



# Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

## 'Wrockers' Weekly

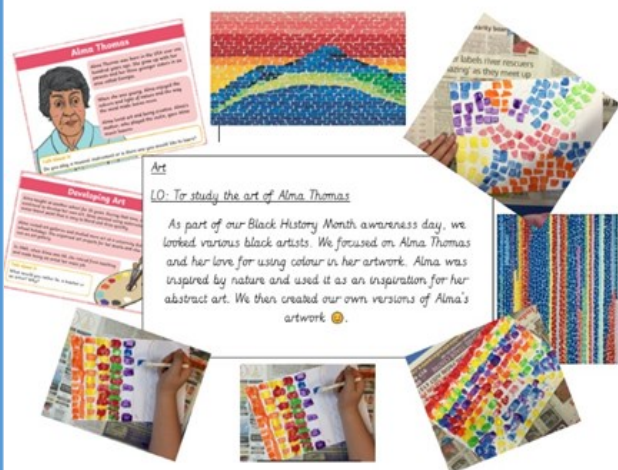
'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Compassion

Friday 6th October 2023

### Black History Month at WWJS!

On Monday 2nd October, we kick started Black History Month by having a whole day dedicated to raising awareness of Black History. All year groups celebrated this in different ways and focused on different



inspirational black people from the past who have shaped our future, from Rosa Parks in year 3 to Mae Jemison in year 6! Each class also created some fantastic artwork based around a different black artist.



inspired by the works of South African artist Esther Mahlangu, whose works are bold large-scale contemporary paintings that reference her Ndebele heritage.

### Dates for your Diary

#### 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

#### Tuesday 14th Nov

Katie's Kitchen Workshop 3B & 3LB. See letter and Parentpay

### Football Stars!



The fantastic year 5/6 football team went to Telford College on Tuesday afternoon to play in a tournament against other local schools. They played fantastically as a team and we ended up winning all 4 matches with some amazing goals from CP, CK, CL and NM and 3 clean sheets from goalie MM! There was also some excellent defending from LN, EB and KB and great midfield passing from RJ and AT.



We're really proud of all of you, well done team! Mrs Slow

Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Megan S	Portia-Ella J	Elliot L	5B	Nikita A
Rajveer K		Priya F	5H	
Denis A		Penelope B	5/6S	
Tyler K		Elizabeth S	6J	
Alex G		Maisie B	6S	
Vinnie L				

## National Poetry Day. It just takes one poem...

Across school, we celebrated National Poetry Day, a day that helped children come together because of their voices, words, and stories. It was a day that encouraged all children to express themselves through the making, experiencing, and sharing of poetry. All year groups have been exposed to a wide variety of poetry and have had opportunities to write their own poems. The theme this year was 'refuge' and Year 6



wrote some war poetry that helped to highlight the need for refuge during the First World War.

### Terror in the Trenches

*Quivering in terror*

*Shells soar above*

*My heart is a drum - powerful, painful*

*Sounds of screams fill the air*

*As nuclear clouds hover above*

*Deadly battlefield deserted of feeling*

*Trenches like rivers as puddles flood my boots*

*I'm seeking shelter from the never-ending torture and pain  
that scar my eyes*

*It's just a matter of time before I meet my demise.*

Charlie and Max 6S

## EatWell Project

We were lucky enough to be joined by the Eatwell Project Team from Telford and Wrekin Council this week, to take part in some sessions based around the Eatwell Guide. All classes took part and learnt about the different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet.



## Brilliant Bikeability

This week, we took part in some fun Bikeability sessions where we learned how to cycle safely including turning out of junctions and which hand signals to use. Before, some of our group didn't have the confidence to take their hand off the handle bar but now we can all do hand signals without worrying! We've had a really great time learning how to keep safe on the roads and would like to thank our fantastic instructors Ian and Bernard!



By Lottie-Rae and Daisy

## Attendance

Whole School attendance: **94.68%** We are now below national average 😞.

Data published by the Department for education shows that in week 37 of the academic year the attendance rate for primary schools was 96.1%. Please help us to get back up to above average. Did you know we can give medication in school? Please call the school office on 01952 387880 for more details

Total	Primary	Secondary	Special
95.0%	96.1%	93.8%	89.9%

### Attendance League:

Huge congratulations to Mrs Brindley Jones's class who are still the reigning champions in lower school with a whopping ☆**99.63%**☆ and runners up are 4T who have made a huge increase and are now catching up with 98.57%.

In upper school Mrs Steventon's class have taken the lead with 95.6% with 6J as runners up with 92.81%

### **School Matters!**



## Calling all Year 5 and 6 Parents and Carers

### CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) / CHILD CRIMINAL EXPOLIATION (CCE) / COUNTY LINES (CL) – INFORMATION SESSION



Primary schools in Telford and Wrekin are being asked to deliver an information session to parents of Year 5 and 6 children in the autumn term of each academic year.

Ours will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October on TEAMS at 5:45PM** and will be conducted by Vicki Ridgewell who was formally a Police Officer. An email has been sent to all parents with a link to this meeting.

Parents have told us they are often unaware about some of the indicators and prevalence of CSE/CCE and CL and that when technology moves so very quickly, they aren't always aware of what their child is doing online. Although issues such as county line drug dealing can sometimes seem like another world away, we know that it doesn't take much for children to get caught in very serious matters that can have a profoundly detrimental impact on the rest of their lives. Vicki is well known to the school as she often delivers staff training and as a parent herself often shares well thought out advice.

We would like as many parents as possible to join, if you have any questions, please contact Claire Ashley on [claire.ashley2@taw.org.uk](mailto:claire.ashley2@taw.org.uk).

## EdShed

This week, your child will have come home with a username and password for EdShed. This is a spelling platform that will allow your children to practise their spellings at home. There is an app but the website is free to use.

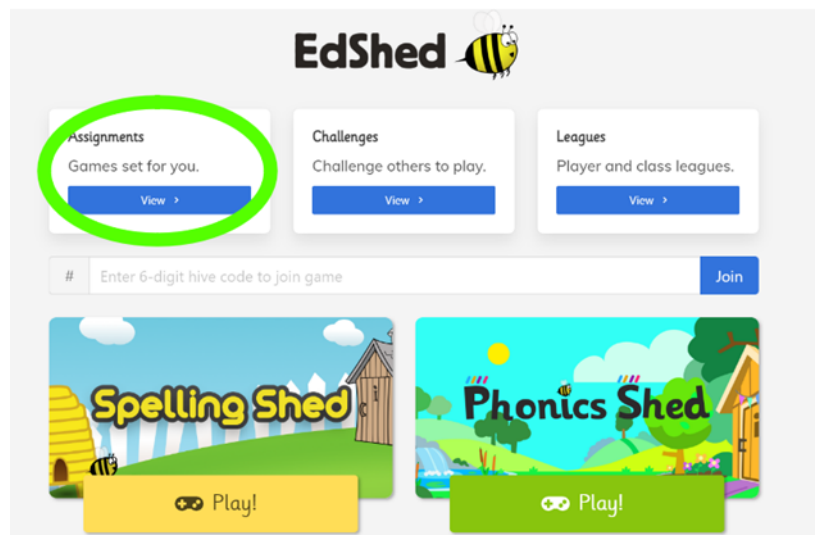
Please visit [www.edshed.com](http://www.edshed.com) and fill in the username and password that your children have been given.

You will be directed to this page, where they will need to click on the 'assignments' tab:

We will be using this more frequently in class as well, so it would be fabulous if they could have a go at this at home.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Platt





### Playtime Reflection and Prayer



Rev Lisa is now offering our children prayer space on a Monday playtime to come and talk about Christianity,



ask questions and share prayers. The children have embraced this opportunity and asked some very deep and meaningful questions.

### E Safety

[Net Aware](#), is a guide for parents to 39 of the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use. Using reviews from adults and children, it helps parents decide if a site is right for their child, if it's age appropriate and explores what risks they might encounter, enabling parents or professionals to help keep their children safe online.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

### Digital Leaders

In WWJS, we have a team of Digital Leaders who are a group of pupils who are responsible for ensuring that all our digital devices are cared for, helping pupils with technological issues and for helping pupils to stay safe online! This week, our Digital Leaders have come up with some top tips for staying safe online!

#### Digital Leader Online Safety Top Tips!

- Keep your personal details private.
- Never wear your school uniform in online images!
- Check your game is safe and appropriate.
- Have a strong password and keep it safe!
- Check who you're chatting to online.
- Tell an adult if someone makes you uncomfortable

**Meet our Digital Leader team!**



## #ActiveFamiliesSTW

Physical Activity | Mindfulness | Healthy Eating

For families with primary-age children

<b>1. Active kids</b>  <a href="#">Active Kids Move Crew</a>	<b>2. Tree explorer</b>  <a href="#">Tree explorer</a>	<b>3. Family fit</b>  <a href="#">Couch to Family Fit</a>	<b>4. Cosmic kids</b>  <a href="#">Cosmic Kids</a>
<b>5. Scavenger hunt</b>  <a href="#">Scavenger Hunt</a>	<b>6. Let's dine</b>  <a href="#">Let's dine</a>	<b>7. Origami fun</b>  <a href="#">Origami fun</a>	<b>8. Disney dances</b>  <a href="#">Disney Dance-alongs</a>
<b>9. Forest bathing</b>  <a href="#">Forest Bathing</a>	<b>10. Skipping man</b>  <a href="#">Dan the Skipping Man</a>	<b>11. Den building</b>  <a href="#">Den building</a>	<b>12. Sugar swaps</b>  <a href="#">Change 4 Life Sugar Swaps</a>
<b>13. Fun athletics</b>  <a href="#">Funetics</a>	<b>14. Get kids moving</b>  <a href="#">Get Kids Moving</a>	<b>15. Cook together</b>  <a href="#">Cook Together</a>	<b>16. Colouring fun</b>  <a href="#">Mindful colouring</a>
<b>17. Our landscapes</b>  <a href="#">Learning &amp; Landscapes</a>	<b>18. Ready set ride</b>  <a href="#">Ready Set Ride</a>	<b>19. Take a walk</b>  <a href="#">Take a walk</a>	<b>20. Listening</b>  <a href="#">The Listening Game</a>

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Active Partnership  
Sheepskin, Telford & Wrekin

### The Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School “Living life in all its fullness” challenge.



This week's challenge is to **play a board game**. We would love to see your photos please email them to: [a3129@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3129@telford.gov.uk) so that we can share them in the front entrance.

# E Safety Support



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. Its main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



What parents need to know about

## TIKTOK



### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up to the app, it's possible to be about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are light-hearted or designed to make people laugh. However there have been a number of videos reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and young teens engaging in sexually suggestive content. More recently, suicide-themed related videos have been widely circulated. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be common to come across explicit and age-inappropriate content on the 'For you' feed when logging into the platform.



### INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.



### TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor Musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.



### ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.



### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.



### IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



## Safety Tips For Parents



### TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use TikTok, make sure you take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have an open dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.



### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may dash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.



### ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.



### MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Even if it doesn't make you popular, keep a close eye on what your child is viewing and sharing on TikTok. Whilst the app has moderation tools, videos can still slip through the net so it's important to regularly check in on what they're watching. Understanding and joining the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with it. You could then even watch some videos with your child, turning it into a bonding opportunity also.



### LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a relatively safe space for your child to express themselves. However, in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognize and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.



### MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.



### 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.



### FAMILY SAFETY MODE

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to remotely turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.

