wednesday Year 4 were able to get outside for circuit training. In English we are coming to the end of our 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' story. The new focus will be poetry. In Science the children have researched Ecosystems.

Ask me: What is the difference between abiotic and biotic?



Reception have had fun beginning their new project Marvellous Machines! We have been able to name machines in our homes and at school and we had fun with making some snacks using the microwave and toaster. We have been learning about how to be safe when using machines and we have reminded each other to ask a grown up for help. We have also had the opportunity to explore the school with the iPad, taking videos to create a school tour.

Ask me: How do you know when the toast is ready?



FORTHCOMING DATES

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) Concert starts at 6.00pm
17th November	Children In Need (Please see poster below.)
21st and 23rd November	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00 (All Years)
1st December	Christmas Jumper Day
14th December	Christingle Service, Lower Chapel 2:15 for a 2:30 start

PE Days

Reception: Friday

Years 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Years 3 and 4: Tuesday and Wednesday

Harvest Donations

A big thank you to all of those who donated items for the harvest collection. Windsor Foodshare were thrilled and the items will go towards making a big difference to lots of people.



Sparkly Green



CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Sulemann and Eesa

Year 1: Raye and Arhum

Year 2: *Cristiano and Kalina*

Year 3: Zainab and Nivaan

Year 4: Nora and Talulla

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Maya

Year 1: Evie

Year 2: Marley

Year 3: Maya

Year 4: Filip

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

PTA news

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

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£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](#).



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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