

NEWSLETTER Thursday 25th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well – it's been a busy time over the last two weeks with all the classes working hard as the term hits full speed. I have the pleasure of having children come to me to show off their work and it is always a joy to see the effort and progress they make – my gold stickers guarantee a smile!

LANDSCOVE LEARNERS

Class One have been exploring composing numbers 0-5 in lots of different ways this week. They particularly enjoyed using real-world objects, for example 3 hoops plus 2 hoops equals 5 hoops.



Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed our book club sessions ~ they have so many stories and opinions to share! During book club last week, we partnered up with Class 4 to share our favourite books and to explore non-fiction and poetry texts. Class 4 pupils are great at showing the younger children the joy that can be found in a book!



This week, in computing, **Class Three** were introduced to the concept of sequences by joining blocks of code together in scratch. Scratch lessons will lead to the creation of interactive stories, games and animations ~ we can't wait to see what they create.



Class Four had an amazing time at R.A.F Harrowbeer. They listened intently while archivist, Michael, shared his remarkable knowledge about the history of the airfield. There was plenty to explore around the learning bases: gas masks, rationing, air and sea rescue, air raid shelters, and the museum housing an incredible range of war time memorabilia. It was particularly lovely to receive an email from the volunteers who run the centre thanking us for our visit and saying that the children were all very well behaved, polite and a real credit to our schools. How lovely!



ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

This week in Collective Worship the children shared their thoughts about perseverance and individual liberty, particularly when persevering to be heard, have a voice and stand up for your thoughts and feelings. The children are able to respectfully articulate how their ideas link to our school values and British values.

We are going to be learning about British values

- **Individual Liberty**

In Britain, as long as we do not break the law, we can live as we choose to and have our own opinions about things.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	93.7%
Class 1	90.7%
Class 2	96.3%
Class 3	90.8%
Class 4	95%
Well done to Class 2!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

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INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is free and can be accessed almost anywhere, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as age-restricted (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY
Content creators can also be put at risk, especially young ones who want to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The point-to-point ice challenge, which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT
YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to children overwatching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if auto-play is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as well-known influencers in the comments section, attempting to lure children by clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or get rich quick schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from choosing across-age inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be subscribed to and can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS
Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily favouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert
Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

[Free Online Safety Guide | YouTube \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

FOLS – A message from Michelle

Movie night is coming up, many of you have already bought tickets but there are still lots of spaces left. This is such a lovely treat for the children, we are showing the newly released Trolls: Band Together and it is only £8 including a hot dog, popcorn, drink and mufti. Friday the 2nd February 3:30pm – 5:30pm email fols@outlook.com to get your ticket.

Do sign up for the 100 club if you can, its such an easy way to make money for FOLS plus being in with the chance to win yourself. It is only £4 per month, with £2 going to FOLS and £2 going into the monthly prize fund.

Coming up ~

- 2nd February ~ 3.30pm – 5.30pm Movie Night & Mufti Day. The film will be Trolls 'Band Together'. £8 to include mufti, hotdog, popcorn & a drink. Please e-mail fols@outlook.com to reserve a place.
- 17th May ~ Bags2school

Thanks, Michelle.

COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 th – 11 th February	Mental health week: The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.
6 th February	Safer internet day Parent workshop at 9am in school hall with Mr A
6 th February	Class 1 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
9 th February	Break up for half term. Back to school Monday 19 th Feb
27 th & 29 th February	Parent consultations – booking info will be sent in due course
23 rd February	Class 3 Forest school day
1 st March	Class 2 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
5 th March	Class 3 Mosque educational visit
8 th March	Mothering Friday
8 th March	Class 4 Forest school day
11 th March	Jewish speaker visiting Class 2 & Class 4
12 th March	Class 3 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
13 th March	Class 4 educational visit: Occombe Farm
19 th March	Class 4 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
22 nd March	Class 2 Forest School day
25 th March	Y5/6 Hockey tournament
26 th March	Easter in a day & Easter collective with Rev Gina
28 th March	Break up – 3.30pm finish

That's all the news for now. Enjoy your weekend.

Jill Ryder.

BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

Brought to you in partnership with
TQ9: Together We Care Programme

All donations will go to the 'TQ9: Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes. Funded by the Paige Adams Trust.



NO BOOKING REQUIRED




Sessions available between 1pm - 4pm on:
Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

The sessions are on a pay-what-you-can basis (free if that is what you can afford). A collection tin will be on the reception desk and 100% of all donations will support the programme.

- No need to book but limited capacity.
- The sessions are parent supervised.
- The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8.
- Sessions are in the Sports Hall at Totnes Leisure Centre.

What's available at the centre:

- Bouncy castle
- Soft play
- Music
- Warm space
- Seating area
- Tea and coffee, plus fruit for the kids
- Free wifi and charging points

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