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Points to Remember for WIB 13.3.23



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DATES

March

Wed 15th & Thurs 16th - NEU Strike Days (School open as normal)

Tues 21st - 9am: Bags2School back (see below)

Fri 24th - Health Screening for Reception (Letter emailed out)
Rose Queen Selection Disco at the Village Hall 6.30

Mon 27th—Reports out for Years 1-5

Wed 29th - Reception and Y6 parent Evening (Book look for Y1 –Y5)

Thu 30th - Reception and Y6 Parent Evening (Book look for Y1 –Y5)

Fri 31st - Break up for the Easter holidays

April

Mon 17th - School opens for Summer Term

Tue 25th—Class 2 to Titanic Museum

May

Tue 2nd – Thur 4th— Year 4 Residential to Conway

Mon 8th—Bank Holiday (additional for Coronation)

Tue 9th—Fri 12th—SATS for Y6

Thur 25th— Class group Photos

Fri 26th—Break up for half term

(Year 6 Residential to Min-y-Don: 10th – 14th July 2023)

Whitley Parking Charter Launches

Parking at Whitley can sometimes be an issue. In order to try and improve the situation, our Junior Road safety Officers have worked with the Country Road Safety Officer to help the school community to park with greater consideration. We are very grateful for your support in helping to keep our pupils and families as safe as possible. It was only last week that a Boy, aged 7, was crushed to death between two parked cars as he changed boots for a rugby match in Plymouth. We must all try to do our best to take as much care as possible so that we can limit these kind of tragic events nationally.

Bags2School—FoWS Event

Do you have any old clothes or fabrics? Please send them into school for the morning of Tues 21st of March. This will help us raise some funds.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Parent Afternoon Appointments for Reception and Year 6 (Wed. 29th and Thu. 30th)

The School Spider Booking System will be going live on Friday afternoon. Please book your appointment if you are in Reception or Y6. Y1—Y5 parents are invited to come into school for a 'Book Look' This is a great opportunity to come and celebrate the progress that your child is making. There is no need for an appointment for the Book Look. You can look at books between 3.15—5.00pm on both days. If you need any assistance please call the school Office.

Free Art Competition

Now in its fifth year, the **Young Artists' Summer Show** is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Submitting artwork is completely free and is done online. We have signed up as a school so when submitting, select **Whitley Village School**. Children under 12 will need a family member or teacher to enter for them. Each child can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When entering, you will be asked for an image of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made. Artwork will be seen by a panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in their online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Please find guidance on submissions here:

<https://yass.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/2023/YASS-Submission-Guidance.pdf>

Please find more information about the Young Artists' Summer Show here:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Submissions close 29th March





World Maths Day Fun

The children at Whitley love to participate in open-ended mathematics challenges. These kinds of opportunities provide a wonderful opportunity for students to dig deeper into the subject. We are very grateful to Mrs Downey for organising our participation in this day of Mathematics. The children have also learnt about some of the great men and women who have helped shaped the subject.

We will shortly be posting a YouTube video on our official channel. Please subscribe!



FoWS Lottery Results

Lots of numbers still available – support your school and help raise £3,200!

Please consider joining this year.

Contact Derry [07973281 124](tel:07973281124) for help and to see which numbers are available.

18/02/2023	29	ROLLOVER	£0
22/02/2023	9	Sammie Parker	£50
25/02/2023	35	Charlotte Mottram	£25
01/03/2023	35	Charlotte Mottram	£25
04/03/2023	7	Di Buckley	£25
08/03/2023	22	ROLLOVER	

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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