



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

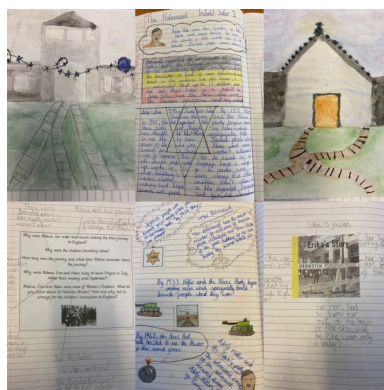
This Half Terms Value — Courage

Friday 3rd February 2023

Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

Ordinary People

On Friday last week we took part in Holocaust Memorial Day in school, when we learned all about the experiences of people during the Holocaust. We read 'Erika's Story' which told the tale of a baby who was thrown from a train that was on its way to a concentration camp, to give her a chance of life and we also found out about a girl called Milena who was separated from her parents and sent to safety in England with her brothers and sisters. In the afternoon, we created art work depicting something we had learnt about during the day. We all felt saddened by the experiences but hopeful that these terrible things won't happen again.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 17th Feb

Break up. Normal time normal uniform

Monday 27th Feb

Return to school normal time normal uniform

Thurs 2nd March

Wolv Art Gallery 3/4G

Friday 3rd March

Walsall Art Gallery 6J & 6S

Mon 20th March – Wed 22nd March

Standon Bowers Residential Year 4

Fantastic Footballers!

Our amazing Year 5/6 Football Team went to Old Park Primary School on Monday to play a match for the next round of the cup. They played fantastically, showing great teamwork, resilience and determination to succeed and the final score was 2-1 to Wrockwardine Wood with 2 cracking goals from Casper and some awesome saves from captain Ryan! Well done to all of the players, we are very proud of you and can't wait for our next match!



Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Kylie K	Mila C	Himani L	3B	Harvey J
Kloe G		Tobias R	3W	
Oscar B		Iza M	3/4G	
Sarah A		Lily B	4B	
Alfie C		Annika K	4C	
Reuben R				

Cheerleading Champion!



This amazing young lady took part in a cheerleading competition at the weekend and her team did fantastically, coming 3rd in their group overall! We are extremely proud of you IW!

REMINDER: please ensure that any items sent into school (coats, bags, lunch boxes, bottles, PE Kit etc) are clearly marked with your child's name. We may be unable to locate lost items which are not named. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood

SHROVE TUESDAY HALF TERM PANCAKE BREAKFAST

21st February 2023 9:30 - 12:00

*Come join us in our warm space for pancakes,
hot and cold drinks, crafts for kiddies
and lots and lots of toppings*

We look forward to welcoming you in!

*Message us on Facebook
Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
and let us know if you are coming so we can be sure and
have enough for everyone*

We're IN!



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Dogs Trust Visit!

We were visited by our friends from the Dogs Trust this week! All classes learnt about how to be safe around dogs that they didn't know and also how to be safe around their own dogs! We learnt about safe places to stroke dogs and the importance of never teasing a dog. We will definitely be using our new found knowledge with Nala!



Attendance: Thank you all for helping us to safeguard your children, we have noticed a big increase in the number of parents who are calling our attendance line to inform us when your child is ill, this means we are saving vital time by not having to check on the safety of children who are not in school. Our attendance figure for last week stands at 92% which remains steady. No change this week in our weekly in school attendance league: 3W (95. 22%) remain ahead in lower school. In upper school 5G are still in the lead with 97.78% . The children are starting to build excitement now to find out which class will gain the extra play time and be the overall attendance winners for this half term- just two weeks to go so big push everyone.

Did you spot it?!!!

On the newsletter last week there was a date error for two upcoming trips. The correct information is below:

Thurs 2nd March

Wolverhampton Art Gallery 3/4G

Friday 3rd March

Walsall Art Gallery 6J & 6S

Apologies for any confusion!





**Safer, Stronger
Communities**

Wrockwardine Wood and Trench residents, you are invited to the Safer & Stronger Event taking place on Monday 13 February 3.15pm – 5pm at Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School, Church Road, Telford, TF2 7HG.

Come and meet local organisations, community safety, policing and Council teams who will be available for you to talk to.

Speak to Healthwatch, Household waste, leisure, Early years, Cadent, Wrekin Housing Group, Forum 50+, Healthy Lifestyles, Health Improvement, Energy Efficiency, Police Enforcement & Safer

Dr Bike will be there to give some TLC to your bike so bring it along.

Working in partnership Telford & Wrekin Council West Mercia PCC

Everyone is welcome and there are free refreshments. Please come and join us!



Well done to everyone who took part in the Times Table Rockstars Battle of the Bands!

The winning classes were 3B, 4C, 5H and 6J. The overall school winner was 6J.

The next battle has been set and finishes on 13th February.

Will your class be the winner?

Wraparound Care—After School Sessions

From the week commencing 27th February, our after school sessions on a FRIDAY ONLY at Wraparound Care will close at 4:30pm and NOT 5:30pm.

This is due to the fact that mostly there are just one or two children for the sessions on a Friday 4:30pm-5:30pm which means that we do not cover our costs.

If your child has not used our Wraparound Care service before and would like to, please see the information on our school website:

<https://www.wrockwardinewoodjunior.org.uk/parents-info/wrap-around-care>

We have a happy team of staff who are waiting to welcome them in—the children take part in lots of different activities and there is a real ‘family’ feel.

E Safety Weekly Update

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.