

Term 6: Week 1

Big Question: What makes us unique?



A big well done to the Year 3 and 4 children that went to Hill End last week. It has been lovely to catch up on all their adventures and we are thrilled that they had such a great time away. A big thank you to Mr Street, Miss Bowdery and Mrs Fitzmaurice for their support in making this residential happen.

We have had a wonderful week of sport and are so proud of all the children. The children have taken part in rugby, hockey, dance, football and martial art taster sessions and have demonstrated excellent sporting skills. Can I say a huge thank you to Mrs Whiskerd for organizing such a fabulous week for the children. They have loved it! It was so lovely to see so many of you on Sports Day; what a great day we had 😊

Thank you for all your ongoing support,

**With best wishes,
The Gagle Brook Team**

Dates for the diary

July 2024

8th – Inset Day

9th – Transition morning in new classes

19th – school reports out to parents

24th – Last Day of School (normal school finish time)

Sports Awards

Willow House are our overall winners of Sports Day with over 1000 house points!

A big well done to everyone for an amazing week. Class awards have gone to:



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| N | Jax |
| R | Nina |
| Y1 | Brooke B |
| Y2 | Jessica |
| Y3 | Reuben |
| Y4 | Roman |
| Y5 | Grace |
| Nest | Hunter |



Snack time

A little reminder to ensure children are bringing healthy snacks for playtimes. Some ideas are:

Fruit
Vegetables
Crackers
Cheese
Yoghurt
Breadsticks



*Please remember we are a **nut free** school.*

Reception – Y2 will receive government funded snacks each day.



Parking Reminder

It is important that we are considerate to our local community and the residents of Elmsbrook when parking during drop off and collection times.

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Achieve Awards

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WE ARE **AMBITIOUS** AND WANT TO SUCCEED

C
WE WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM THROUGH **COLLABORATION**

H
WE ACT WITH **HONESTY**

I
WE ARE **INCLUSIVE**, APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES AND MAKE EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME IN SCHOOL

E
WE CARE FOR OUR **ENVIRONMENT**

V
WE SHOW **VALIANCE** AND COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

E
WE AIM FOR **EXCELLENCE** IN ALL THAT WE DO

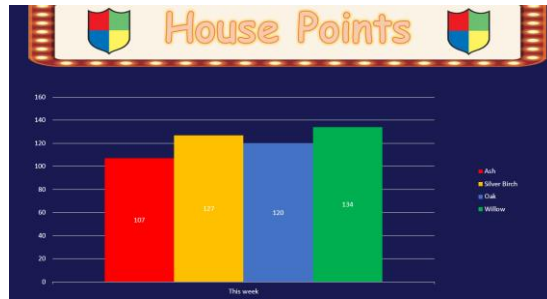
Week 2

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|------|---------|
| N | Delilah |
| R | Nandi |
| Y1 | Jacob |
| Y2 | Ava DP |
| Y3 | Leo |
| Y4 | Holly |
| Y5 | Lily |
| Nest | Grace |

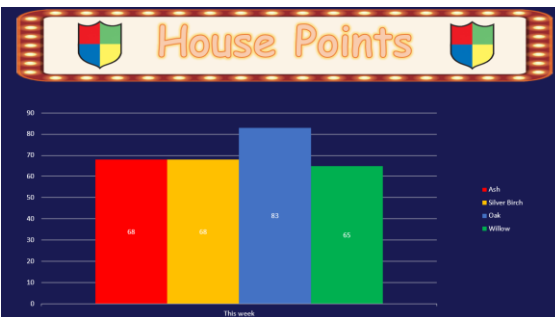
Week 3

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| N | Honor |
| R | Ada |
| Y1 | Brooke R |
| Y2 | Oliver |
| Y3 | Theo |
| Y4 | Marcel |
| Y5 | Dolly |
| Nest | Iona |

House Points



Term 6 Week 2 winner: Willow



Term 6 Week 3 winner: Oak

Attendance Award
Week 2 Turtles (Nursery)
Week 3 Hedgehogs (Year 2)





How do you stay safe on the TikTok Shop?

TikTok has become one of the most popular social media platforms, known for its fast-paced videos and the ability to search for and visually explore content from around the world.

Among its many features, the introduction of TikTok Shop has allowed users to purchase products directly through the app. Find out more about TikTok Shop, and how to stay safe when using SIC's latest blog:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-is-tiktok-shop-staying-safe-when-buying-online>



My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do?

SID aim to answer some of the questions most frequently asked by parents and carers about helping their children navigate the internet advice about gaming and chat within games.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/my-child-is-gaming-with-strangers-what-should-i-do>

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If you would like more online safety help or advice, please visit the 'Online Safety' top tab on our website:

<https://www.southwoldschool.org/about-us/school-information/online-safety>

Some tips about technology from NOS...

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT **18 CENSORED**
While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE
Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING
Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY
Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY
Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be frustrating or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY
Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND
By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS
As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER
By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES
Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users – just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert
Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

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