



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Forgiveness

Friday 3rd March 2023

Welcome back

It has been a very busy first week back! There have been so many fantastic experiences for the children including World book Day, a trip to Walsall Art Gallery, sporting events and many more activities taking place in the classroom for the launch of our art focus this half term. I would like to say thank you for all of your hard work and support during world book day there were some truly amazing and unique costumes which must have taken a lot of time and effort to create.



Over the half term all classes will be studying different aspects of art including contemporary and modern artists and experimenting with a wide range of different medias. I am sure they will have lots of fun and learn many new skills.

Dates for your Diary

Tues 14th March

School Class Group Photographs

Mon 20th March – Wed 22nd March

Standon Bowers Residential

Wednesday 29th March

Arthog Parents meet 2:40pm

Easter

Eggstravaganza 29th March

Designs to be in school at 9am

Thursday 30th March

Year 4 Easter Service at church—Year 4 parents welcome to attend

Friday 31st March

Break up normal time

Value for the half term – Forgiveness

This half term, we are focusing on the Christian Value of **forgiveness**. Forgiveness means letting go of feelings of resentment and refocusing your thoughts on positive emotions such as empathy and compassion toward the person who hurt you.

Outside of school, children might demonstrate **forgiveness** in the following ways:

- ◆ Showing forgiveness to a friend
- ◆ Showing empathy and compassion towards someone or an event that was hurtful and damaging



If you feel your child has demonstrated **forgiveness** and made a real difference to the life of someone else over the course of this half term, please complete [this form](#) and return it to their class teacher. If approved, your child will be awarded the **forgiveness** sticker for their Values Passport.

Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Scarlett H	Seth J	Viaan S	3B	Thomas S
Theo H		Aleeah R	3W	
Amelie T		Riley J	3/4G	
Louisa B		Scarlett A	4B	
Harry S		Faith R	4C	
Alyssa C				

School Bank!

As part of our commitment to the financial education of our pupils, we would like to open a School Bank, where children can pay money into their own savings account. Our School Bank will operate through the Just Credit Union. Please see the separate letter that has come home this week for more details on this and the application process.

Photographers—14th March

The photographers will be in school on this day to take class group photographs. The photos will be taken during the school day. If your child has PE on this day, please arrange for them to come in uniform and have PE kit to change into **just on this day.**



Thank you

Remembrance Garden

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”. Matthew 5:4

Over the past two months, we have been planning and developing an area of reflection within the grounds of our school.

When designing the garden, we wanted to have a quiet place of beauty to stop and think about our loved ones. For us to sit together and remember.

We have been blessed with the generosity of others. We would like to thank Oskar’s mum, Sam of Wates, Wolverhampton and Star Scaffolding Ltd for making and delivering our beautiful blue planter, the heart of our garden.

We would also like to thank T.J for the amazing bench he made and donated to school, Evelyn’s mum for the Wonderful bird house, ready for our feathery friends to nest in and to Dobbies Garden Centre, Donnington for our beautiful bulbs and plants to bring an array of colour.

Also a very BIG thank you to T.J, Khalis, Adam and Oskar for all their hard work, painting, planting and keeping the area tidy and welcoming.

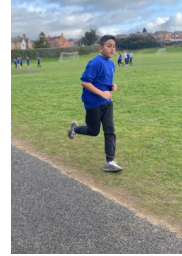
We still have lots of space in our garden and would be very, very grateful for donations of bulbs, plants, shrubs or garden ornaments.





.6J and 6S Sponsored Run and Cake Stall!

We are so proud of our amazing pupils who managed to complete 500 laps of the school running track together in 15 minutes for our sponsored run. Some of the children also decided to raise extra funds for the hospice charity we are supporting, by holding a cake stall where they raised an incredible £112.12! We are very impressed with their efforts and thank you parents and friends for all of your support.



Let Girls Play!

On Wednesday 8th March, we are celebrating the #letgirlsplay day here at school. We will have a special session in the afternoon for several children from each class to learn some football skills and break and lunchtime football will be girls only! We hope they enjoy themselves 😊

Year 3 /4 Art Gallery Trip

This week 3/4G went to Wolverhampton Art Gallery to launch our art topic. We started off by getting to handle real life ammonites from millions of years ago, then we were able to recreate our own using clay and plaster which got very messy! In the afternoon we got to explore the museum looking at the work of famous artists as well as engaging with interactive pieces!





World Book Day

We have had a fantastic time celebrating world book day at school. The children have loved having a day that has been dedicated to reading, imagination and creativity. Each class had planned a variety of great, exciting lessons that help to celebrate this fantastic day! The library was bustling today with lots of activities lead by our fabulous librarians. Reading is really important and World Book Day helps us to highlight this by celebrating it for an entire day!

'I love that we have had a whole day just about books!'



Internet Safety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

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.

