



The Royal School

Wolverhampton

The Royal Primary Newsletter

What another busy week it has been! From engaging lessons to thrilling activities, it's been a whirlwind of learning and excitement, and topping it all off with a sea of red for 'Red Nose Day', our charity fundraising event, was amazing. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. Together, we've made a meaningful difference, and I couldn't be prouder of our community's generosity and compassion.

As we're just one week away from the Easter holidays, I want to make sure everyone is aware of the exciting holiday camps happening right here at our school. It's a fantastic opportunity for pupils to continue learning and having fun during the break.

Additionally, I want to extend a reminder to anyone in need of food assistance to please register with Mrs. Cooper. We have plenty of stock available for those seeking additional support, and it's important to ensure that everyone in our community has access to the resources they need.

You might have noticed some small wooden sheds popping up just off Penn Road path and Claremont path. These are our new lending libraries, and soon they'll be brimming with books! Our goal is to ensure that every child in our community always has access to a book to read. So please, feel free to take a book to enjoy with your child, or encourage them to pick out one for themselves.

And if you have any children's books at home that you'd like to donate to our libraries, we'd be thrilled to have them! Simply bring them along and add them to our collection. Let's spread the joy of reading far and wide in our community!



Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

What's on at Easter

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Diary Dates

- Wednesday 20th March until Friday 22nd March Year 4 residential visit to Kingswood

Year 5 and 6 Wolverhampton City Futsal Tournament

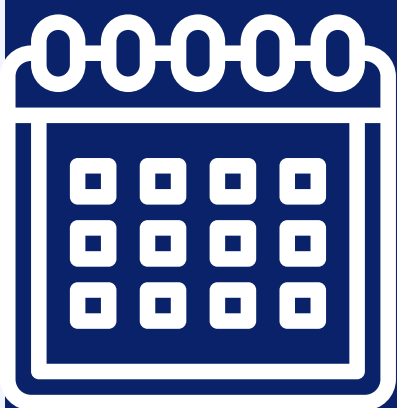
Seven pupils represented the Royal at the city futsal tournament where we were finalists! Only to be beaten by higher-level footballers. Well, done to Olivia R and Harper for scoring our goals! A big shout out should go to Scarlett D who was player of the tournament being our goalkeeper! It was a fantastic morning at Aldersley, and the team played brilliantly! Enjoy the picture of the team with their medal!

Well done - Mirha, Riya, Keeley, Hazel (year 5) Harper, Olivia, Scarlett!



Futsal Sport

Futsal is a football-based game played on a hardcourt like a basketball court, smaller than a football pitch, and mainly indoors. It has similarities to five-a-side football and indoor football. Futsal is played between two teams of five players each, one of whom is the goalkeeper.



Sporting Fixtures

- Wednesday 20th March YR 5 Football v Stafford Prep (A)



Celebrating the Dedication of Year 5 & Year 6 Pupils in Karate Club



We are delighted to shine a spotlight on the remarkable dedication and perseverance demonstrated by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils in the after-school karate club. Under the guidance of their instructor, Dr. Josh Johnson, these young martial artists have truly embodied the spirit of commitment and hard work.

Dr. Johnson couldn't be prouder of the progress and achievements made by each and every pupil. From mastering intricate techniques to embracing the discipline required in martial arts, our pupils have shown incredible growth both on and off the mat. Their journey is a testament to the power of determination and the rewards of consistent effort.



Congratulations to Mannat, Krishan, Renae, Mihail Aaron & Avaani

Dr Josh Johnson makes the paper!

Dr Josh Johnson has taught karate in Wolverhampton for over 50 years, currently at Woodfield Sports and Social Club, and was even a world champion in the 1970s. In a surprise event, Dr Josh Johnson was awarded a 9th Dan (Kuban) Black Belt in karate. This is one of the highest awards given. Please click the link

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WIFI (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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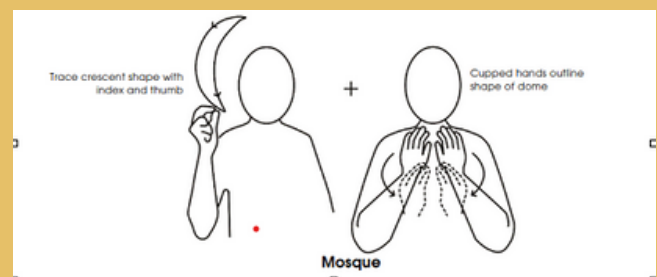
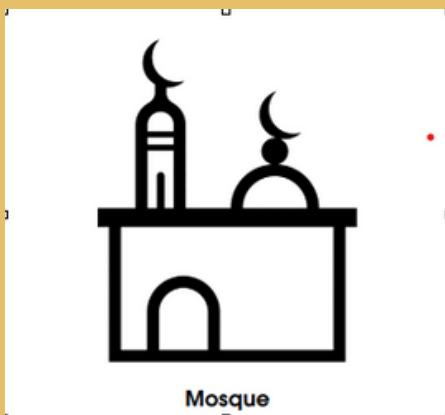
During British Science Week this week, Year 2 have been applying their learning outdoors.

They discussed healthy eating and considered what an eat well plate would look like. The children also learnt about the different food groups and how a balanced diet is important for humans.

After designing their own eat well plate, the children went outside to test their creative skills. They scavenged for different materials such as leaves, sticks and stones to create their own healthy meal. The children enjoyed using sticks for food such as bananas and rocks to represent different fruits and vegetables.



Makaton Sign of the week





CITY OF
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COUNCIL

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 20th March
10:00 - 12:00am

*Everyone's
Welcome*

Join us at Graiseley Family hub for our SEND Coffee morning. This is open to families of children/young people with any special educational need or disability and those who are currently undergoing assesment.

Get advice and support from other parents, SENCO's and various professionals.
Booking required via Eventbrite

Graiseley Family Hub.
Pool Street,
Wolverhampton.
WV2 4NE.






Mental Health
Support Team

CRAFT 'N' CHAT

Free drop in event for children, young people and their parents and carers.

Wednesday 27th March 2024
Wednesday 3rd April 2024
Drop in any time between 10:30am and 14:30pm

Location:
Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street,
Wolverhampton, WV1 1DU

Reflexions is a Mental Health Support Team that works in schools and colleges to support children and young people.

The Craft n Chat event includes therapeutic activities including painting, sculpting, collage, construction and mindfulness activities with the opportunity for you to speak with Mental Health Practitioners about ways to support your child's wellbeing.



Craft & Chat

Wednesday 27th March to
Wednesday 3rd April
Wolverhampton Art Gallery

Attendance - Week Commencing Monday 26th February 2024

Week Beginning 26th February 2024																				
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As we strive to ensure the well-being and health of our pupils, we would like to take a moment to remind you of the guidelines for packed lunches. A balanced and nutritious lunch is essential for your child's energy levels and concentration throughout the school day.

The guidelines are:

Packed Lunch Guidance
If parents, choose to send a packed lunch they must ensure that is entirely nut free. No nuts in any food should be brought into school.
One portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day to be included in packed lunches.
Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein should be included every day. <u>Non dairy</u> sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel.
An oily fish, such as salmon, should be included at least once every three weeks.
A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, should be included every day.
A dairy food, such as semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard should be included every day.
<u>Drinks</u> - free fresh drinking water is provided by the school. No other drinks are allowed.
Snacks such as crisps should not be included every day . Instead, include seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice.
Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets should not be included . Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal.
Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally.



Food Parcels

As we approach the Easter break, we understand that many families may be facing financial challenges, particularly concerning food prices.

In light of this, we will continue to offer food parcels to families who may require assistance. These parcels will contain essential food items to help alleviate any financial strain you may be experiencing.

If you find yourself in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out. Mrs. Cooper kcooper@theroyal.school our dedicated staff member, will be coordinating the distribution of these food parcels. All you need to do is click on the link provided [HERE](#) and Mrs. Cooper will ensure that your parcel is ready for collection on the last day of term from 3:15 pm onwards.

Cost of Living Tips



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Year 6

Year 6 have been having a fun couple of weeks exploring books. We had our first visit to the new fun-filled library. We explored books and was able to take out our favourite. We can't wait to go back.

We are also coming to the end of our Michael Morpurgo author study. We have looked at themes, descriptive devices, characters, settings and even practiced the dialect of the characters in the books. We have also been lucky enough to join a webinar with Sir Michael Morpurgo himself. Here he told us his influences, why he enjoyed being a writer and where his love of animals came from. He also read a snippet of one of our favourite books Butterfly Lion.

On the webinar the Born Free charity also joined us. They discussed how they rescue Lions from captivity and integrate them onto their reserve.

