

**SUBJECT NEWS**

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**Message from the Headteacher**

This week has seen Year 5 attend Llanrug and they have all had a fabulous time. They have participated in many activities such as: visiting the beach; scrambling up stream, weaselling, canoeing and climbing a mini mountain. We have shared some photographs on our Facebook page for you to have a look.

The whole school has participated in mental health week as we believe it is important that we look after our mental health and wellbeing. Throughout the week we have taken time to discuss meaningful connections and how important they are for our mental health. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

The school council met this week and discussed what they would like to do to raise money for Red Nose Day, so please look out for more information.

New week we are having a week focusing on Art knowledge and skills. The children are going to visit the local art gallery and we have invited you into school to complete some art work with your child/ren. A letter has been sent out with all the information on.

As always, if you have any other queries or questions, please contact the school who will direct your query to the appropriate member of staff. My door is always open so please feel free to contact me or Mr Prigg. We regularly update school news on the website so please look there for new information.

**Mrs Nicola Sheeran-Ball**

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance to date (Since September)	
Overall attendance 91.61%	
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	87.99%
Year 1	90.42%
Year 2	91.73%
Year 3	93.05%
Year 4	92.80%
Year 5	90.80%
Year 6	93.45%

Please remember that if your child(ren) are unwell and will not be attending school, please make sure you contact the school to inform them **each** day they are absent.



# READING

*Reader's theatre helps to develop a fluent reading style where children practise reading something aloud and then perform to an audience. This is something we practise at school.*



Have a go at reading one of these poems.

1. Read the poem aloud and think about how you can use your voice to make it sound interesting.

Think about how you can vary your voice to match what you are reading... is it sad? Use a sad voice.

Is a loud or quiet volume needed or do you need to switch between the two?

2. Read them aloud to someone at home.
3. You might even want to add some actions to your performance.

## **Snowball** By Shel Silverstein

I made myself a snowball  
As perfect as could be.  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet  
And let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pyjamas  
And a pillow for its head.  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first it wet the bed.



## **My Big Fat Cat** By Christian M. Mitewu

I own a big fat cat-  
The fattest for miles around.  
Wherever there's lots of food,  
That's where he'll be found.

He's really good at eating.  
It's a talent, I suppose.  
I'm sure if he keeps at it  
He'd win the talent shows.

I own a big fat cat-  
He weighs at least a ton.  
He couldn't run to save his life.  
Yes, he isn't much fun.

His favourite room's the kitchen.  
(I'm sure we all know why.)  
He eats just about everything,  
So that's why, with a sigh...

I'd like to tell you, Teacher,  
I'd like to tell you straight,  
I might have "accidentally" dropped  
My homework in his plate.



# Writing



## Boggle!

Write down as many words as you can find using these letters:

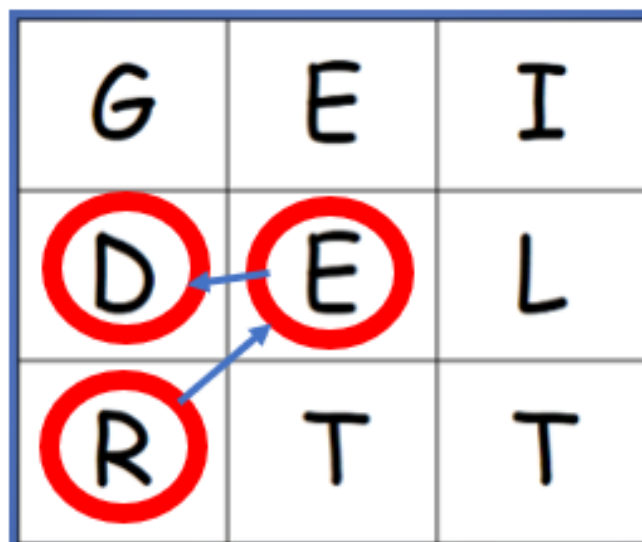


G	E	I
D	E	L
R	T	T



Words can be made joining letters vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

G	E	I
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	L
<b>R</b>	T	T



# MATHS



**Times tables are so important at Carnforth!**

If you find them tricky, here are some rhymes which may help you to remember them.

7's Playing 3 games in 7 days would be fun,  $3 \times 7 = 21$

7 and 4 are running late,  $7 \times 4 = 28$

4 and 7 went fishing with bait,  $4 \times 7 = 28$

7 and 5 went for a drive. Who's in the back seat? It's 35

I know now and you do too!  $6 \times 7$  is 42

Multiplication is easy 4 me 2 do.  $6 \times 7 = 42$

$7 \times 7$  has four straight lines, which will = 49

You are cool, you are fine!  $7 \times 7$  is 49

7 and 7 are doing fine,  $7 \times 7$  is 49

5 - 6 - 7 - 8,  $56 = 7 \times 8$

9 and 7 climb a tree,  $9 \times 7 = 63$

12 and 7 clean the floor,  $12 \times 7$  is 84



# PSHE CHALLENGE

In PSHE, we have been learning about the adults in our school and spotting who is who.

Here are some of the teachers in our school – see if you can name them all?

Do you know which year group they teach in?



# ART

Reception have had a fabulous week exploring the creative area, looking at colour mixing and experimenting to make different colours.

We have also introduced powder paints for the children to mix up and make their own paint.

We have been looking at our local area and they have created some wonderful paintings of their houses.



# POSITIVE WELLBEING and MENTAL HEALTH

## Take a little time out!

Place2Be is a free advice service for parents to support with all things Mental Health! There is a selection of short reads and videos covering a range of different topics. Why not have a look and see in what ways you can support your child with their Mental Health and Wellbeing.

The screenshot shows the 'Parenting Smart' section of the Place2Be website. It features a purple header with the 'Place2Be' logo and the text 'Parenting Smart'. Below this, it says 'Parenting advice from our child mental health experts' and 'Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Search here e.g. bed time' and a magnifying glass icon.

46 Topics

▼ All Results

▼ Recently Add...

Supporting healthy gaming habits for children

2 min video  
10 min read

Read now

Helping your child develop talents

2 min video  
6 min read

Read now

Safe social media for primary aged children

2 min video  
10 min read

Read now

## Remember.....



# GEOGRAPHY

Can you guess these famous world landmarks?

1/10



This statue, known as Lady Liberty or the Statue of Liberty, is struck by lightning over 600 times a year! Where is it?

2/10



This bridge crosses the River Thames. What's it called?

4/10



This tower is the most visited monument in the world! What city is it in?

5/10



This structure took 1500 years to build! Where is it?

10/10



Where is this massive wall?



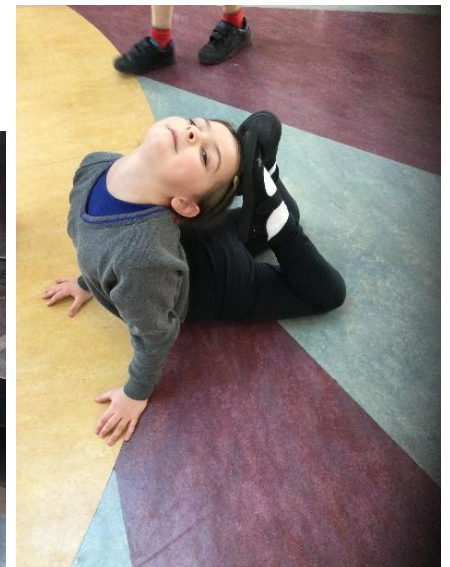
# SPORT and PE

Reception have been working hard on their throwing and catching skills this half term. They have worked really hard to remember the throw the ball under arm and to position their hands perfectly to catch.



Year 1 have been learning about 'points' for balancing - the children explored lots of different ways to balance and have used the apparatus to help them.

The children have really enjoyed practicing their movement and balancing skills and they cannot wait to get the wall bars out next week!



PE challenge - Go outside this weekend for a winter walk. Get your heart racing and your blood pumping in the lovely winter weather.

# GAMING AND ONLINE SAFETY



YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.



AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**



What parents need to know about

# YouTube



## SPENDING A PREMIUM

YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to tempt viewers into a £12-per-month plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.



## DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS

On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

## SHARING VIDEOS

As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Stampy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive hurtful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

## IN-APP MESSAGING

When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'Friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts - which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS

As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.



National Online Safety

# Top Tips for Parents

## TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE

'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content - you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

### Desktop:

- Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON'.
- To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser.

### Mobile:

- Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press, 'Settings'.
- Click on 'Restricted mode filtering'.
- Press 'Restrict'.

Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

## CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT

By having a shared family Google account, checking the history will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the library section, click 'History'. On mobiles, the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

## BLOCKING ACCOUNTS

When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About'.
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user'.
- Tap 'Submit'.

## MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING

The only way to truly know what your child may be watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated dangers of content they are uploading and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTubers to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel, however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

## \*NEW FEATURES\*

### DIGITAL WELLBEING

YouTube has launched a tool called 'Time Watched' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help resist the urge to check for notifications.

## OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN

A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and older - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google family account.

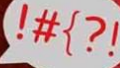
## MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES

If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

## POPULAR YOUTUBE GAMERS

There are hundreds of YouTube accounts which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for games, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTuber's are posting. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

- Stampy
- Yogscast Lewis & Simon
- PewDiePie
- EthanGamer
- Markiplier
- PopularMMOs
- CaptainSparklez
- Jackspecticeye
- LtCorbis
- Dan TDM



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# FREE February

# multi sports activities

Freedom Leisure will be providing  
1 week of completely **FREE** multi-sports  
across Worcester from Monday 20 -  
Friday 24 February 2023...



- **Where?** 14 different venues across Worcester City
- **Who?** For 3 - 18 year olds
- **What?** Multi-sports activities including cricket, tennis, football and much more!
- **How?** Book on to each activity session for **FREE** via the website or using the QR code below

Advanced  
booking  
advised!

	session 1 11.30am - 12.30pm	session 2 1.30pm - 2.30pm	session 3 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Monday 20 February	Diglis Playing Fields	Countryside Centre	Ronkswood Community Centre
Tuesday 21 February	St Johns Sport Centre	Cripplegate Park Tennis Courts	Dines Green Community Centre
Wednesday 22 February	Nunnery Wood Sports Complex	Countryside Centre	Fort Royal Park
Thursday 23 February	Cripplegate Park	Northwick Playing Fields	Warndon Community Centre
Friday 24 February	Gheluvelt Park	Perdiswell Park	KGV Community Centre

Times and dates are subject to change. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/responsible adult. Parental consent is required for all participants and we recommend booking in advance. We only facilitate sessions and do not operate as a childcare service or creche facility. We do not accept responsibility for any children left at the sessions unattended.

For additional information (including location details) on all activities taking place in Worcester, visit our webpage [www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/activecommworcs](http://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/activecommworcs) or alternatively call us on 07523514858.



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