

Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

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LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you all well and that you managed to get out and enjoy some of the brighter weather over the half-term break - signs of spring are very much on the way! It was a delight to welcome back such smiley happy children to school following a well-deserved break this morning.

The run-up to the half-term was a rather busy one – we celebrated Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing week, National Safer Internet Day and the children in Years 5&6 enjoyed their curriculum launch day by working with Science Oxford in the 'Exploradome' which supported their work on earth and space, as well as taking part in an activity that developed a range of art skills. Please do remember to take a look at the Spring Term curriculum maps on the school website if you would like to find out more about your child's learning.



Class Curriculum Celebration Assemblies:

If you haven't done so already – please save the date for your child's Curriculum Celebration Assembly, which start at 2.30pm.

Wednesday 28 th February	Kingfishers Years 3&4
Wednesday 6 th March	Kestrels Years 5&6
Wednesday 13 th March	Woodpeckers Years 5&6
Wednesday 20 th March	Cygnets Years 1&2
Wednesday 27 th March	Goslings Years 1&2
Wednesday 1 st May	Nightingales Years 3&4
Wednesday 12 th June	Ducklings Years 1&2
Wednesday 26 th June	EYFS: Reception
Wednesday 3 rd July	EYFS: Nursery

PTA Support: End of Term Disco & Thank you!

What an amazing end to last half-term – it was wonderful to see so many of our children come together at the PTA disco. There was a lot of sparkly outfits, great dance moves and very excited, happy children. It was very well attended, and we would like to take the opportunity not only to thank the parent community for supporting such an event, but also to the PTA team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it such a success. It is thanks to the fundraising efforts of the PTA that we can offer many of our school visits within each phase at a reduced cost, due to their generous donations. This has been hugely beneficial and very much appreciated, especially with such an increase in transport costs that we are facing. A big thank you, Victoria and team.



Sponsorship from Blenheim and Owen Mumford

In order to deliver our computing curriculum effectively, we need to access a range of programming kit for the children to use. Often these kits can be loaned to schools for short periods of time, however, accessing them has become increasingly difficult due to high demand from schools. We would like to thank Blenheim Palace's Community and Innovation Team, as well as local business Owen Mumford who agreed to fully sponsor two programming class kits for our school. We are very grateful and appreciative for their support with our curriculum and enabling us to deliver a high-quality computing education to our children.

Thank you as always for the continued support you give to our school, it is always very much appreciated and hugely valued.

Yours sincerely,



Anna Poole
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding Children Updates

What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families



The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

Child Mental Health: click [here](#)

The Safeguarding Network: click [here](#)



Collective Worship Weekly Theme

Week Beginning: 19/2/24		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: Positive Labels			
Biblical Link:	Romans 14:13 "Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister." (NIV)		
Christian Value:	Love	<div>Invitation prayer</div> <p>Dear God, Thank you for all the positive words we can use to describe how unique and special we are, Help us not to judge others and to understand we are unlikely to know someone's 'full story', Help us to love one another as you love each of us, Amen</p>	
Understanding Christianity Theme:	 Gospel		

Our World



Young Artists' Summer Show

Calling all artists! The Royal Academy of Arts has opened their Young Artists' Summer Show 2024. Please see the flyer below for more information and then follow the link if you have any further questions:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Each child can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, we will ask 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 it. Your artwork will be seen by our panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes are awarded each year for inspiring artworks, as chosen by the President of the Royal Academy. You can also vote for your favourite artwork in our annual People's Choice Award.

The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme, so artworks can be of any subject and we don't mind when you made the artwork as long as you are between 4-19 years old when you submit it. We also welcome collaborative pieces made by more than one student...

If you would like to enter the competition, please email art@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk and Mrs Boutayeb will send you the permissions form, guidance for submissions and details about how to photograph the artwork.

Once you have read the guidance, please send a second email with the photo of the artwork and the completed permission form attached.

All entries need to be sent by Friday 22nd March in order for Mrs Boutayeb to submit the entries before the deadline.

We look forward to seeing what you create. Let's shine a light on the artistic talent at our school!

A flyer for the Young Artists' Summer Show 2024. The background is purple and green with a large, stylized number '2024' in the center. The text is white and yellow. The Royal Academy of Arts logo is at the bottom left.

Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage.

How to enter

From 8 January 2024, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 27 March 2024.

Important dates

8 January – 27 March 2024
Registration and submission open

May 2024
Judging

16 July 2024
Online exhibition opens

16 July – 11 August 2024
Display at the RA open

Sign up and find out more
royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists
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What you need to know about...

WEBCAMS

What are they?

'Webcams'

Most commonly found embedded in laptop screens and smartphones, webcams are tiny video/still cameras designed to let you participate in video calls on services such as Skype and Zoom. They have become hugely popular since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, allowing homeworkers to chat with remote colleagues and helping friends and families stay in touch. However, there are many security and privacy risks associated with webcams that owners should be aware of.

Know the Risks

Hackers

Webcams are a prime target for hackers as they give attackers a highly intrusive eye into the victim's home. There have been several high-profile breaches where integrated laptop webcams or dedicated webcams have been targeted.

Malware

Malware often targets webcams, secretly giving hackers access to your computer's webcam without any visible signs that the camera is switched on. Such malware can arrive in email attachments or by clicking on rogue links on websites, and it can often install itself in the background without the user being alerted.

Access to strangers

Children can be naïve to the dangers of allowing strangers to access the computer's webcam. They may click through warning messages that grant access to the camera or they may willingly share the camera with people they meet online who are pretending to be children.

Blackmail

Webcams can be used for blackmail, even when the webcam itself hasn't been hacked. Fraudsters will claim to have webcam footage or stills of the victim whilst naked or accessing pornography and threaten to post such footage on social media or send it to employers if the victim fails to pay up. The fraudsters normally don't have any footage at all, but the threat is often enough.

Look out for...

The indicator light

It can be difficult to tell if your webcam has been compromised or is secretly capturing footage. If the little indicator light (normally green) next to the webcam is lit when you don't expect it to be, this could be a sign.

Camera permissions

Check the camera permissions on your computer to ensure no rogue or unnecessary apps have been granted access to the camera. Switch off any apps that don't need access to the camera. If you never use the webcam, you can bar all access to the webcam. Better still, cover it when not in use.

Unexpected saved folders

Another telltale sign of a webcam compromise is folders containing videos or photos taken by your webcam appearing on your computer. Malware will often save videos/photos on your machine before attempting to upload them to the hackers, who will then use them for blackmail purposes. Check your Photos and Videos folders occasionally for any unexpected files.

User Safety Tips

Explain the dangers to children

Talk to your children about the dangers of talking with strangers via webcam and tell them not to accept any video chat requests from people they don't know in real life. Keep computers in family rooms, so that children can't covertly use the webcam in their bedrooms.

Refuse & report

Do not pay anyone claiming to have captured embarrassing webcam footage of you. It's highly likely they don't have footage in the first place, and even if they do, paying them may encourage them to demand more money. Report the matter to the police and keep a record of any evidence you can.

Unplug webcams & update firewalls

Unplug external (USB) webcams when they're not in use. Make sure your computer is running up-to-date security software and that the firewall is switched on. This can thwart attempts to access your webcam remotely.

Our Expert Barry Collins



Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as The Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues over the years.

20 THINGS YOU CAN DO AND SAY TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH



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