



# Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

## 'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Compassion

Friday 29th September 2023

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We were overwhelmed with the amount of cake donations we received on Friday for our Macmillan cake sale. We have raised over **£649** for a fantastic cause which is close to many people's hearts. It was so lovely to see so many parents, siblings and grandparents in school sharing a cake with their children and chatting about the day. Thank you everyone!



### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 2nd October**  
Black History Awareness Day

**Bikeability Year 5 and 6**  
2nd and 3rd and 5th and 6th October - places are now taken

**Monday 9th Oct**  
SEND Coffee Morning  
8:45am—to look at books

9am—Coffee  
**Thursday 20th Oct 10am**  
Harvest at Holy Trinity Year 6 parents invited. More details to follow

**Friday 27th October**  
Whole school flu nasal spray during the school day. Letter to follow

Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Everly L	Darcie F	Teddy S	3B	Esmee D
Oscar P		Charlie-Ray A	3LB	
Maisie B		Abbie P	4C	
Thomas G		Oscar C	4T	
Zak H				
Bella M				



## Year 3 Eat Well Initiative

We had the best time on Tuesday when the lovely TPS Sports Leaders and the team at Energize came to run a Year 3 Wellbeing session with our parents and carers! We loved joining in a range of different sporty activities to give us ideas on how we can be active at home and at school! Our morning was finished off with a delicious lunch, made by our fantastic kitchen team . Thank you!



### Attendance

Overall 95.74%

Well done to 3LB just taking the lead once again with 98.62% close runners up are 3B- 98.24% ... Come on 3B let's see if you can take the title!  
Well done to 6J in upper school in the lead with 97.47% runners up are 6S- 96.06%

### Is my child too ill for school? - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

As you can see our overall attendance is beginning to drop with the onset of the usual seasonal coughs and colds.

If you are wondering if your child is too ill for school, please check their symptoms on [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(\[www.nhs.uk\]\(http://www.nhs.uk\)\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

If your child is anxious or worried about going to school, please ask the school for help through class dojo or calling the school office.

Our top tips for parents are:

- Talk positively about school and let your child know you're there to support them
- Give your child clear instructions on who will be dropping off and picking up
- Show them how much you value their education- read with them each day and sign their reading record, attend parents' evenings, and (as much as you can) go along to other school events
- Create clear and consistent morning routines
- Reach out to school for help





### Change to the lunch on 5th Oct

The kitchen will be serving meatballs/veg meatballs with pasta, broccoli and carrots on Thursday 5th October as the hot meal. The dessert will be mousse.

School sandwiches will still be available to order.



### School Gates and Office

Can we politely request that you always ring the bell before you come onto the school car park, when visitors follow other visitors in or cars, the office do not know they are there and they can be left standing at the gate for some time. If you are collecting a child, once you have let the office know you are here (via the intercom / bell on the gate) they will let you into the car park and then collect your child from class. You will need to wait at the internal gate until they come with your child. Thank you for your consideration, the office is a very busy place in school and the staff always endeavour to deal with you as quickly as they can.



In school this week, we have been writing our 500 word competition entries! 50 finalists from across the Country, along with their parents or carers, will be invited to attend a grand final next February at Buckingham Palace!. Not only will the bronze, silver and gold winners of each age group have their stories read by celebrities, but the event will be shown on a special 500 Words programme with 'The One Show', on World Book Day on 7 March 2024.

We have been blown away with everyone's stories! They have opened our eyes to the creativity that is so clear across the school. We have stories that involve wizards, magical creatures, forests and so much more. We will be typing up some of the them to send off to the competition in the next few weeks.

Here are some sneak peaks:

*As the most powerful wizard on Earth, Oberon and his staff, a living portion of mythological wood, that was neither flammable nor destructible.*

*"So here is the diagram of..." Miss Cloth points to the board. Rosa listens gleefully, but Ted's mind was on something else...He nudges her on the shoulder, and whispers,*

*"Hey - what's that noise?"*

### The Wrockwardine Wood CE School "Living life in all its fullness" challenge.



This week's challenge is to bake a cake!  
We would love to see photos:  
[a3129@taw.org.uk](mailto:a3129@taw.org.uk)



### Football Superstar!

This lovely young lady won the trophy at football club this week for always having such a positive attitude and listening carefully to instructions! Well done and keep up the great work A!



# E Safety Support



YouTube is an online platform - owned by Google - where anyone can upload & watch video content. All different types of information, advice & entertainment are uploaded & billions of people tune in to watch, rate & comment on it. As a parent, it's important you understand exactly what content your children might be seeing.

## What parents need to know about **YOUTUBE**

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EASY TO ACCESS

Any child with a Gmail account can sign into YouTube & access videos. Some content is flagged 'age-restricted', but the platform relies on self-verification, meaning kids can get around the rules with a fake date of birth. This could enable access to vulgar, violent & dangerous videos.



### USERS CAN PRIVATELY CONTACT YOUR CHILD

When your child is signed-in to YouTube with their Gmail account, there are various ways they can send & receive messages. This could be via the messages icon, or via the 'About' tab. There is scope here for users who your child does not know to make contact.



### YOUTUBE SUGGESTS RELATED CONTENT

YouTube will often 'auto play' videos based on your child's viewing habits. The aim is to show related & appropriate content. But the problem is: it's possible your child will be exposed to inappropriate content that isn't accurately related.



### 'CHALLENGE VIDEOS' CAN GO TOO FAR

Challenge videos refer to a stunt you're encouraged to recreate & film. Many challenge videos can be harmless & for a good cause, like the Ice Bucket Challenge. But some are dangerous & even life threatening, such as the Bird Box Challenge.



### SHARING VIDEOS RISKS YOUR CHILD'S PRIVACY

If your child has a Google account, they can upload their own videos. To do this, they must create a personal profile page known as a 'YouTube Channel'. The videos uploaded here can be viewed, commented on & shared by anyone. This could put your child's privacy at risk.



## Tips To Protect Your Child

### APPLY 'RESTRICTED MODE'

Restricted mode helps to hide any mature or unpleasant videos from your children. It uses YouTube's own automated system & looks at what other users flag as inappropriate content. It must be enabled in the settings menu on each individual device.

### CHANGE WHO CAN SEE VIDEOS

You can change who can view your child's content in the settings. Options include Public (available to all), Private (only available to people you share it with & cannot be shared) or Unlisted (available to people you share it with & can be shared further).



### BLOCK CONCERNING USERS

To help protect your child from cyber-bullies, harassment or persistent offensive comments, you can 'block' individual users. Doing so hides your child's videos from the user & stops the user being able to contact your child in any way.

### CUSTOMISE THEIR EXPERIENCE

Influence & control what your child watches using features such as Playlists (your videos play continuously rather than videos YouTube recommends) & Subscriptions (you choose channels your child can watch). It's also good to turn off auto play by toggling the blue button alongside the 'Up Next' title when viewing a video.

### CREATE A 'FAMILY' GOOGLE ACCOUNT

Create a Google account to be used by the whole family. This will allow you to monitor exactly what your child is watching, uploading & sharing. Plus, your child's YouTube page will display their recently watched videos, searches, recommended videos & suggested channels.



### GET YOUR OWN ACCOUNT

Create your own account so you can explore features yourself. Learn how to flag inappropriate videos, how to moderate comments & how to block users. This will help you feel more confident when providing advice & guidance to your children.

### BE MINDFUL OF CYBERBULLYING

Once your child has posted a video, a worldwide audience can see it. Strangers may choose to comment on the video, both positively & negatively. So, be careful to check comments & any other interactions your child is making through the platform.



### GET TO KNOW POPULAR CHANNELS

It's good to know which channels are most popular with your children. Some of the most popular channels right now are: PewDiePie, NigaHiga, Zoella, KSI, JennaMarbles, Markiplier, Smosh, ThatcherJoe & Casper Lee.

### DON'T ASSUME YOUR CHILD IS TOO YOUNG

YouTube and YouTube Kids are quickly becoming the chosen viewing platforms for children between the ages of 3-15 & it's likely this trend will only increase. It's also possible children will become familiar with the platform at a younger & younger age. So it's important to understand the positives & negatives of the platform.



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### Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

