

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

6th October 2023

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Jos** Class 2: **George C-H** Class 3: **Joseph W** Class 4: **Amelie**

Badges: ★ **George** (Red Star)

★ **Riley, Mya** (Gold Star)

Headteacher awards: **Sebastian B, Oliver S, Bonnie, Poppy**

Writer of the Week: **Katie A**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Eric G** Class 2: **Jude** Class 3: **Liberty**

Badges: ★ **Joey** (Bronze Star)

★ **Xanthe** (Gold Star)

Headteacher awards: **Dillon, Zakariyah, Paige, Alice, Joey**

Writer of the Week: **Bea**

Dear Parents,

On the day of our Harvest services, I would like to thank our school communities for your support. The food that you have generously donated will be given to Burton Hope, to support people who are struggling at the moment. To find out more about the charity and the work it does, use the link www.burtonhope.co.uk

The generosity and support from everyone this week has been wonderful, and it fits perfectly with our Fruit of the Spirit values of kindness, goodness and love. It is so important that the children see these examples of our community living these values. This will help them to live these values throughout their lives.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 100%

CLASS 2 - 95%

CLASS 3 - 97%

CLASS 4 - 97%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 96%

CLASS 2 - 95%

CLASS 3 - 96%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

10.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
11.10.23	BHANGRA DANCING CLASS 2 AT JTHS
12.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
24.10.23	FLU VACCINATIONS
30.10.23	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
6.11.23	INSET DAY
8.12.23	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS 9.15 AM
20.12.23	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
22.12.23	LAST DAY OF TERM
9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 2.45 PM
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 9.15 AM
3.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
18.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

10.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
11.12.23	BHANGRA DANCING YEARS 1/2 AT JTHS
12.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
30.10.23	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
6.11.23	INSET DAY
23.11.23	FLU VACCINATIONS
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4.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
17.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

Events and dates are subject to change but we will always try to stick to dates as much as possible.

LABELLING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Reminder - Please make sure all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name, we can then return all lost items promptly to the right child. Thank you.



This week's Forest School was very busy. Each child chose a conker and used a hand drill, perfect for conkers, to screw a hole and attach some string. I was very surprised to learn that only one or two were familiar with the game of conkers. Unfortunately, as all the children used the drill, and a lot also used a sheath knife today, the afternoon ran away from us and we weren't able to set up a competition. Mrs Storer and I did however manage to do a quick demonstration. May, as it is supposed to be a lovely warm weekend ahead of us, I suggest that maybe if they have time, the children could perhaps go conker collecting and have a competition within their own families?

If you do, please send me your photos and I can put them onto next week's Forest School blog.

We discussed that conkers were the product of the Horse Chestnut tree. Famous for its seeds known as 'conkers', Horse Chestnuts are not native to the UK. In winter even young specimens display the fat brown sticky buds which develop into large 'fingered' leaves, hang down and have a long stalk. The flower spike of large white or pink hyacinth-like flowers is a very attractive sight in woodlands in spring (April).



Some of the children also used a sheath knife extremely well to whittle a stick and managed to hold it correctly and listened very carefully to the safety instructions. Those that didn't get to use the sheath knife this week will do so next week.

Hopefully next week, subject to it not raining heavily, we will do fire lighting.

Mrs Spencer
Forest School Leader



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FOREST **S**SCHOOL



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

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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