

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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Creative wonders at Greenfylde

We hope everyone can take the opportunity over the next couple of weeks to visit both the Art Exhibition at the Arts Centre at the Meeting House and the Sunflower Art display in the Minster.

Our biennial exhibition at The Arts Centre showcases every one of our pupils from pre-school to Year 4 as an artist and follows a range of specialist Art days alongside our regular Art lessons. This year's Art days have used the skills of staff and visitors to create the stunning work on display in the gallery. We were very pleased to welcome the Deputy Mayor of Ilminster, Cllr Brian Hamilton to open this year's event. Huge thanks go to our Art lead, Laura Caines for co-ordinating all of this.

Once again we are participating in Sunflowers of Somerset and after our planting, we are sharing our sunflower work in The Minster and thanks go to our Key Stage 2 lead Richard Lewis for co-ordinating this.

We are very proud of all our artists and we're sure you will enjoy both of these exhibits.



Look at a book

This week's recommendation comes from Golden Class. Did you ever wish to feast with fairies, live in a tree, or ride a unicorn across the sun-lit sky? Here, in this magical world, you can. You can choose to be a clever princess, or a curious gingerbread man, or perhaps a gentle knight. Maybe you'll live in a tree, or a tower on a hill. You can eat fresh-buttered sunbeams with fairies, or newt pie and pigtail pudding with ogres. Everywhere you look, you will find a new adventure. Just pick the one you like best. Golden class have really enjoyed this book, we can't wait to choose our next story!



Summer Fete – Friday 17th June 6:00 – 8:30pm – in aid of Herne View Primary School and Apple Orchard Pre-School

FrOGS and teaching staff have been very busy getting everything ready for the Summer fete which will be held in Greenfylde school from 6:00 – 8:30pm on Friday 17th June. The proceeds from the Summer Fete will be put towards providing additional resources for education and play at Herne View Primary School and Apple Orchard pre-school.

We have lots and lots planned! Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for full details. Card payments will be accepted on the BBQ and Bar but **please bring cash** – and as many coins as possible – for everything else! Load your kids up with coins and set them loose! All games and activities are priced between 30p and £1.00 and we have free entertainment planned for grown-ups and kids too!

Food and Drink:

From 6:00pm BBQ serving Bonners Burgers, Bonners Sausage baps and Vegetarian Sausage baps. Cash and card payments accepted

From 6:00pm Well-stocked and cheap bar including Perry's Cider and Prosecco by the glass. Cash and card payments accepted

From 6:00pm Cakes, Icecream Van, Tuck Shop and Slushies. Cash only

Free Live Music:

From 7:00pm From the very talented Alfie Galpin

Free Children's Entertainment:

6:00 – 7:00pm The Bubble Fairy show

6:00 – 6:30pm Demo from Chard Tae Kwon-do

7:00 – 8:00pm Meet Rapunzel and The Hulk!

Children's fun and games – cash only:

From 6:00pm Bouncy Castle

From 6:00pm Splash Zone. Bring a towel and spare clothes! Water squirters provided!

From 6:00pm Glitter face paints

From 6:00pm Fete Games including Hook-a-duck, Human Fruit machine and other traditional games from the Year 4 pupils!

From 6:00pm Cuddly Toy Sale

From 6:00pm Tombola

From 6:00pm Raffle and Lucky Envelopes to be drawn around 8:15pm

From 6:00pm Plant sale

Covid guidance

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

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Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Star of the week

Congratulations to our nominated Stars of the week.

Dove Joziah Mc & Reggie S

Pippin Alexis O & Kevan P

Sandew Toby D & Logan N

Golden Eli H-B & Frank R

Puffin Teddy B & Isla L

Camelot Lenny A & Reggie D

Hook Alice S & Larissa K

Dunkerton Archie D & Elise W

Morgan Fletcher P & Cruz H

Ashton Kyra C & Myrtle P-B

Coker Scarlett R & Eoghan N

Coopers Luke H & Finley W

Gatcombe Kallie D & Isla H

Trophies and certificates will be presented on Friday 24th June at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 24th June at 3.00pm 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.**

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 of many issues 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 VIRTUAL REALITY

Virtual reality (VR for short) has existed for decades, but it's only in the last 10 years that the technology has really become publicly available. With VR's rapid rise as a gaming and educational medium, there are plenty of unknowns regarding its use – for adults and children alike. Is it safe? How long should someone use VR for? How expensive is it? What's clear is that VR is becoming ever more ubiquitous in everyday life: from companies using it for training to at-home fitness. Knowing what the technology is capable of is more useful than ever.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PREMATURE EXPOSURE

13+

While VR has already found its way into schools worldwide – allowing teachers to take their class on digital field trips – most manufacturers advise an age restriction of 13. This safeguard is based on the idea that children's brains, eyes and bodies are still developing. With the technology still in its infancy, not enough research has been conducted as to how VR affects children in the longer term.

EYE STRAIN

One of the main worries about VR is that essentially having TV screens so close to your eyes could harm them with prolonged use. Lenses inside each headset have been specifically designed to trick the human eye into focusing to infinity (just as they would in the real world) to mitigate possible eye strain. Even so, longer VR sessions should be limited to adults only.

PHYSICAL ACCIDENTS

When used correctly, VR isn't dangerous as there are safety features built in. A common concern is that a child wearing a headset could bump into real-world objects while playing – so creating a clear, tidy gaming space is essential. Headsets also come with 'Guardian' or digital barrier systems that can be set up beforehand, indicating where walls and furniture are located so nobody trips over and hurts themselves.

SOCIAL VR

VR is more immersive than normal gaming and makes players feel very present in the moment. There are additional online safety fears, therefore, relating to trolling and abusive comments as players engage with each other in social VR spaces. Personal information shouldn't be given out and privacy and safety controls (who can see your real name, for example) need to be activated where possible.

MOTION SICKNESS

Children who are prone to travel sickness might encounter what's known as 'simulator sickness'. This is nausea caused by the eyes seeing images which tell the brain that the person is moving, while the rest of the body knows it is stationary. Most apps have features to reduce this discomfort, while some games simply don't feature locomotion to make for a more comfortable experience.

VIOLENT CONTENT

Among the growing range of VR games and apps, not all of them are appropriate for young players. Violent content can be far more visceral and disturbing in VR, so it's important to consider the age and maturity of your child before giving them access to this type of gameplay. As the majority of VR content is digital, online store access is easy – so careful curation is advised.

Advice for Parents & Carers

START OFF SLOWLY

Just like regular video games, if your child wants to try VR the best way to reduce risks is moderation. Keep their VR sessions to short stints and for young adults new to the technology, build up their usage time gradually to let them get acquainted with it. If they feel any discomfort, remove the headset and try again at a later point.

NO SURPRISES

It's easy to get lost in the moment in VR – and possibly forget where you might be standing in the real world. A minimum 2m x 2m play area is recommended, with no plant pots or other delicate objects within reach of flailing arms. Take pets into account, too: don't let the cat or dog walk into the room, for example, because a VR player won't see them and could certainly trip. A child is far more likely to get over-enthusiastic in VR, posing a risk to themselves and anything in their path.

KEEP A WATCHING BRIEF

It may seem that a VR player is in their own world, but all VR headsets allow external viewing via a linked monitor or mobile phone. This is the best way to ensure whatever a child is playing is appropriate. More VR supervision tools are on the way, such as securing specific apps behind unlock patterns or sending an approval notification to the parent if their child wants to purchase a game.

ANTI-NAUSEA OPTIONS

It's wise to get used to VR while comfortably seated and progress to standing or 'room-scale' VR (where players physically walk around an area) later. Look at the in-app options first: switching between seated and standing adjusts the player's height, while a vignette or 'tunnel' darkens the peripheral vision to reduce nausea. Teleportation Mode and Snap Turning are also important options for enhancing comfort.

RESEARCH CONTENT

There will be information online about most games and apps, explaining what type of experience they provide. They'll list age ratings indicating how violent the gameplay might be; comfort, so you'll know the intensity of the experience; and how much access the game requires to personal information or features like the built-in microphone.

Meet Our Expert

Peter Graham is the editor at XR (extended reality) and Web3 specialist site gmmw3.com and has been writing about VR, augmented reality and the Immersive tech industry for more than seven years. He's served as a panel speaker and a judge at awards events and game hackathons.



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- Friday 17th June -



SUMMER FETE

BBQ

6:00 -

Bar

8:30pm

Bouncy Castle

Cake Sale

Tuck Shop

Fete Games

Splash Zone

Tombola & Toy sale

Lucky Envelopes

Glitter Face paint



Bubble Fairy Show



Live Music from Alfie Galpin



Meet Rapunzel



Take a selfie with the Hulk

BONNERS
of *Alminster*

PERRY'S
SOMERSET CIDER

Event will be held at Greenfyld School – all proceeds go to 'Friends of Greenfyld School' in aid of Herne View Primary School and Apple Orchard Pre School



Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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September Sessions

Our registers are now open for September 2022. Thank you to those who have sent in your session requests for September 2022. Helen will get back to you as soon as possible to confirm your sessions. If you have not yet sent us an email with your request for sessions, please can you let us know as soon as possible by emailing Helen on hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Also if you know of any families who would like to join our pre-schools in September, ask them to message Helen for an application pack.

Keeping cool in hot weather

You can find heat wave advice and guidance on looking after children on NHS website on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

Absenteeism

If your child is absent from pre-school, please contact Sunnyile@educ.somerset.gov.uk for Sunny Ile children or cygnetspreschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk for Cygnets children. Could we also please ask that should your child have any illness you inform us, so that if necessary we can let other parents/carers know to keep a careful watch on their children.

Art Exhibition

Please do go and take a look at the beautiful art work created by both pre-schools and the school. This is held at 'Ilminster Meeting House' between 14th – 25th June.

End of Term Date

The pre-schools will close at the end of the pre-school day for the summer holidays on Friday 22 July 2022. We reopen for the start of the Autumn Term on Tuesday 6 September 2022.

Sunny Ile Pre-School

The children have been enjoying sports activities this week. This includes follow my leader, parachute games, running and jumping. The children have also had lots of fun playing with the water play.

Summer Clothing

As the sun is now shining and very warm, please can you send your child in suitable clothing for the summer including suitable footwear to run around in? We do recommend NOT to wear strappy tops as these do not protect the shoulders from the sun. Please ensure your child also brings a suitable hat which is named to pre-school. We do provide shade for the children during play but a hat will give them more protection – Many thanks

Sun Cream

Please ensure you apply suncream to your child before they come into pre school. If they are in for a full day and we have a permission form with suncream at pre school we will apply it to your child again at lunchtime. Also to remind parents, please do not leave anything in your child's bag like suncream, medicines etc. Please hand these to a member of staff so we can keep it in a safe place.



Cygnets Pre-School

This week at Cygnets we've been enjoying the sunshine. We've had lots of water play where children have explored measurements by filling and emptying different sized containers. The children have also had lots of fun creating lovely 'mud pies' in the mud kitchen area! We've also been measuring ourselves using some long tape measures. We also enjoyed a lovely walk up to the Ilminster Arts Centre to see the whole school art display, we spotted our own pictures which the children really enjoyed!

Spare clothes

Please can we ask that all children are sent with a full spare set of clothes including socks as we are very low on preschool spares?

Hats and Sun cream

With the warmer weather children will need a hat and their own labelled sun cream.

PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON, HOLIDAY CAMPS

£20.00
all day

9.00am-
3:30pm

- WEEK 3- Monday 8th-Friday 12th August
 - WEEK 4- Monday 15th-Friday 19th August
- Venue: Greenfyld First School TA19 0DS

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

What we'll be getting up to:

Gymnastics- Children will get to express movement through our gym 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 teams to play a 5-side tournament.



Childcare
Vouchers
accepted

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!

Please wear sports/casual clothes. Please bring soft drinks. **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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