



I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. Last week, our school was buzzing with excitement and joy as we came together for the Autumn Lights event. The atmosphere was nothing short of magical, and it was heartwarming to witness our 'Royal' families actively supporting the cause. Thanks to your generous contributions, we raised an impressive £900.00 on that special night. A huge shout out to the PTA for organising such a wonderful event.

This week, our pupils embraced the spirit of giving once again as they wore spots to raise funds for a very worthy cause—Children in Need. The enthusiasm and originality shown by our pupils was great to see, the final amount raised will be shared on next week's newsletter. Your support in these endeavours demonstrates the compassion and empathy that define our school community.

In addition to charitable activities, our pupils have been actively engaged in the inter-house general knowledge competition. Well done to all the finalists that took part, we are very proud of you! The anticipation is building, and I am excited to announce the overall winner next week.

Tonight, our school choir is set to enchant the audience at the annual choir event held at St Bartholomew's Church. I am personally looking forward to witnessing the talent and enjoyment of our choir members as they represent our school at this event. Thank you to all our staff who have helped support this event and the hours of rehearsal time that they have organised.

As we reflect on the past week, I am reminded of the incredible sense of community that defines our school. Whether it's supporting a charitable cause, participating in friendly competitions, or showcasing our talents at local events, each one of you plays a crucial role in making our school a vibrant and nurturing environment.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to sharing more highlights and successes with you in the weeks to come.

Wishing you all a wonderful and fulfilling week ahead.

Mrs K Jefferson
Primary Head Teacher



Year 6 had a wonderful time welcoming a polar regions workshop to delve into their new topic of 'Frozen Kingdom' for this half term. They discovered key features of the Arctic and the Antarctic including climate, the animals of the polar regions and famous explorers. They also had the opportunity to handle and use historically accurate artefacts and props.



ASSEMBLY

This half term, our school assemblies are centred around the core value of Respect. As part of our commitment to supporting Anti-Bullying Week, we shared the 'Make a Noise About Bullying' campaign during this week's assembly.



Support for parents and carers can be found [HERE](#)



This week's cost of living tips

Money Helper - Please click the link to free guidance [HERE](#)



Free Kids Clothes

POP UP, KIDS ECO-CLOTHES BANK

Saturday 18th November 2023 10.00^{am} till 12.30^{pm}

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Bushbury Road, Heath Town, Wolverhampton. WV10 0LY

Please come and join us for our winter clothes bank event.

We will have a selection of pre-worn but good condition children's clothing.

All items will be free to anyone who can use them.

WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS EVENT WE WILL HELP US ALL TO:-

- **REUSE** more children's clothing.
- **REDUCE** fashion and textile waste.
- **RELIEVE** some of the cost of living for families.



Pop in anytime between 10.00^{am} and 12.30^{pm} and see if we have anything your family could use.





Riva, Avaay & Ellie 4CC for their amazing creative homework on their Blue Abyss cornerstones topic.

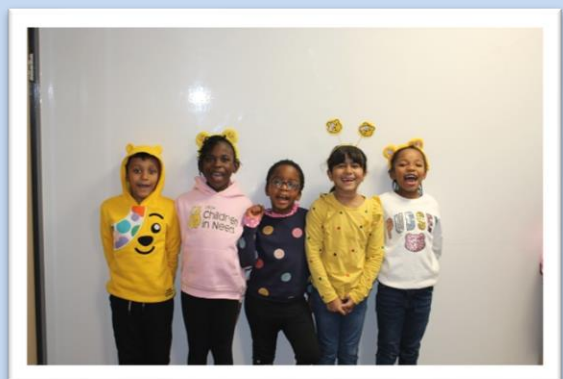
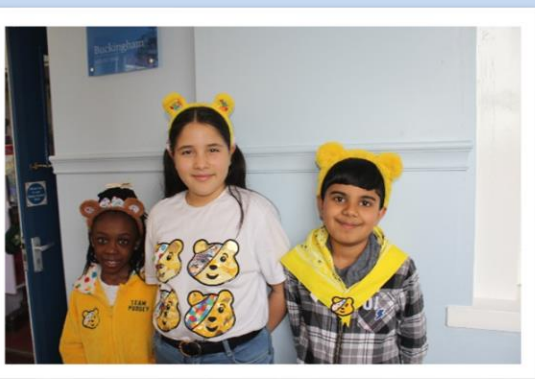


Talia, Levi & Lukah 1ER for their hardwork and effort in Maths.



Mrs Jefferson was very impressed with Isaac 4HE, Fathima & Anaya 4LD for their homework on the Blue Abyss topic. The standards have been very high this year!

Children In Need 2023

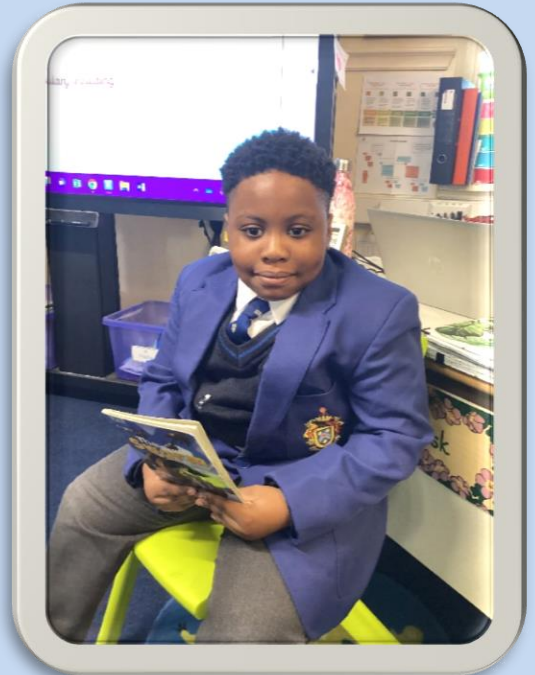


Important Reminder

Medication Drop-off at Reception

We would like to remind you that all medication must be handed in at the school's reception and not to class teachers, together with signed medical consent forms. This policy ensures that medications are stored and administered correctly, following our school protocols.

4LD and 4HE had a surprise visit from Deuel in 2AT! He has been working incredibly hard on developing his reading skills and came to read the students a story. The children were blown away by his fluency and expression used. Well done, Deuel!



Please see this week's sign

Makaton sign of the week.



Bold/ Brave/ Courage



Flat hand moves slightly forward to 'Good' hand

Bold/ Brave/ Courage

Diary

- Thursday 30th Visiting Speaker Eva Abley

Sports Fixtures

- Monday 27th Nov Year 5/6 Netball v St Stephens
- Wednesday 29th Nov U11/10 Football v Prestfelde (H)



The Royal School
Wolverhampton

Vacancies at The Royal
Please click the link below for our latest vacancies

<https://theroyalschool.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/boarding-wolverhampton-west-midlands/staff-vacancies>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SMART TVs

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Smart TVs are the future of home entertainment ... but how safe is that future? The percentage of UK households that own a smart TV has leapt from 11% to 74% in less than ten years – and that proportion is only expected to increase further as more viewers discover the various benefits of these sophisticated systems.

While the technology is impressive, fun and increasingly affordable, the flip side is that the number of people (especially young ones) who need to be aware of their risks has risen commensurately. This week's guide outlines how to avoid some common smart TV hazards, so that you can relax a little when your children do.



General Knowledge Quiz House Competition Final

We are thrilled to announce the exciting culmination of the Interhouse Quiz Competition! Today marked the intense battle of wits between Year 2 - Year 4, and the energy and enthusiasm displayed by our young participants were truly commendable.

The competition showcased not only the pupil's academic talent but also their teamwork, quick thinking, and problem-solving skills.

But the excitement doesn't end here! Next week, we eagerly anticipate the showdown between Year 5 and Year 6. The anticipation is building, and we can't wait to see the brilliant minds from these upper primary classes engage in a battle of knowledge.

We look forward to an exciting conclusion to the Interhouse Quiz Competition next week.



Following a sad case of strangulation following entanglement with an electrical cord, RoSPA have updated [the bedtime section](#) of their [Keeping Kids Safe Hub](#). The NCMD and RoSPA would like to thank the CDOP that raised this case to our attention, and we'd like to highlight this useful resource for parents and professionals seeking guidance across a range of aspects of life with babies and children.

Link: [Bedtime - RoSPA](#) and [Keeping Kids Safe - RoSPA](#)

Breathe easy

“ He would have been much too young and would have been much too weak to release himself. ”

Coroner's report, blind cord strangulation

Such a scary thought that something could stop your child breathing. But, the steps to stop that happening are simple and make sense.



Window blinds – It can take just 15 seconds for a toddler to lose consciousness if a blind cord is caught around their neck – and they can die in just two to three minutes.

- Fit a cleat hook or tensioner to keep blind cords and chains safely away and always use them. New blinds should come with these
- Consider cord free blinds for children's rooms
- Remember children may climb and get higher than you think. Move bedroom furniture away from cords and chains
- Make sure the cords on the back of Roman blinds are connected using a device that breaks under pressure.



Sleeping and slings – babies can be suffocated by things they can't push away.

- A clear cot is a safe cot – avoid duvets, pillows and cot bumpers
- Don't sleep on the sofa with your baby as it increases their chances of suffocation massively
- If you're exhausted or have been drinking or smoking, or if they are premature or low birth weight, don't sleep with your baby in your bed
- Follow the T.I.C.K.S advice for slings or carriers www.babyslingsafety.co.uk



Nappy sacks – young babies naturally grasp things and pull them to their mouths, but aren't able to pull them away. They can suffocate on flimsy nappy sacks.

- Store nappy sacks well out of reach of babies
- Never store nappy sacks under the cot mattress.



Choking – babies and young children are still learning to chew, swallow and breathe in the right order. There's no sound to warn you. But there are simple ways to stop it happening.

- Don't prop a baby's bottle up to feed them
- Cut round food like grapes, tomatoes and big blueberries in half lengthways or quarters, not just across
- Cut hard food like carrots, apples, sausages and cheese into thin strips, and chop nuts up small
- Avoid popcorn, marshmallows and hard round sweets like mini eggs or boiled sweets
- Put small parts from older children's toys out of reach
- Watch the Chokeables film for first aid advice www.sja.org.uk/thechokeables

Sports Fixtures



U9A Football Vs Yarlet

This was a stunning debut for the U9A footballers. The Royal dominated the game from the first seconds with stunning shots on goal and a blistering pace to our game. By half-time we had accumulated a superb 6-0 lead and several of our players were gallant enough to play for the opposition, in order to support their team. Captain Stanley along with his fellow forwards, Jesus and Ronn showed commendable spirit. Avaay and Dejaun were superb in their defence.

Result: Won

Score: 9-0

Year 4 Netball v Tettenhall College

On Thursday 16th November, Year 4 played netball matches against Tettenhall College. It was the girls' first match and they played really well!

A team lost 2-0

B team drew 2-2

Players of the match:

A - Ayvah VFC

B - Hibbat



After a hugely successful October Half Term Camp, STRiVE will be returning to offer some Christmas creativity and fun.

Book your space now to avoid disappointment!



Attendance week commencing 13th November 2023

Week Beginning 13th November 2023																						
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On Tuesday Year 1 participated in their engage day for their new topic 'Bright Lights, Big City'. The children had a pyjama day with their favourite teddy bear. We explored Paddington Bear and the different adventures he went on when he visited London. We made crowns for our teddy bears so they would be able to visit Buckingham Palace and did some junk modelling to design our own versions of Paddington Bears house.



PTA Autumn Lights 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended Autumn Lights last Friday.

More than 700 tickets sold out in record time and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the event.

The 10-minute-long display was spectacular and certainly made the night go with a bang! Families also enjoyed a wide selection of hot food and drinks.

PTA co-chair Jo Hobbs said: "We are thrilled to say the hard work of our volunteers, staff and pupils helped to raise more than £900.00 which will go towards a new outdoor classroom and equipment."

The PTA are now busy planning a Christmas Fayre which will take place on December 8th.

Please save the date for this free to enter event and full details will be shared next week.

For further photos and videos of the event, please click on our school website :- Photo Gallery [CLICK HERE](#) Video Gallery [CLICK HERE](#)

