



Eton Porny C of E First School Newsletter 9 – Autumn Term 2

10th 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,

On Thursday, the children took part in a Remembrance Assembly led by Mrs Dewar, who prior to being a teacher served in the Royal Navy. They listened to a story about a boy called Jim who joined the Merchant Navy, as a teenager, wanting to see the world. As his ship set sail the Second World War began and he very quickly found himself in an incredibly difficult situation. The children were encouraged to think about those people who keep us safe as well as children that are caught up in war. In Year 4, some of the children also shared photographs and stories about relatives who fought in the Second World War.

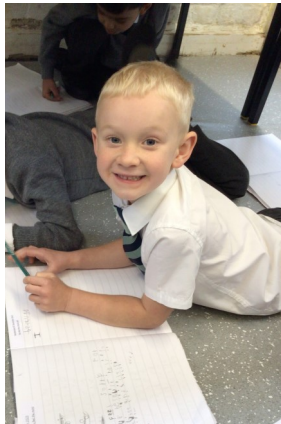
Wishing you a lovely Weekend, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)



LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have had a lovely week! We have been reading the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and considering how we can respect the items in our classroom. They were shocked to come in one day and find that the chairs had quit! The children realised that working on the floor wasn't comfortable! They wrote letters to their chairs apologising for not tucking them in and putting their feet on them. Luckily, the letters worked and the chairs came back! The children have also started a new Art topic all about mixing colours. They have enjoyed experimenting with mixing this week.

Ask me: How do I mix colours?



Year 2 have continued to read 'The Last Wolf' and we worked in pairs to use our senses to describe the setting. We have also looked more in-depth at deforestation which is one of the main themes of the story. In history, we have continued learning about significant figures, with a focus on famous explorers.

Ask me: Which significant figures did you learn about this week?



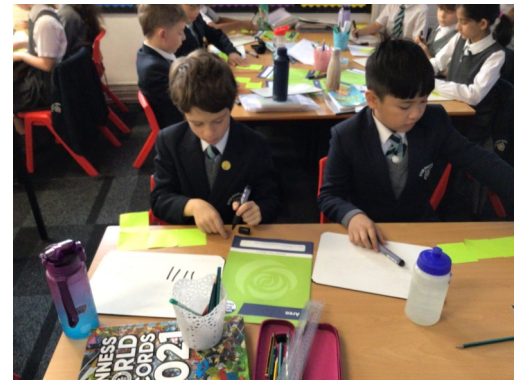
Year 3 have had an intense week of learning! In Geography, we had so much fun learning about climate zones, using both globes and atlases to explore the world map. Also, being able to explore the four layers of the Earth was exciting as we learned about the composition of each layer. As young, keen athletes, we were thrilled to use the hall at Eton Boys' for PE, especially as we focused on positioning and precision using tennis balls.

Ask me: What are the names for the different climate zones?



Year 4 finished their History topic this week, which spanned from the Roman departure to the Norman Conquest. The children are looking forward to having more Science lessons this term and completing some of the experiments. In Maths we started our AREA topic, using post-it notes to consider area. In English, Year 4 wrote some funny poems about creatures in their breakfast cereal. In PE we are loving the Eton College Sports Hall. The children played a fun game of domes and dishes as a warm up to the lesson.

Ask me: What would a food chain look like?



Reception have been working hard this week with their maths! We have been making the numbers 3 and 4 in different ways and discussing how even though they may look different, they are still representing the same amount. We have continued our Marvellous Machines project and enjoyed making some pictures with nuts and bolts as well as making vehicles with the play dough.

Ask me: To make 3 with different objects ?



FORTHCOMING DATES

16th November	Eton Christmas light switch on. (Year 3 and Four to sing in the chapel at 6.00pm - tickets required for chapel only, not parade or Lights switch on)
17th November	Children In Need (Please see poster below.)
21st, 22nd and 23rd November	Parent Consultations Emails have been sent for booking
1st December	Christmas Jumper Day
8th December	Pantomime at school (Reception Children only) Pantomime at Theatre Royal Windsor (Years 1 to 4)
14th December	Christingle Service, Lower Chapel 2:15 for a 2:30 start

Spiritual Spotlight

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
We will remember them.



PE Days

Reception: Friday

Years 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Years 3 and 4: Tuesday and Wednesday

Sparkly Green



CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Rahma & Ariya

Year 1: Otilie and Leo R

Year 2: William and Luc

Year 3: Mila and Alice

Year 4: Macy and Julian

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Henry

Year 1: Jordan

Year 2: Oscar

Year 3: Holly

Year 4: Leilani

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

Eton Porny School

Come dressed in
SPOTS OR STRIPES

on
Friday
17th November 2023

To support
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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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CENSORED

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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