



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Respect

Friday 7th July 2023

Author Workshop at TPS

Yesterday, some very lucky year 5 pupils got to meet Darren Simpson and he talked about his new book 'The Memory Thieves'. They loved their experience and received a free signed copy of his book. He talked about all of the books that he had written and how his life had influenced his writing. The children then designed their own world that they would write into their own novels. They had the best time. Mrs Platt



Dates for your Diary

Mon 10th July

5S Newport Girls High School Trip

Mon 10th to Wed 12th July

Y6 Group 1 Arthog

Wed 12th to Fri 14th July

Y6 Group 2 Arthog

Wed 19th July

Year 6 Leavers' Disco 5pm-6:30pm

Thur 20th July

Year 6 Graduation Assembly 10am see letter

Fri 21st July

Break up—normal time normal uniform

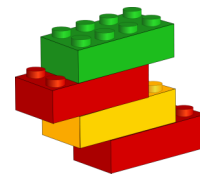
Lego League

Wow!! Well done to our wonderful Lego teams – Hydro Heroes and Wind wanderers. We went to AFC Telford to present our amazing energy journeys to the staff from Cap Gemini, the children had the best day playing lots of different team building games. The children were eloquent and showcased their wonderful imaginative ideas. Wind wonderers won 'The Most Fun' award for their lovely creations such as: A solar powered classroom and



Hover football pitch which used solar power to power it! Hydro Heroes walked away with 'The Best Values' award for working through their differences and valuing each other's opinions.

We would like to say a big thank you to Danielle and Jacqui from Cap Gemini who have supported us through this journey.

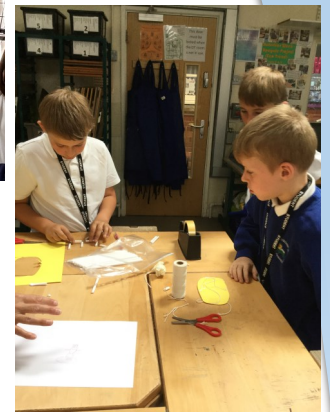
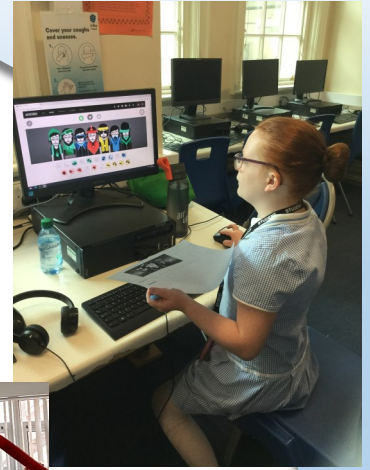


Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Amelia M	Rueben H	Maisey B	5H	Rhys P
Millie H		Casper L	5S	
Charlie P		Mia F-J	5/6P	
Amber N		Flynn H	6J	
Rylee M		Casey M	6S	
Finnley C				



Year 5 visit to Newport Girls' High School

Today we went to NGHS for a taste of secondary school for the girls and boys. We learnt about some new musical instruments called Boomwhackers and played some of them. For D&T we made a holder for an egg and near the end of the day, we dropped them from a high distance in an egg-smashing competition! We also used Incredibox to make music for computing. We even loved the dinner, too! We all thoroughly enjoyed the 3 lessons we experienced and hope to go again! Thank you NGHS! By Alfie M and Chloe H



Fantastic French Teacher!

A huge thank you to Mr Cotterill from TPS who taught our year 6s during MFL day this week! They all thoroughly enjoyed their lesson and it gave them a taste of what French lessons will be like next year at secondary school. Merci beaucoup Mr Cotterill!



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 last week rose slightly to 95.2%. We have a new leader in lower school, well done to 3/4C with 99.2%. Congratulations to our reigning upper school leaders class 5/6P with 97.7%.

Only 2 weeks to go everyone, lets end this year with 100%!

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Summer Reading Challenge

We would like to encourage our children to visit their local library this summer to join in with the free Summer Reading Challenge. They can sign up in person to receive a free Ready, Set, Read collector folder and choose books to read over the holidays. On completing the challenge, they will receive a certificate and medal to mark their achievement! The Summer Reading Challenge is presented by the Reading Agency and supported with funding from the Arts Council England. The challenge will be running at all Telford & Wrekin libraries, from Saturday 15 July to Saturday 16 September 2023.



East Telford Benefice Venue - Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

20th May - Holy Trinity Church 4pm- 6pm

June 17th - Messy church is attending
Summer fair at Holy Trinity Academy - Teece
Drive TF29SQ - 2:00pm - 6:00 pm

15th July - Holy Trinity Church
Summer crafts and party
4.00 pm - 6:00 pm



3rd Saturday of the month

**Interactive indoor and
outdoor crafts and worship
for families of all shapes
and sizes.**

Everyone Welcome

Fun starts @ 4pm

Garden Opening Event

On Wednesday, we had the open event for the school garden which was set up after we were awarded a grant from Telford and Wrekin's King's Coronation Grant. It was great to see so many of you there, to see how the garden has progressed. We also welcomed members of the Parish Council and the local PCSOs. The project wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of Carol Binnington from Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Parish Council who obtained the grant and put together a plan for the garden. Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers who have been involved every step of the way, from wheelbarrowing 2 tonnes of topsoil at a weekend, to building a polytunnel. We are extremely grateful to the parents who have come in to work with their children, sowing seeds and planting a variety of vegetables, each week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering their green fingers!



E Safety Advice

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about...

GAMES CONSOLES



What are they?

? 'Games Consoles' ?

Much like a television allows you to watch movies or a radio allows you to listen to music, a games console allows you to play video games. The most modern ones are names you might be familiar with – Sony PlayStation, Microsoft Xbox, and Nintendo Switch – and almost all of them can now connect to the internet and be enjoyed online with friends

Know the Risks

Online Content

While modern consoles don't strictly need to be connected to the internet, many of them also double up as an internet browser or provide the ability to stream TV shows and movies, so it's important that the appropriate filters and parental controls are in place to restrict children viewing any unsuitable content.

Addictive nature

Games consoles require video games, and both can ultimately contribute towards an addictive habit. Playing too much and too often can force children to become reliant on the good feelings released when playing games, making them more likely to want to play them more frequently, and for longer periods of time.

Hacking risk

It's almost impossible to avoid signing up to different services when using modern consoles. Keeping track of all these accounts can be confusing and in a worst-case scenario, fraudsters could gain access to personal information, addresses and bank details by hacking online profiles.

Online Chat

Once connected to the internet, players can talk to each other either over headsets or using text chat functions on the consoles. Without the proper protections in place, children could speak to anybody of any age and find themselves building relationships with strangers they know nothing about.

Safety Tips

Check contacts

Online predators and hackers often use sly tactics to build relationships with children get them to illicit personal details through gaming platforms or gaming communities. Be on the lookout for suspect communications such as intrusive personal messages or people you suspect might not be who they say they are.

Look for behaviour changes

Becoming withdrawn, irritable and anxious when not playing on a games console are trademark symptoms of gaming addiction. If children turn angry when asked to stop playing, that could also be a sign that an intervention is needed.

Keep details private

Games consoles will almost exclusively ask you to enter your details securely on the console itself, or through a trusted website tied to the console maker. If somebody claiming to be working for Sony, Microsoft or Nintendo asks you to share your passwords or account details, do not give it to them.

Use parental controls

Most gaming consoles will have parental controls which can be used to set up things like family management accounts. From here, parents can often set age limits on games and content, spending restrictions, limit play time and set up passwords and authentications to help keep children safe.



Further Support

Block and report

If someone has made your child feel uncomfortable, make note of suspect players' usernames. Often, you'll be able to ban or block these players in a game's settings. If you have proof of their intentions, don't hesitate to contact your local police force or authority with as much information and evidence as you can gather.

Seek Support

If you're concerned about your child playing too much on their console and think they may have developed a gaming addiction, try and offer them support. The World Health Organisation has classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition and there may be external providers locally who can offer you more targeted help.

Keep IDs safe

Be sure to talk to your child about the importance of keeping their identity safe. If they ever receive messages claiming to be from companies but something doesn't feel right, tell them not to respond and inform you. Things like odd spelling and grammar, strange email addresses, or asking for personal information are tell-tale signs.

Our Expert Mark Foster



Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

