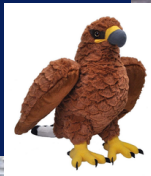


THE FRIDAY LETTER



This Week at The Wyche

Happy Friday to you all,

In another jam-packed week, Badgers worked on intricate collages in the style of Henri Matisse, with materials they had found and prepared, expressing the desert biome through a decoupage and cut-out process which really catches the eye. Stoats worked out that the impact of the cola, vinegar and OJ on the calcium of the eggs meant that these things can be bad for our teeth. Otters planned their Anglo Saxon round houses and drew exploded diagrams, elevations and all that malarkey, Foxes experimented with planting cress in a wide range of media to see which grows best and Hedgehogs spent their Welly Walk thinking about **engaging** with our duty to the environment and sustainability.



Collective Worship

We continued to discuss how we could "Let our light shine" this week and looked at our school anti-bullying message, reminding ourselves that the acronym **STOP** means **S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose and **S**tart **T**elling **O**ther **P**eople. We considered how bullying can be hurting people's bodies, their feelings and their relationships with others and reminded ourselves to always tell an adult we trust and thought about who this might be. We can ask for help if we feel we are being bullied or if we know what we are doing is wrong and need help to stop. If you as parents have concerns about bullying, please speak to your child's teacher who will listen and take action. We also marked Down Syndrome day with a special assembly on Thursday and this week has climaxed by us celebrating Down Syndrome day today, 21st March. We know it is Comic Relief too and have put a link below if you want to donate, but Down Syndrome is a cause very close to our hearts at the Wyche. It's a part of us and so we mark it together. #lotsofsocks

[World Down Syndrome Day](#)

[Donate to Comic Relief](#)

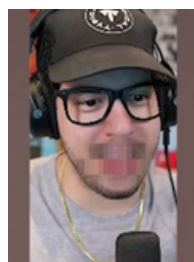


STOP



Online Safety - "Streamers"

When I were a lad, streamers were things you threw at parties ... now it is when people broadcast themselves live on platforms like You Tube and Twitch. As this content is live it is impossible to gauge suitability and content and often viewers are able to communicate directly with streamers in real time making it a high risk activity for primary age children. Check out our guide on p.4



Erm .. language please, you don't know who might be listening!

Support for Parents - Legal

Don't be afraid to ask for help or talk to us about issues you might be facing. We can listen and introduce you to a range of services. [Check out our page offering legal support for families here.](#)



We can all play a part in **safeguarding** children. If you are ever worried about the safety of a child, please discuss this with **Mr Murphy, Mrs Baylis or Mrs Charles**. You can refer or get advice yourself from Children's Services on 01905 822666.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

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In school this week:



We are very proud of our Panathlon Team who travelled to Droitwich High to represent the school. The team did themselves proud and returned wearing T-shirts and bearing medals.

Congratulations!



Rain is forecast, but it's good for the crops and I hope you find ways to connect and be together this weekend, until we meet again on Monday. Always in partnership,

Mr Murphy.

"They will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

Together *We Soar*

Average Attendance?

Otters had the best attendance this week with an excellent 97.8%. We continue to manage *just about average* attendance here at the Wyche but you, the kids, this staff, are *anything but* 'average'. Bring them in every day they are well enough - work with us, talk to us and we'll do it together. Let's give them the best possible start in life and not miss an unnecessary second. Education is gold - let it pile up - it's the investment that pays the best interest, any day of the week.

Afterschool Clubs.

Please be advised that next week will be the last week of afterschool clubs for this term. Colouring club has finished and will not be running next week at all. New Club sign up information will be sent out on the first week of our Summer term - further information to follow.

Music Lesson Invoices.

Thank you to those parents who have paid music invoices. **Can I encourage any outstanding money to come into school as soon as possible?** If you have any problems with this please do not hesitate to contact the office.



Stars of the Week

It is always a delight to award a "Star of the Week" award to a child who has demonstrated the **STRIVE** values in classwork. This week's award-winning superstars are:

Hedgehogs
Rose Devo
Lucy Phillips

Foxes
Theo Wilsdon
Lily Teague

Otters
Thomas Churchill
Ursula Wood-Halle

Stoats
Flo Kauppinen
Vedika Athira

Badgers
Charlie Morris
Teian Morgan

Housepoints!

Beacon, Midsummer and Perseverance all tied for the top spot this week with a huge 90 points a piece!
Congratulations to all.

Sporting Opportunities.

Welland Football club are looking to recruit some new players for their under 10 team. We already have a number of pupils, in school who play for this club. If you are interested please get in touch directly using the contact details shown.



By living and learning together through our Christian values of **Safety, Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Value, & Engagement**, with God's help, we will support each other to "soar", lifting hearts and broadening horizons, so that by giving our best today, the world may be better tomorrow.

WHAT'S ON ?

Mon 24th March: Bishops Wood Trip for Otter and Stoat Classes
Peripatetic Guitar Lessons (Cancelled - all children at Bishops Wood)
Netball Club after-school until 4.15pm

Tues 25th March: Peripatetic Woodwind Lessons
Peripatetic Drum Lessons
Colouring Club - Cancelled
Art Club after-school until 4.15pm

Weds 26th March: Peripatetic Piano Lessons
FAME for Stoat Class

Thurs 27th March: Gymnastics Club after-school until 4.30pm
Choir Club afterschool until 4.15pm

Friday 28th March: Stoat Class 9th Swim
Boccia at The Chase (invited pupils only)
Film Society after-school until 4.15pm
Netball at The Chase 3.45pm (invited pupils only)

Last week of Afterschool Clubs!

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 24th March - Bishops Wood Trip for Otter & Stoat Classes
- Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd April - Parents Evening
- Tuesday 8th April - Easter Service at All Saints Church



KS1 Police Visit!
On Thursday this week KS1 had a visit from our local community PCSO Karen Watson and her partner. They discussed stranger danger and also the role the police play in the community. They let the children try on their uniforms and showed them around the police car - setting off the sirens for them to hear. The children had a lovely afternoon.

POLICE OPEN DAY
FREE event for all ages
Worcester Police Station
WR1 3QX
Sunday 13 April
10am to 3pm
Quiet hour 10am to 11am



- > Custody tour
- > Peeler our mascot dog
- > HWFRS fire engine
- > West Midlands Ambulance Service
- > Severn Area Rescue Association vehicles and equipment
- > Classic police cars
- > Firearms vehicles and equipment
- > Dog handler and police dogs
- > Roads policing vehicles
- > Police motorcycle
- > Police vehicles for children to explore
- > Worcester BID
- > Police equipment and clothing for kids to try on
- > Worcester Safe Space van
- > Blue Knights motorcycle club.
- > Freebies for kids - colouring/activity packs, stickers etc



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.



FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.



UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.



MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.



ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.



DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.



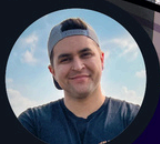
SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



Meet Our Expert

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