



Stocksbridge Junior School

60

Years of Learning Together



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Yesterday, our Y6 pupils travelled to Crucial Crew at Rotherham to learn about safety and citizenship in an interactive manner. Whilst exploring a film-set type street scene, children find out about current issues, such as fire and water safety and how to travel safely in the community. They even visited a Magistrates' Court and took part in a 'mock' court case, discovering many interesting facts about the age of criminal responsibility in the UK (10 years old, in case you were wondering!) and the consequences of being found guilty.

Visiting Crucial Crew is a reminder that when our children leave us to start Year 7, they will be expected to be more independent, responsible young people. It was a pleasure to take our Y6 cohort on this trip yesterday – they were complimented throughout the day on their excellent behaviour, engagement and participation. They are definitely well on the way to being knowledgeable citizens of the future!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Sophie Barber
- Y3MR: Maximus Briggs

- Y4KT: Ronnie Kelly
- Y4MH: Darcy Ruddlesdin
- Y4OS: Presley Krompass

- Y5FP: Sebastian Fox
- Y5GG: Devon Taylor
- Y5HK: Carson Bowskill

- Y6CG: Elijah Muhone
- Y6ER: Delyse Galloway
- Y6RD: Lucas Irvine

Miss Sheehan: Bella Keenan
Mr Tee: Chester Parsons

Y3/4 Yard: Morgan Leggett
Y5/6 Yard: Darcy Hague
Dining-Room: James Birch

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Hattie Simpson
Ahrea Dyson-Bowen

Y4 - CAIRO

Alfie Kaine

Y5 - BEIJING

Harry Hanson
Sophie Damms

Y3 - PARIS

Mariella Batty
Nova Butler
Lucy Mahon
Matilda McGhee
Emily Merryman
Noah Siddall

Y4 - NAIROBI

Dottie Cookson

Y5 - TOKYO

Cordelia Hibbert
Lottie Siddall
William Powell
Dylan Whiteley

Y4 TIMES TABLES PARENT WORKSHOP

Y4 Parents are invited to a Times Tables Parents Workshop in school on Monday 16th January at 5:15pm. The purpose of this workshop is to share with parents the necessary information about the upcoming statutory Multiplication Tables Check that will take place for Y4s in June of this year. We aim to provide resources, tips and tricks to be able to fully support your child in learning their times tables at home.

LONDON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Letters have been sent home this week inviting the parents of our current Y4 children to express an interest in next academic year's trip to London. If your child's slip has not yet been returned, please ensure it has been handed into the office on Monday.

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children how to keep themselves safe online. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. As part of this commitment, we are working to become reaccredited as a National Online Safety certified school.

We would like to invite parents to join us by accessing the wide variety of resources available.

Please use our school's unique link, <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/stocksbridge-junior-school>, to access the NOS website, create an account and explore the resources. To support our progress towards Certified School Status, parents are invited to complete one of the NOS courses, for example, the 'Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11'.



We very much hope parents find these resources support conversations with children about their online lives.

SPELLING BEE 2023



This week, we have launched our annual Spelling Bee competition. Children have been given their word list in preparation for the first round during the week beginning Monday 30th January. Children will compete within their class and the highest scoring spellers across the year group progress to the semi-finals. Children will be learning their spellings in class but parents' help with this at home is invaluable. Good luck to all children!

SPORTS EVENTS

Good luck to the children participating in Sporting events next week:

- Our Y4 basketball squad are off to compete in a competition after school on Thursday.
- The indoor athletics squad have progressed through to the City Final which takes place at EIS on Friday morning.
- Our cross-country runners will be taking part in race 6 of the season on Saturday 21st January at Brunswick Primary School.

PRIME HYDRATION DRINK

We have seen a number of children bringing bottles of Prime into school. We request that parents support school's policy that children only bring a reusable bottle of tap water to school.

Although we acknowledge that Prime Hydration's main ingredient is coconut water and it is marketed not to contain caffeine, we believe tap water is the best form of hydration. We would take the same approach if we saw a rise of any other sports drink, such as Powerade.

SHEFFIELD'S SWEET ENOUGH

The 'Sheffield is Sweet Enough' campaign aims to help local families, food businesses, schools and healthcare professionals tackle the harms caused by eating too much sugar. Together with their partners, which include the NHS, it provides helpful facts, sugar swaps, tips and advice for all ages.

The website contains information on how much sugar is too much, the NHS England guidelines by age group, understanding food labels and recipe ideas for cooking healthy homemade family meals.

For further information, please visit their website at

<https://www.sheffieldissweetenough.org/>.



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Cheese & Onion Quiche Served with Baby Potatoes	Chicken Tikka Masala Served with 50/50 Rice	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes	Census Day Menu Beef or Quorn burger in a bun, diced potatoes and salad	Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese	Falafel in a Pitta Served with slaw & 50/50 Rice 5	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes		Veggie Burger Served with Chunky Chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5	Mellors' Slaw Baked Beans Salad Bar	Steamed Broccoli Salad Bar	Carrots Cabbage Salad Bar	Chocolate ice cream	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate Brownie	Lemon Muffin	Ice-Cream 5		Strawberry Whip
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT 5	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO & SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato

NETBALL YOUTH CAMP

Netball Youth Camp is back for February half term. Expect a day of bee netball activities, with top-quality coaching, fun games and match play; it's the ultimate day for junior netball lovers!



EIS Sheffield, S9 5DA, 10am-3pm

9-11yrs 15th Feb
11-14yrs 16th Feb

Scan the QR code to book

£35 EN member / £40 non EN member
For more information, contact: Beccy.Lewis@englandnetball.co.uk

INDOOR Table Top SALE

Sunday 19th February
10:00am - 1:00pm

(Stalls set up from 9:00am - £12 per table)

Free entry and car parking

For further details or to book a table please
contact the centre on: 0114 2883792

Refreshments and snacks will be on
sale all day from 



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How to create a great environment for kids to talk

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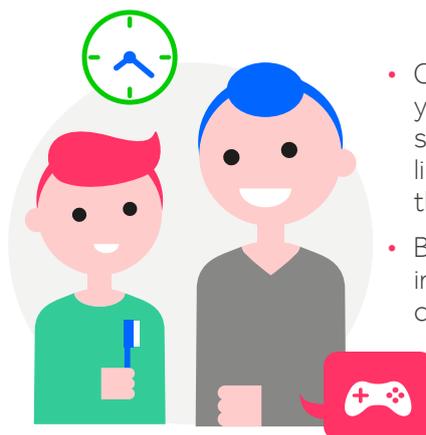
TALK EARLY AND OFTEN



- Talk with children from an early age to make it easier to maintain good communication
- Have bitesize conversations that are relevant to them

2

CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME



- Choose to talk when you are due to spend some time together, like over a meal or during their bedtime routine
- Bring digital experience into normal, everyday conversations

3

OPEN UP AND SHARE TOO



- Model the behaviour you want them to show by sharing about your day
- Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported

4

CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD



- Ask open-ended questions
- Ensure that your child feels listened to rather than cornered
- When they start talking, hold off with questions and really listen
- Be prepared, calm and patient with them

Things to cover in conversations

ONLINE REPUTATION



- Understanding how online activity creates a 'digital footprint' that lasts forever
- Being a good digital citizen e.g. treating people like you would face to face
- Thinking before posting

CRITICAL THINKING



- Making them aware that some people hide behind fake profiles
- Being critical about what they see online as not everything is true
- Agreeing digital boundaries to allow them freedom to make informed decisions

PERSONAL SAFETY



- Keeping info private on devices and apps they use through privacy settings
- What a good social media profile looks like
- Create strong passwords for every online account

RESOLVING ONLINE ISSUES



- Tools and strategies to deal with issues they may face online such as cyberbullying or seeing inappropriate content
- Where & how to report an issue – encouraging them to speak to an adult

BEST OF THE NET



- What they enjoy most about their favourite apps or sites
- The coolest sites and apps among their group of friends
- Talking about things online you can enjoy together and ways to stay involved in their digital world

Internet Matters App



Download our free tablet app for a fun way to start a conversation about online safety with your child and help them make smart choices online

Download on the
App Store

GET IT ON
Google Play

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation ... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests!') like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child *does* take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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