

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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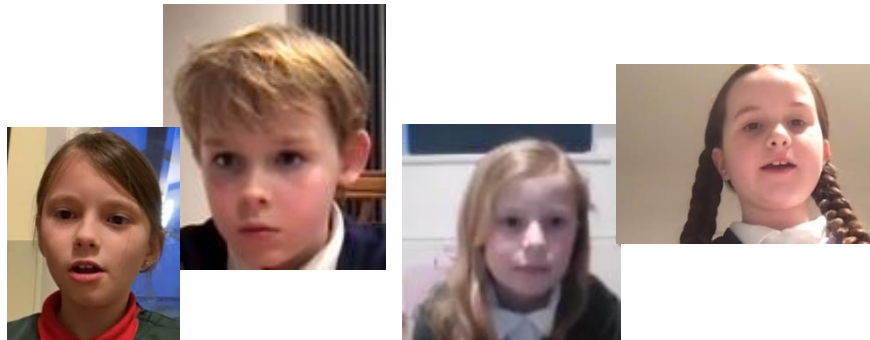


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Young Voices

This week, we again held our Young Voices public speaking competition in conjunction with Ilminster Rotary. It really does seem as if the standard gets higher and higher year on year and all the finalists from Greenfylde, Neroche Primary and St Bartholomew's C of E First School, spoke with confidence on the given topic, 'How can we look after our world for future generations?'

We were very proud of our Greenfylde finalists Eoghan, Phoebe, Lydia and Freddie and we also want to congratulate all those children who took part. Certificates for our finalists will be presented in the star of the week assemblies in w/c 21st March and invites will be forwarded to families.



Fairtrade Display

Do try and take a look at the Fairtrade display in the showcase window by the Ilminster Emporium on Silver Street. The children have produced some excellent work and this is displayed alongside photographs of their learning for Fairtrade Fortnight which got the children to think about protecting their future World.



Safeguarding – play equipment

A reminder to families that if the yellow cones are out by the climbing frames, including the tower/castle, this should not be used by the children. Thank you for your support with this.

Look at a book

This week's book is chosen by Coker class, 'Look Up!'. Coker class loved this and its sister book on World Book Day. Look Up! reminds us to appreciate the world and Rocket Rules (available free with the World Book Day voucher) gives us rules to live a happy, healthy life!



DEC Ukraine Hospitality Appeal

Thank you to everyone's generosity on our non uniform day, with it we are able to send £861.43 to the appeal.

Comic Relief

Next Friday 18th March, we will be having a non-uniform day (you might want to wear something red if you have it) for Comic Relief. We appreciate there have been a lot of days recently so supporting the charity with donations is optional (we suggest 50p per family) and all children regardless are welcome to wear own clothes that day.

Wonderful Writers

Congratulations to this term's Wonderful Writers

Dove	Improving	Excellent
Pippin	Rowan	Juliet
Sandew	Arthur	Lyla-Rose
	Teddy	Jacob
Golden	Martha	Beth
Puffin	Bradley	Eleanor
Camelot	Korey	Charlie
Hook	Milo	Alice
Dunkerton	Lucas	Isla
Morgan	Ellie-Mae	Chloe
Ashton	Oscar	Fen
Coker	Reggie	Eoghan
Coopers	Abigail	Phoebe
Gatcombe	Beau	Alice

All of the children's writing is now on display in the school hall and we will give out your pencils and certificates in next week's Star of the Week assemblies Thursday 17th March at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 18th March at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

Covid

Whilst Covid legislation has changed, we are still asking families to support the school by following the Government's recommended guidance below. This will remain in place until tests are no longer available free, which we anticipate will be 1st April.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.

If **negative**, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;
If **positive**, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. They may be able to leave isolation and return to school on day 6 if day 5 and day 6 lateral flow tests, tested at least 24 hours apart are both negative.

If the child has a positive test result, but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. Isolation can end early as above. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

A reminder that any information e.g if your child is waiting for a test or when they have received a result **must** be sent by email to the school office at greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk, please don't send via School Comms as the office email is checked out of hours unlike the School Comms app. **We also request that you don't send this via Class Dojo or Tapestry.** Your child must not come in or be brought to school if they have any Covid symptoms.

When reporting absence please state the symptoms your child is experiencing as depending on these it changes their coding on the register. **If we receive messages with just descriptions such as 'ill/unwell/under the weather' then the office will need to follow this up with you in a telephone call.** Please can we ask families to be respectful to any calls from the office re potential Covid illness as they are only following the Government guidance.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week

Dove	Millie H & Zeke T-T
Pippin	Willow H & Matilda W
Sandew	Delilah W & Hayley H
Golden	Eli H-B & Skyler C
Puffin	Eleanor T & Elliot W
Camelot	Clara H & Dove B
Hook	Ariella P & Lucas L-L
Dunkerton	Ivy C & Evie T-T
Morgan	Reeya Z & Phoebe G
Ashton	Max W & Kiki H
Coker	Harriet G & Alexia L
Coopers	Harvey B & Mason W
Gatcombe	Emily S & Ruby G

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 17th March at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 18th March at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.**



News from FrOGS

Eyes Down! FrOGS family Chocolate Bingo in the school hall is back – Friday 25 March!

On Friday 25 March we will be joined by our legendary bingo caller and chair of Harlequin carnival club Steve Dawe who will lead a family friendly evening of chocolate bingo in the school hall! This popular event will provide plenty of chocolate, cake and refreshments along with some great prizes! Join us at 6:00 for a 6:15 start in the school hall. Message us via the Friends of Greenfylde School facebook public group to register your interest or turn up on the night!



Easter egg donations request for chocolate bingo

To help make our first face-to-face event in TWO years a success please can families donate via the school office (not via teachers please!) an Easter egg per family by Wednesday 23 March. Thank you!



Pancake flip – final call for sponsorship monies

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has paid in their pancake flip/fun run sponsorship monies! If you still haven't then please make sure your cash/cheques are with the school office by the end of today (Friday 11 March) or that you pay in via BACS to Friends of Greenfylde School, 30-92-40 Account: 01410937 referencing 'Pancake'. We will be doing the final count on Monday and will let you know how much we made!

Online safety update

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 issue of many 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 AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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COVID

In light of the changes to the Government guidance from Thursday 24th February 2022, the following guidance has been issued. Contact tracing has now ended nationally so we will no longer be informing parents where there is a positive case.

The guidance has ended the need for close contacts to LFT for 7 days as well. If a child has one of the 3 main Covid symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste/smell and/or new continuous cough) they will still need to get a PCR (not LFT) test. Whilst isolation is now guidance not law we would strongly recommend that positive cases do isolate for at least 5 full days following their day 0 and have 2 clear, 24 hours apart LFTs (LFTs can still be sourced via <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>).

This is the same advice we are giving to our staff to try and support our school community. Guidance will change again on the 1st April and we will update this when that happens. We will keep contingencies in place if required and as per local Public Health guidance, these will come into use if the following occur: A higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to COVID-19 infection Evidence of severe disease due to COVID-19, for example if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19 A cluster of cases where there are concerns about the health needs of vulnerable staff or students within the affected group.

We hope this answers any questions you may have. Entry/exit to school, focus on hygiene/cleaning and ventilation will remain as it was before half term.

Safeguarding – Change of Collection and Contact Details

If a family member/friend is picking your child up, please make sure they are on the Authorised to collect form or telephone to inform us so a 'Change of collection' form can be filled in.

If you or any family/friends on your list have changed telephone numbers please do inform us so we can update our forms. Also if you change your email address please do let us know so we can update Tapestry and our emails.

Spaces at Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre School

We have opened our registers to book sessions for April 2022. If your child is entitled to the 15 hours funding from April 2022, please do get in touch so we can book your child at either Sunny Ile or Cygnet Pre School. If you would like to increase your child's existing hours please also get in touch.

Please contact Helen to book for April or if you wish to discuss any of the above information. Either call on 01460 259732 or email hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk

If you are a working parent have a look at the 30 hour funding for working parents on <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> If you already claim 30 hour funding, don't forget to go on your HMRC log in and re confirm your details.

The Great Greenfylde Flip Off

Thank you to all that have paid in any sponsorship monies. As soon as FROGS have collated all the information we will let you know the total raised.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th March 2022 – Red nose day

Sunny Ile Preschool

Arts and Crafts

The children have been very creative this week, we hope they have been good at keeping a secret.



Animals and Birds

This week we have had the animal puppets and bird toys out. The children have learnt lots about the animals, what they like to eat, where they live and how they move.

Role Play

Again the children have been very busy with their shopping role play, acting out visits to Tesco's. We have been spoilt with some of the treats the children have wanted to buy.

Cygnets Pre School

This week at Cygnets we've been having fun with messy play, scooping, filling and emptying pots using pasta, oats, cocoa powder and glitter and water. The children enjoyed a forest school session with Vernon making nature paint brushes using twigs. They enjoyed creating their own brushes and seeing what lovely marks they could make with paints. The children are still making great use of our home corner set up, we've seen lots of baking ideas happening within it and the children have been using the cook books and recipe cards for inspiration!

Well done

We would like to say a huge well done to Sarah who has now completed her language and literacy training to help us ensure we are a communication friendly setting. The training has been shared with staff and offers lots of exciting opportunities and ideas to expand children's language, literacy and communication skills.

Thank you

Thank you for the support from parents as Natalie continues with her studies. The parent feedback received from the recent questionnaires will go a long way towards helping her complete her BA Honours degree later this year.

PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON, HOLIDAY CAMPS

£22.00
all day

9.00am-
3:30pm
including a
Hot School
Lunch

- WEEK 1- Monday 11th-Thursday 14th April
 - WEEK 2- Tuesday 19th-Friday 22nd April
- Venue: Greenfylde First School TA19 0DS

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



What we'll be getting up to:

Gym & dance- Children will get to express movement through our gym and dance sessions!

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax!

Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in team to play a 5-aside tournament.



Other activities include:

Dodgeball- Working a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

Childcare
Vouchers
accepted



Please wear sports/casual clothes, hot lunch provided!

Featuring-once a week our Storyteller & Music Specialists

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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‘Crewkerne Supporting Cancer Research UK’

Easter Hunt

Saturday 16th April 2022

Fun family Easter egg hunt around the town

£5 per child

Easter prize for each paying participant

Limited spaces so be sure to secure your place now!

Call or message Louise on 07939 346422 for an entry sheet

This activity takes place in Crewkerne town centre and involves crossing busy roads.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take care when completing the trail and use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Cancer Research UK public liability does not cover participants in this open event.

