



Newsletter: 18 October 2024

News:

Autumn Crafternoon

Pupils across the school enjoyed an Autumn Crafternoon working alongside pupils in other year groups. The children created leaf monsters by adding features to their coloured leaves. They finished the afternoon with some paired reading. The children enjoyed supporting each other and spending time with new friends.

Mrs H Yarnold



Year 5 have started to make Mayan masks using Papier Mache. They have been working in small groups, adding definition to the faces and building up the layers. Next week we hope they will be dry enough to paint ready to go on our display. **Mrs S Smith**



Attendance:

We have had a strong start this term with attendance, thank you. Attendance this week is 96.5%

A reminder that if your child is well enough to attend school, please send them as it is vital they attend school as regularly as possible. If your child has been off school with a sickness bug, they need to be 48 hours clear before they return. **Absences must be reported daily either via message through the MCAS app, emailing gunwin@st-peters.hereford.sch.uk or calling the school on 01885 483237.**

As per the letter sent out recently there has been a change to the national guidance regarding term time holidays. We are unable to authorise any term time holidays now unless there are exceptional circumstances. This is a decision taken by Herefordshire Council and is beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding.

Highest Class attendance this week goes to: **YEAR 6**

Awards:

	Pupil of the Week	Book Worm
Nursery	Felicity	Maya
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		

Postponed until next week

Dates for your diary:

October

- 21st School Games Awards Evening (*invited children*)
- 21st-25th Swimming – Year 6
- 22nd Tag Rugby Tournament (*invited children*)
- 22nd Vision Screening Test (Reception)
- 22nd Red Ridge Residential - Year 6 Parents Information Evening 5.00pm
- 24th Halloween Disco (*tickets available to buy online via MCAS or with cash to the office*)

November

- 4th QE High School **CLOSED** – no Black Pepper Lunches available (packed lunch from home)
- 4th - 8th Swimming – Year 6
- 5th Quick Sticks Hockey (*invited children*)
- 12th-13th Parents' Evening - letter to follow
- 14th Christmas Shopping Evening at QEHS for St Peter's PTA
- 14th Flu Vaccinations
- 15th 'Here Girls Can' Festival (*invited children*)
- 15th Children in Need - Crazy Hair Day - letter to follow

December

- 3rd School Games Basketball – (*invited children*)
- 10th KS1 Nativity Performances 2pm and 6pm
- 12th Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th St Michael's Hospice Reindeer Run
- 19th Christmas Carol Service in St. Peter's Church 1.45pm-2.30pm
- 19th End of Term



**YEAR 5
Thursday**

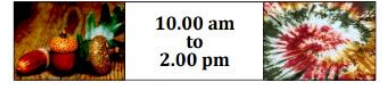
Starting on Thursday 7th November for 6 weeks.

Last one on Thursday 12th December.

Please come to school dressed in your Forest School clothes, with your outdoor boots or wellies in a carrier bag.

The Parish of Greater Whitbourne
Autumn Fun Days
(for 4-11 yr olds)

Whitbourne Village Hall
Mon 28th & Tues 29th October



10.00 am
to
2.00 pm

Music, crafts, games & story.

£8.00 for 1 day or £15.00 for 2 days

(cash only please)

Light lunch provided

For details or to book contact Marion:

Text 07483 89 56 56 or email marionsymmons@hotmail.co.uk



Breakfast Club and After School Provision

NEW PRICING STRUCTURE – ALL SESSIONS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

Breakfast Club: **7:45am - 8:30am** £3.50 per session per child

After School Club: **3:15pm - 4:30pm** £5.00 per child

4:30pm – 5:30pm £2.00 per child



Delna (Y6)

Kris (Y4)

Johan (Y4)

Hollie (Y3)

The Flu immunisation team will be here on 14th November. Whether you give consent or not YOU MUST register with the team so that they can record your wishes.

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/herefordshire>

NEW Support Group

We are offering a FREE monthly support group for all parents, grandparents, youngsters and children experiencing or caring for someone with Autism, ADHD, ADD, PDA. (List not exhaustive)

A safe and inclusive space for everyone to share their experiences, feel understood, listened to and accepted.

Sports Hall with activities Sensory Space

Group support space Refreshments for all

Halo Bromyard Centre
Saturday 2nd November

11:30-1pm

Sponsored by



Please contact Michelle or Chris on
07837 359403/07975 594311





When children come in to school dressed in their PE kit it allows for more time to be used for physical activity rather than time taken up changing.

Monday	Year 4 wear kit to school
Monday	Year 5 bring kit to school to change
Tuesday	Year 3 wear kit to school
Tuesday	Year 6 bring kit to school to change
Wednesday	Reception wear kit to school
Wednesday	Year 2 wear kit to school
Thursday	Year 1 wear kit to school

After school clubs have now finished for Autumn Term 1.

Please collect your children at their normal home time.

A new list of clubs will be available in November. Thank you

NHS
Children and Adolescent
Mental Health Services
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

We are talking about:

Why do we need sleep, common difficulties including worry and screen time, bedtime routines and top tips.

Top Tips for Helping Your Child Sleep

A Workshop for parents and carers of primary school aged children

Where: St. Peter's Primary School

When: Mon.11th Nov 2.30pm

For more information speak to: Mrs Sam Smith

Pupils in Y3-6 will receive a special assembly earlier in the day 'Top Tips For Sleeping'

Please email us or let school know if you have any accessibility needs.

Find out what WEST has to offer:
www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west
whcnhs.mhtis-camhs@nhs.net

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

- U: Suitable for all ages
- PG: For children aged 7 and above, this content shouldn't unsettle them
- 12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult, this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references
- 15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above
- 18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide when content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, a becoming harder for technology-savvy parents' violent and horror film over more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. In instances considered episodes of older films, where special effects (leading to easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As the content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together - potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror pieces rely on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer - so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A notable side effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. This resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first or not), the best advice is to watch it yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child - and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER - IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them. This can help you approach the topic in a healthy and interactive manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised unless they're browsing and even fewer appear if a child is unlikely to watch for them. This can be changed any time at parent's discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with a safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their children in the ever-changing digital world.

Wake Up Wednesday

The National College

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The Conquest Theatre Presents noda

SHREK

The Musical

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire Music by Jeanine Tesori

25, 26, 31 Oct 1 & 2 Nov 7.30pm
27 Oct & 2 Nov 2.30pm

TICKETS: Adults - £16 | Under 16 - £12

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Real Street Productions
 Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig
 This unique production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
 All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk
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