

Wheelwright Lane News



Issue 4

4th October 2022

Headteacher Weekly Update

The children were most excited last week to finally find out what our new 5 learning behaviours would be! In our Friday celebration assembly, I was able to reveal the most popular choices by our pupils. Over the next few weeks, the children and staff will be busy learning our 5 behaviours and recognising when we demonstrate these across the school week. Our Friday celebration assemblies will now focus specifically on recognizing the children's efforts in demonstrating these lifelong learning behaviours. I am really looking forward to celebrating this with the children and staff each Friday. Look out for your child coming home with a special certificate or golden sticker!

Attendance Updates

Remember school opens at 8:45am and lessons start at 8:55am

Our school attendance target is 96%

This week our attendance was 95.21%.

This is an improvement on last week.



Diary Dates to Remember!



6.10.2022	Year 6 Evacuation Day Event
10.10.2022	Lower KS2 Reading Event (YR 3 & 4) 3::15 & 6:00
7.10.2022	INSET DAY School Closed
10.10.2022	Upper KS2 Reading Event (YR 5 & 6)
13.10.2022	Flu immunization for children in Reception to Year 6.
17.10.2022	Parents Meeting Face to Face 3:30 – 6:00pm
20.10.2022	Parents Meeting Face to Face 4:00 – 8:00pm
20.10.2022	Non Uniform Day PA fund raising
21.10.2022	Year 6 assembly at 2.15pm parents and grandparents welcome
21.10.2022	School finishes 3.15
w.c 24.10.2022	Half term begins

Class Attendance

Reception	99.33%
Year 1	99.33%
Year 2	93.79%
Year 3	90.63%
Year 4	92.19%
Year 5	97.27%
Year 6	94.24%

Well done Reception Year 1 and Year 5 for reaching our school target!

Growth Mindset

Our staff training this week has focused around growth mindsets. The staff have been working together to see how success builds over time. Research shows that people with a growth mindset are more likely to go and achieve their goals and dreams. Having a growth mind set is believing that, with effort, determination, resilience and by working alongside others, that we can learn, develop, grow and ultimately achieve our goals. At Wheelwright Lane we believe our children can fulfil their potential. We want our pupils to leave our school with the skills they will need for the future, not just academically but socially and emotionally. The children may well come home telling your all about how they have shown a growth mindset through our learning behaviours.

Relationship Motto

What a busy week we have had reviewing our school values! The children have been working hard to demonstrate our school Relationship's Motto of Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair. We have discussed in our recent assembly the term 'fair'. The children had mixed views about what fairness might be. Some children felt that it meant everyone was treated the same and were given the same things while other children felt that fairness meant being given what you need rather than what you want. We used the example of bedtimes where younger children will need an earlier bedtime than older children. The children understood that this was fair in terms of what is needed. We hope that you will support our children with our Relationship's Motto, talking them through examples of this in different aspects of their lives, whether that be home or school. Look out for the rainbow in school which promotes our motto.



Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

PA Events

The PA have organized a disco for the children of Wheelwright Lane on Wednesday 2nd of November.

If you wish to join the PA then please do get in touch with school. The PA help raise valuable funds for the school which we used towards special events such as our Christmas Theatre trips. There will be 2 discos – one for KS1 (yr1 & 2) 5:00 – 6:00pm and 6:15 – 7:15pm. More information will follow but please do add to your diaries!



Learning Reviews

Learning Reviews will take place before half term. This is an opportunity for you to meet face to face with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new classes and to report on their progress. We encourage children to attend with their parents to listen and contribute towards their learning review. There will be two sessions for you to choose from; an early and later one to ensure all parents can attend. Please keep an eye out on the diary dates. Appointment times will be sent out to you to select. This is a great opportunity to celebrate successes and to discuss your child's next steps.

Secondary School Places

Parents of year 6, please note that the deadline for applying for Secondary School places is **31st October 2022**. Please

make sure you apply on time. If you need any support then please enquire with your child's class teacher Mr Trew who will endeavor to help.



On the Look Out

Wheelwright Lane School Governors are on the lookout for new governors to join our friendly and supportive governors. We would welcome parent applications as well as applications from our local and wider community. Governors play an important role in the strategic direction of the school. If you think that you might bring an additional skill to our governors then please do get in touch. We are particularly interested in appointing a governor with an expertise in Health and Safety to complement our board but welcome any interest. Governors meet both face to face and virtually through TEAMS approximately once every half term. There is a commitment to attend to some evening sessions, but we bring tea and biscuits! Being a governor is a rewarding role and we value all applications. Please complete the attached letter of interest and return to the school office. Please do share this with family and friends. The role is not specific to families with children at our school.



School Meals

On **Thursday 6th October** there will be a change to the school meal. We will be offering Pizza or Fish, a firm favourite with our children. If your child wishes to have a hot dinner, then please ensure they tell their classroom adult or enquire at the office.



A Proud Moment

We are so very proud of one of our pupils in year 5. Eliot-Mae has shown incredible bravery, determination and resilience when having her hair cut for an incredibly good cause. Eliot-Mae has chosen to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust which makes wigs for child cancer patients. I speak on behalf of all the staff and children at Wheelwright Lane when I say a huge Well Done to Eliot-Mae. We are so very proud of you and are so lucky to have such a kind and thoughtful pupil at our school. For further information about The Little Princess Trust please visit the website [Little Princess Trust \(littleprincesses.org.uk\)](http://littleprincesses.org.uk)



A big thank you to all the parents that attended our Reading Workshop for KS1 on Monday. We hope everyone that attended found the event helpful and informative. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please do ask if you wish to receive a copy of our powerpoint presentation.

Best Wishes

Miss Rutherford



Online Safety - YouTube

There is no denying it, children love YouTube. They can spend hours searching and watching their favourite videos, researching a school topic or creating their own videos and uploading them to share with family and friends. Unfortunately, not everything on YouTube is child friendly, and young people can come across some very inappropriate content including violence, sexual videos, bad language and even bullying and trolls.

YouTube can be an amazing resource for knowledge and entertainment, as well as a great way for children to explore their creativity when making videos. However, don't forget that YouTube's own terms and conditions mean that it should not be used by anyone under 13 years of age. By following the advice and tips on the information leaflet (sent out with the newsletter), you can make it a safer place, but remember you can't make it 100% safe, so keep having regular chats with your children about what they are doing and take time to sit down with them and use YouTube together and have some fun as a family.

If your children are under 13 years of age then YouTube has created an App available on Google Play and Apple's App store especially for them called '[YouTube for Kids](#)'. Created especially by YouTube using stronger filtering algorithms to keep kids safe. Remember though nothing is 100% safe so maintain an interest in what they are doing and keep having those important safety chats. There is a second leaflet about YouTube for Kids with this newsletter.

If you have any further questions or need any more advice regarding this, please contact Mrs Hitchins.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

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.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday

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.

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.

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'.

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.

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.

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.

