



# Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

## 'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Friendship

Friday 24th November 2023

### Parent Shadowing

It was fantastic this week to invite parents into school to share maths lessons with their children. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning and how they calculate and solve mathematical problems using apparatus and written methods. If you would like any guidance on supporting your children at home with their learning, please refer to the maths section of



our school website.

Within this, you will find our calculation policy which outlines the methods of calculation we

now use in our teaching. These have certainly changed a lot since I was at school and as many of you reflected in your feedback - maths would have been much easier if you had been taught in this way! Thank you for your continued support. We plan over the year to provide more opportunities for parents to share their children's learning experiences in English reading and writing.



### Dates for your Diary

**Wed 29th Nov—Wed 13th Dec**

Bookfair after school until 3:45pm

**Tuesday 12th Dec**

3:30pm-5pm Christmas craft fair and book fair

**Friday 15th Dec**

Santa Dash - come in PE Kit with Christmas headband/hat etc.

**18th & 19 Dec**

Christmas Performances 2pm and 5pm. Letters sent with a slip to book tickets (tickets will be virtual and not a paper ticket)

**Wed 20th Dec**

Christmas lunch day. See letter sent home this week.

### Book Fair

We wanted to let you all know that the bookfair will be in school from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will open it up until 3:45 each day for you to come and have a look with your children! There will be a variety of payment methods available for you to use. We hope you enjoy coming to have a look and would like to thank you for your support with this.



### New Age Kurling Champions!

On Thursday, our year 5 New Age Kurling team competed against a variety of other schools at Wrekin College. They took part in different matches and ended up being the overall winners of the tournament! We are very proud of you all, well done!



### An Enormous Thank You!

We would like to say a very big thank you to one of our parents who has recently donated a huge amount of craft and Christmas items to school along with lunch boxes and backpacks from their employer Poundland.



We are so appreciative and can make very good use of all the items!

This act of kindness is a wonderful example of our Christian value this term of friendship and we are so grateful. Thank you!



## Attendance

We open the school gates at 8:45 and the register is taken at 9 am. Arriving after 9am is registered as late.

**Arriving at school on time** : There is a clear link between attendance and attainment; the more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

### Being on time is a good thing!

Gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind.  
 Helps your child make the most of their learning and sets positive patterns for the future.  
 Helps children develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others  
 Helps your child make and keep friends.  
 Improves self confidence.

### The impact of being Late!

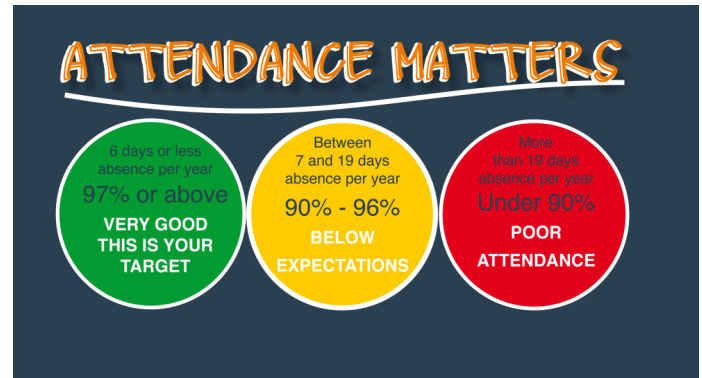
Gets the day off to a bad start and can put you in a mood.  
 Can be embarrassing  
 May damage your child's confidence.  
 Children miss vital information at the start of the day which disrupts the learning.

### Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

### Some things that may help:

- \* Help your child get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, school uniform)
- \* Allowing plenty of time to get to school.
- \* Make sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.
- \* Help your child organise homework.
- \* Establish a good bedtime routine



### Attendance last week:

3B- 98.52% Lower school winners.  
 6S- 99.39% Upper school winners.  
 Whole school attendance- 96.62%.



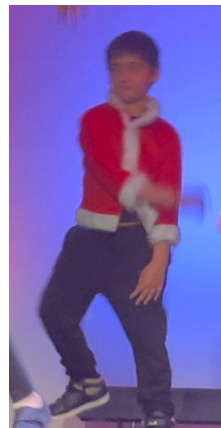
## Christmas Library Opening.

We would like to invite you all to pop into the library after school on Friday 15th December until 4pm to come and enjoy a festive mince pie, share some stories with your children and make a festive bookmark together! Please could you let your child's teacher know if you will be attending and thank you for your support.



## Dancing Star

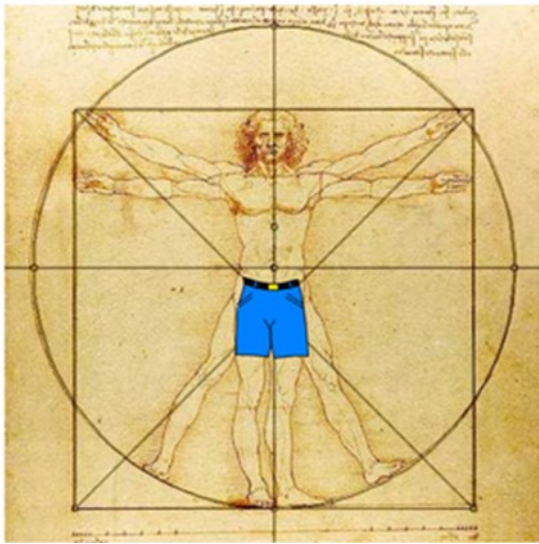
VS from year 4 participated in a show last weekend entitled 'Sweet Candy Christmas' at The Place Theatre in Oakengates. This was organised by Telford Academy of performing arts. The show included street dance, ballet, tap and musical theatre and much more. VS has recently started learning dance and has developed many key moves very quickly. His family are very proud of him and so are we. Well done!



## Armistice Day

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, one of our young people visited the National Memorial Arboretum for Armistice Day. Our young person has said that the service was very respectful, where lots of people came to remember their fallen loved ones and fallen soldiers. When he was there, he had the honour of meeting Princess Anne and her husband, who he was even able to chat with. Not only this, but our young person and his parent were also interviewed by Sky News! He was asked questions about his father's medal, and his parent was interviewed further. Our young person has said that they feel excited about the interview and grateful that they have had this unforgettable experience.





### **The Wrocker's Super Science Challenge!** **The Vitruvian Man**

Leonardo, a famous artist drew the Vitruvian Man in 1492. He believed that the human body had some of the following proportions:

A person's height is equal to their arm span.

10 hands equal a person's height.

You are 7 of your feet tall.

Your face is as wide as 3 of your ears.

Your challenge is to investigate if these statements are true.

How will you solve the problem?

How will you record your results?

What did you find out?

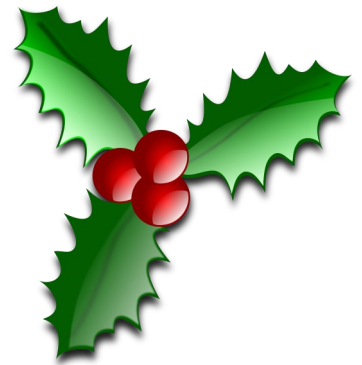
Completed entries will be displayed on the science display and

you could be awarded a Super Scientist award. I can't wait to see what you discover!

Mrs Daily

### **Christmas Craft Fayre**

Tuesday 12th December 3:30pm—5pm We will host a Christmas craft fayre on 12th December from 3:30pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for the children to sell craft items that they will be making in class during an enterprise day. The money made from this event will be saved for next year when we hope to raise enough money to give the children a special treat. Future events will also contribute to this fund.



### **Christmas Carols in Church**

Thursday 21st Dec. The whole school will be joining year 5 at Holy Trinity Church for a Christmas carol celebration. This service will be led by year 5 celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Due to limited space this will be only open for parents of children in year 5 to attend if they wish. More details to follow.

### **Christmas Performance Year 3/4 Monday 18th December 2pm and 5pm**

Years 3 and 4 will be performing at 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Due to limited space in the hall we would like parents to request tickets via the office. Letter sent home last week with a reply slip to request tickets (tickets are free).

Could all children be returned to school by 4:40pm on the night of their performance to get ready. If your child attends wrap around care after 4:30pm they will be brought over from there.

### **Christmas Performance Year 5/6 Tuesday 19th December 2pm and 5pm**

Years 5 and 6 will be performing at 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Due to limited space in the hall we would like parents to request tickets via the office. Letter sent home last week with a reply slip to request tickets (tickets are free).

Could all children be returned to school by 4:40pm on the night of their performance to get ready. If your child attends wrap around care after 4:30pm they will be brought over from there.

### **Late Collection**

Polite reminder: if you are late picking up your child after 3:20pm they will be taken to our Wraparound Care after school facility. There will be a charge of £3.50 for this session.

If it is a one off emergency and you know you will be late, please call the school office on 01952 387880

## Parents Opening Doors update

### PODS Family Groups Have Been Rebranded

Following feedback from our members 'Family Groups' have been rebranded and will now be referred to as 'PODS Social Support Groups'.

Everything else will remain unchanged, parents, children, siblings and wider family members are all welcome. Please look out for the next available one, we look forward to seeing you.



### DISABILITY FOCUS WORKSHOP

Date: Monday 20 November 2023 Time: 12.30-2pm

Venue: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

Please join us for a workshop to review Hospital Transformation Plans and talk about the needs of our disability community and sensory considerations for the layout. We are involved in a number of opportunities for feeding experiences and this is an opportunity for you to have an overview and discuss what is important to you. Including accessibility, inpatients, daycare, transport, design and layout of rooms, etc.

Free refreshments and parking. Booking link: [Hospital Transformation Plans - Disability Focus Workshop](#)

### PODS MenSpace

Date: Tuesday 21 November 2023 Time: 6-8pm

Venue: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

Join us at the MenSpace group. A group dedicated to male carers. A chance to put the world to rights over cake and coffee!

These groups are guided by you, you can talk about whatever you want, and give us all chance to help each other out. You will also be able to influence how these groups run in the future by feeding back what you want from the group and how we can achieve this. Booking link:

### PODS MenSpace

### Parent & Friends Association Open Room

Date: Tuesday 21 November 2023 Time: 12noon-2pm

Venue: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

This group is aimed at those parents/carers of young people aged between 14 and 25 to have a chat and share experiences over tea, coffee, and biscuits. Loads of relevant information will be available during the group and I will be available to answer any questions or discuss specific difficulties. If you are unable to make it, please feel free to contact: [matt@podstelford.org](mailto:matt@podstelford.org). Booking link: [PFA Open Room](#)

### PODS Social - Anime (12-25s)

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023 Time: 6pm-7.30pm

Venue: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

PODS are hosting a Social Session for young people aged 12 years to 25 years and their siblings. All our Social Sessions have a very relaxed atmosphere but there is always a specific focus. This session is: ANIME. All the materials needed will be provided to all the young people booked. Young People are welcome to bring their own anime creations and/or references. Parents/carers to stay on the site during the session. All tickets are non-refundable. Booking link: [PODS Social - Anime \(12-25s\)](#)

### PODS Code Club

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023 Time: 4pm-5pm

Venue: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

PODS Code Club is running sessions for children from 7-13 years old during Term Time. The children will be learning to code in SCRATCH. Along with learning how to code, the children will also be building upon their skills like problem solving, collaboration and communication. Session costs are non-refundable, parent/carer/PA must remain on site for the duration of the session. Please ensure every child/young person attending has a ticket, those attending without a ticket will be turned away. Adult tickets are NOT required. Booking link: [PODS Code Club](#)

### NEW! Tourettes Action Telford Group

Date: Friday 24 November 2023 Time: 10am-12noon

Venue: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

Tourettes Action Group welcomes all families who have a child or young person that may be affected by Tourettes (or tics) in Telford. We welcome anyone to attend to find out more about this condition and to receive support and share experiences. Our group leader is trained and supported the national 'Tourettes Action' organisation. Free carparking and refreshments. Booking link: [Tourettes Action Telford Group](#)

### PODS Stop Motion Video Club

Date: Wednesday 29 November 2023 Time: 4-5pm

Venue: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

Does your child/young person like to make videos? If yes, then PODS is starting an after school Stop Motion Video Club to enable the children and young people make stop motion videos using Lego. All equipment and items needed will be provided. Contact Uma at [uma@podstelford.org](mailto:uma@podstelford.org) for any details. Booking link: [PODS Stop Motion Video Club](#)

### PODS Blists Hill Family Group

Date: Thursday 30 November 2023 Time: 10am-12noon

Venue: Blists Hill Victorian Town, Telford, TF7 5UD

Come and join us at PODS Family Group in Blists Hill Victorian Town for a chat, relax and meet with friendly faces. Ask us for some advice or just enjoy a walk around the village. Tickets are available at a subsidised cost of £3 per person. PODS will provide 1 tea/coffee/soft drink to each person booked, however you will have to purchase your own other refreshments if required. Places are limited and booking is essential, open to all PODS members living in Telford and Wrekin. Please note that the tickets are non-refundable. Children, of any age, are welcome however if they are under

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

This week's challenge is to:

### **Paint a self portrait**

We would love to see your photos please email them to:

[a3129@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3129@telford.gov.uk)



# E Safety Support

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## What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

**bbfc** **PEGI**

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

### RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

#### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U** Universal, suitable for all ages
- PG** Parental Guidance required
- 12** Suitable for people aged 12 and over
- 12A** Suitable for people aged 12 and over, although supervision by an adult
- 15** Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- 18** Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- R18** Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers

#### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

#### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

### RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

#### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

- 3** [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)
- 7** [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)
- 12** [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)
- 16** [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)
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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

- DRUGS
- SEX
- DISCRIMINATION
- VEHICLE
- BLOOD
- SMOKING
- DRUGS
- SEX
- DRUGS

#### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

#### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

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