

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Value for this week

- Unity

This week's value is Unity. We are showing unity by working together to raise money for our Outdoor Classroom. No celebration assembly this week due to the Open Air Theatre, but all awards will be handed out next week.

Year 3



We've had a very busy few weeks in Year 3 and have been putting our computing skills to good use. We have used Canva to make lots of information pages and posters. We made templates and learned how to change fonts, add images and choose different frames to add pictures from our Kings and Queens day.

During last week's heat wave, some of us used Canva to make Sun Safety posters as part of our Science and PSHE learning. "I liked it when we used Canva in RE to make an information sheet about pilgrimages." said Tabbie. "I liked making posters for our Outdoor Learning fundraising on Canva." shared Ivy.

Talking of fundraising, Year 3 were full of ideas and are so excited about our two fundraising events. We will be having a Sweet Stall next week where we will be selling pick 'n' mix, lollypops as well as a Guess how many sweets in the jar competition! "I'm excited to try and raise money," said Ellie. Ollie added, "I'm really excited to help on the sweet stall to raise money for the Outdoor Classroom and our vegetable patch."



As part of our fundraising, Year 3 are excited to host Wisborough Green's Got Talent and we are looking forward to this fun opportunity for all the children to share their talents while supporting our fundraising efforts. Emily and Sienna are both excited about showing the judges their gymnastic skills. Look out for one of our information posters to find out how to sign up to take part.

In all the busyness of the last few weeks of term we've continued our work in English and Maths and have just finished our last Fractions topic. "I really liked that in fractions we got to do really hard equations like $4/4 - 6/10$ and we learned how to substitute one whole to answer them." said Freddie.



We have recently begun the last part of our Art and DT topic which is sewing. "I enjoyed sewing because we learnt how to do running stitch and backstitch." said Pippa. "I really enjoyed the sewing because it took my mind off my naughty brother and sister!" declared Brock. Everyone tried really hard and soon got the hang of threading the needle and sewing. Jaz shared, "It was difficult at first but I didn't give up!" and Matilda added "It was really fun when we got to do the sewing, I'm proud of the work I did." I can't wait to see their finished pieces.



Weekly Safeguarding Spotlight!

This week's safeguarding spotlight focuses on Lego Fortnite with advice for parents and educators to support awareness of the potential risks.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

LEGO FORTNITE

Epic Games have recently introduced three new game modes to Fortnite: Rocket Racing, Fortnite Festival and, finally, Lego Fortnite: a survival game using official Lego characters. There are lots of great mechanics that encourage creativity in children, but – as with any online game – it's important to stay aware of the potential risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MONETISATION

Lego Fortnite utilises a similar online item shop to the main Fortnite game. When this title was released, the makers introduced thousands of Lego versions of the original game's character skins. Owning an original Fortnite cosmetic means you also own the LEGO version at no extra cost, but the addition of these extra versions could potentially spark new interest in young players, making it more tempting to pay real money for these in-game accessories.

ONLINE PLAY

LEGO Fortnite can be played online, as with the base game. While a player's LEGO world is private when it's first created, they can then invite anyone on their in-game friends list to play with them. If any strangers are on this friends list, they can be invited onto their server. Thankfully, Epic Games has implemented a solid reporting system, as well as tools to kick other players from the game.

FEAR FACTOR

There is no explicit violence in Lego Fortnite, but there is a lot of combat. While the battles in Lego Fortnite remain very cartoonish and child friendly, a lot of the action unfolds inside dark caves, with spiders, skeletons or scary-looking monsters. The game can get a little spooky at times, which could potentially scare younger players.

COMPLEX GAMEPLAY

Lego Fortnite is a survival game, though it's not as simple as something like Minecraft. There are lots of different crafting stations and loads of items to use or combine (including various rarities to seek out and harvest). The gathering and crafting elements of the game can get quite complicated and confusing, which could be a source of frustration for some younger players.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEGO IS FRIENDLY

Much like real Lego, this game is incredibly inviting. It's friendly, fun and accessible: a younger player could still enjoy this title even if they'd never played Fortnite before. With sanitised violence, it's a far more family-friendly gaming experience all round – worth bearing in mind if you're concerned about children and young people being exposed to violent or frightening content.

SET LITTLE CHALLENGES

As we've noted, the game is a lot more difficult than it may seem, which could be frustrating or upsetting for some younger players. While the game does a good job of setting realistic targets for players, it can still feel overwhelming. If parents suggest smaller challenges – such as building a house – children can flex their creativity, express themselves with their builds and feel a real sense of accomplishment.

PLAY TOGETHER

Take some time to play the game together. Not only will that help with some of the complicated tasks, but it's also just a fun pastime. Playing with family members also reduces the potential for younger players to invite strangers to enjoy the game with – if any are on their friends list. Furthermore, playing with children will let you more effectively limit their time spent on the game. Instead of "switch it off", you can now say "let's play some more later!"

MONITOR SPENDING

If a child has provided their parents' email address and been given consent to make in-game purchases, it's worth keeping an eye on how much gets spent on the in-game currency, V-Bucks. It's very tempting to buy character skins in LEGO form, as a way of expressing yourself and looking cool and unique. As you may know already, the average skin costs between £6-18, which can add up very quickly if not tracked and limited. Keep in mind that you can make it necessary to enter a PIN code to validate every purchase using the game's parental controls, and you can prevent the game from saving your payment information whenever you make a purchase. Furthermore, players under-13 automatically have their spending limited to \$100 (£78.55) per day.

Meet Our Expert

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Whole School End of Year Picnic - Chartwells Ordering

There is a change in the Chartwells menu for the last day of term, due to the Whole School End of Year Picnic. Instead of the roast dinner option, there will only be a packed lunch choice. If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child for the picnic, please do so on ParentPay (it will be down as a 'trip meal'). If you have already ordered a meal for this day, please log on and amend your booking. This includes for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents are welcome to bring along picnic lunches for themselves and their children. There will not be any spare Chartwells meals this day if you do not order.

This afternoon's open air performance of 'Pinocchio' by the Illyria Theatre Ltd has been absolutely amazing. The children and adults have had a wonderful afternoon!



Water Safety Reminder 💧

As the warm weather continues, please remind children and young people of the dangers of swimming in reservoirs, rivers, lakes and other unsupervised bodies of water. Although they may appear safe, open water can contain hidden hazards including cold water shock, strong currents, submerged obstacles, sudden drop-offs and harmful algae.



Mental Health Webinars

The Charlie Waller is running two free mental health webinars for parents. Please follow [this link](#) to sign up.

Congratulations to the winner of this week's PTA Cake Raffle!

Key Dates

July

- Friday 10th - PTA Disco
- Wednesday 15th 5:30pm - Year 5/6 End of Year Production
- Thursday 16th 9:15am - Year 5/6 End of Year Production
- Friday 17th - Open Afternoon
- Wednesday 22nd - Y6 Leavers Assembly & Whole School Picnic
- Wednesday 22nd - Last Day of Term 2.00pm Finish



For future diary dates, please visit our [website's school calendar](#). Thank you.