



Weekly Newsletter

Living to Learn, Learning to Live



REACH FOR THE STARS

06.10.23

KEY DATES

W/C 16.10.23 - KS1 Stay and Learn Sessions (More details to follow)

W/C 23.10.23 - KS2 Stay and Learn Sessions (More details to follow)

27.10.23 3:15pm - Finish for half term

06.11.23 - Return to school for Autumn 2

06.11.23 9am - ASD Parent Coffee Morning

W/C 20.11.23 - Parents' Evening Week

07.12.23 - EYFS Open Day

08.12.22 - Christmas Jumper Day

11.12.23 - KS2 Pantomime Trip

22.12.23 2pm - Finish for Christmas

Hello Parents and Carers!

Thank you to those of you who attended our Children's University Parent Meeting this week. We hope you found it useful and are looking forward to getting started with your child's 'university' journey!

This week, we have held our Reception Stay and Learn events. These were really well-attended and it was lovely to see so many of you in school - thank you for your support! During W/C Monday 16th October we will be hosting these events for our KS1 classes, and during W/C Monday 23rd October these will take place for KS2 classes.

Look out for a letter from your child's class teacher—please be aware that, due to space restrictions, we cannot accommodate other younger children or prams at these events.

Please follow our whole-school X (previously Twitter) account [@WellesbourneSch](#) and also your child's year group page!

Nursery - [@WellesbourneNur](#)

Reception - [@WellesbourneRec](#)

Y1 - [@WellesbourneYr1](#)

Y2 - [@WellesYear2](#)

Y3 - [@WellesbourneYr3](#)

Y4 - [@WellesbourneYr4](#)

Y5 - [@WellesbourneYr5](#)

Y6 - [@Yr6Wellesbourne](#)

Have a lovely weekend!

Effort



Cooperate



THIS WEEK IN PSHE

This week, our KS2 children had a visit from the Smile Squad! The Smile Squad is a collaboration between the LFC Foundation, the University of Liverpool Paediatric Dentistry Team and a local dental practice. They came into school to check our children's teeth and provided advice on any dentistry work which needed to be done. The children also received a new toothbrush! This was a fantastic event in terms of educating our children on their dental hygiene and physical health. Thank you to our visitors!



Year One Phonics

This week in Phonics

This week in Phonics, Year 1 have been revising Phase 3 sounds.

We have looked at:

'ar' - star, park, shark

'ur' - surf, hurt, turn

'or' - corn, born, order

'ow' - brown, cow, growl

Can you read the following sentence?

The cow and the shark took turns to order the popcorn.

Can you spot these digraphs in your reading books?

ATTENDANCE is one of our school values

As a school we are striving to achieve at least 97% attendance each week. No days this week have achieved this; which is very disappointing. We cannot teach them if they are not here!

OVERALL - 94.4%

Monday - **95.5%**

Tuesday - **94.4%**

Wednesday - **93.3%**

Thursday - **93.1%**

Friday - **91.8%**

Well done to 2EB and 6MC whose attendance was over 97% this week. You will receive Champions' Breakfast next week!

Attend





This Week's Subject: Computing

Through our Computing curriculum children gain knowledge and experience of Computer Science and Digital Literacy. Every unit is also underpinned by online safety. We hope to support our children in developing useful lifelong skills.

This half term, Year 4 have been using green screen to retell the events around Hadrian's Wall. This has been a fantastic opportunity to use digital literacy for a purpose. It has also allowed them to practise their literacy skills and deepen their knowledge of their History topic of the Romans.



Lunch with Miss Moore

Each week, Miss Moore chooses a group of children who have shown our school values and worked hard to have their lunch with her. Well done to Lee, Daisy, Isla and Holly from Year 5 who were last week's lucky group!



Reading Recommendation

This week, we have two reading recommendations from 5CL!

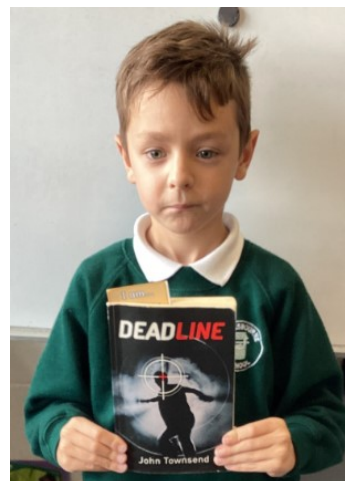
Isabella recommends **Mr Stink** by David Walliams.

'This book is absolutely hilarious. The characters are what makes it so amusing and I can't wait to see what happens next!'



Jakub recommends **'Deadline'** by John Townsend.

'I have found this book really interesting and it is absolutely full of surprises! My favourite character is Barney as he keeps everybody on their toes!'



TTRS AND NUMBOTS WINNERS THIS WEEK

TTRS

Most correct answers: Riley B Y4 - 796

Most coins: Khloe S Y4 - 6,087

Improved speed: Riley B Y4 - Improved by 0.29 seconds

Fastest all-time speed: Luca E Y5 - 0.81 seconds

Numbots

Most minutes played: Athena CF Y1 - 119 minutes

Correct answers: Ilyas MB Y2 - 436

Most coins: Ilyas MB Y2 - 3,281

Respect



NUMBOTS

Act your age – Drop-in family workshop

Sunday 8 October, between 10am and 1pm,

Victoria Gallery and Museum Waterhouse Café

Free

Organisers: Dr Katie Knowles and Dr Esme Miskimmin (Department of English)

No need to book this is a drop-in session. Suitable for ages 5-10 years.

'Act Your Age!' is a drop-in, interactive, family workshop for primary school-age children and their adults. Have you ever been told to 'act your age'? And what exactly does that mean? How do you act like a five-year-old, a thirty-year-old, or an eighty-year-old? What happens if we swap, and the children start acting like the grown-ups and the grown-ups like children?

Ideas about the roles of childhood and adulthood, especially in relation to work and play, have changed a lot throughout history and have often been explored through theatre and performance and in children's books. Through fun multimedia displays, hands-on creative and puzzle activities, role-playing and dress-up (and the opportunity to write and perform your own mini-plays!) you can learn about professional child actors throughout history, explore the boundaries between work and play, and discover theatres, performance and 'playing' in children's books.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.