



Wookey Weekly News

Friday 18th January 2019



Hot Lunches next week - Week 3

Congratulations to our stars of the week this week. They are: Hector and Bebe (Chestnut), Bella and Gracie (Willow), Ruari and Esmee (Oak) and Joseph (Rowan). They will be having their celebration with Mr Marsh in school next week.



Do you know about [Austin's butterfly](#)? This is a wonderful example of how we can use feedback to improve our work. We have been using this example with the children; they really 'get' how feedback is a positive thing and we are seeing this translate to their learning across the curriculum. If you are interested, you can click the link and watch the video.

You could then help the children on their journey by engaging with the feedback process whenever your child posts something to their Seesaw learning journal. A positive comment, coupled with something that your child could do even better, is all we are looking for. The children will really appreciate this and it will help spur them on to even greater success. Many thanks for your help in this.

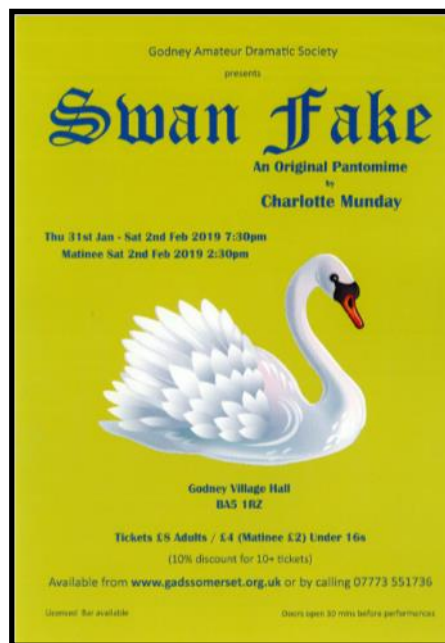


We had another very productive WSA meeting in school on Monday this week. The WSA kindly agreed to fund a number of upcoming class trips this term as part of our time travel topic and also agreed to hold a School Quiz Night on **Friday February 15th**. We hope to see you there at what will be another enjoyable evening.

We are looking forward to our next day with UX2 on Tuesday 22nd January. The focus this time will be 'survival skills'. It should be another exciting day and as before can we ask that all children come to school dressed for an active outdoor session. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

As before, these sessions are being funded by the Wookey School Association. Thank you to them for supporting our work with UX2.

We felt the loss of another member of our school community this week with the very sad news of the death Jo Waterman on Monday. We awarded Jo a long service medal as she and her family left the school last June, all three children having grown up with us from playgroup through to year 6. Jo was an active member of our community, from serving on the playgroup committee to giving up her time to teach our children to cook. She helped our leavers to prepare meals for staff and parents and she was known on the playground for her huge smile and positive attitude. We send our love and offers of support to her family and friends at this very sad time.



change 4 life



The children will all be bringing home a 'Change 4 Life' pack with them today. These packs have been issued to all primary schools in England in response to latest figures which suggest that 22% of children are overweight or obese when they start primary school, and that this increases to 34% by the time that they finish primary. Please do look with your child at the pack that they bring home with them as it ties in really nicely to the efforts that we are making in school to encourage all children to eat their fruit and vegetables at lunchtime.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 22nd January - UX2 visiting us again.
- Tuesday 29th January - Cross Country Race
- Tuesday 5th February - Chestnut Trip to Glastonbury Museum
- Tuesday 5th February - First Netball League Fixture v Elmhurst A
- Monday 11th February - Netball Festival at Wells Blue School
- Friday 15th February - Last Day of Term 3
- Monday 25th February - Netball Festival at Wells Blue School
- Monday 4th March - Parent Teacher Meetings from 3:30 - 5:30pm**
- Tuesday 5th March - Cross Country Race
- Wednesday 6th March - Parent Teacher Meetings from 4:30 - 6:30pm**
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Friday 15th March - Futsal Tournament at Strode Sports Centre
- Tuesday 26th March - Cross Country Race
- Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Bonnet Parade (Rowan Class and Little Acorns) @ 9:15am
- Tuesday 2nd March - Netball League Fixture v Butleigh
- Friday 5th March - Easter Events

Our online booking system for Parent Teacher Meetings will be live on our website from **Monday 4th February**.

Digital Wellbeing - Childnet Guidance for Parents

Growing up in the Digital World can be both positive and negative for our children. Technology allows them to connect, share and learn in all sorts of ways. But, as recent research has shown, being online can put pressure on children or expose them to upsetting experiences.

As adults, it can be difficult to know how to support our children to become healthy, confident users of technology.

So Childnet has produced guidance to support parents in this. It is organised into different age groups from 3-18 year-olds and provides support for parents with children of all ages:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing>



Dear Parent / Carer,

Safer Internet Day 2019 – make a family gameplan

Safer Internet Day is an annual opportunity for schools and families to think about how we can make the online world a positive place for children of all ages.

Many of our pupils enjoy gaming at home, with friends and parents. Gaming can be enjoyable, creative and can develop problem-solving and collaborative skills.

You may want to know more about how to support your child if they're gaming, including:

- how to participate
- how to manage their gaming time
- how to make sure they are sharing personal information securely

A gameplan is an agreement you can use to help your child game safely and positively. Please find attached a gameplan template for your family, where you can agree what it is okay for you all to do when gaming.

For more information about gaming:

NSPCC Net Aware www.net-aware.org.uk

Ask About Games www.askaboutgames.com

PEGI <https://pegi.info>

For more information about being safe online:

NSPCC Share Aware www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware

UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Advice on screentime <http://bit.ly/RCPCH-ScreenTimeForParents>



What's my gameplan?

A **gameplan** is an agreement that families can use to help them game safely and positively. What will you agree together?

Questions to ask	We have agreed...
<p>When do I game?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it stopping me from doing other things? Am I ready to stop an hour before bedtime? 	
<p>Which games do I choose?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this game okay for me to play? Have we checked the PEGI rating? Have we checked the settings (including chat)? 	
<p>Who am I gaming with?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Am I playing by myself or with other people? Do my parents know who I am playing with? Can I mute, block and report people if I need to? 	
<p>What am I sharing when I game?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What information is it okay for me to share? How does the game use my data? 	
<p>How active am I?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Am I active while I am playing the game? Am I taking regular game breaks? Am I balancing my game time with other activities? 	
<p>How will I behave?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can I be kind to other gamers? Can I stop when I need to? Who will I talk to if something upsets me? 	

For more information and advice, visit the UK Safer Internet Centre
www.saferinternet.org.uk

What's my gameplan? is part of the Somerset e-Pledge to support Safer Internet Day 2019 <http://bit.ly/ePledge2019>



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