

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Primary Engineering Awards

Last week we were celebrating having a number of budding engineers at Greenfylde when 3 of our pupils were winners in the South West Primary Engineer Competition 'If you were an engineer what would you do?' Our 3 winners (Greenfylde had 3 out of the 12 regional winners) were presented with their awards in Bristol and their work was on display alongside other entries from Greenfylde pupils who were all highly commended. As a school we have entered this competition for many years but this is our most successful so far and demonstrates how our STEM teaching is not only engaging pupils now but supporting them for future careers. Very well done to all involved as we are very proud of their achievements and thanks go to Mr Swift, our STEM subject lead for supporting the pupils to engage in this competition.



Coats

We're hoping more sunshine is on our way but whilst the weather is so changeable please can children be sent in with coats when there is a chance of rain.

Visits to new classes

We've now had three visits to our new classes and this has given the pupils a chance to get to know their new teachers and LSAs and for those going to Ditton Street, an opportunity to experience learning there. As we've explained to the children we are looking forward to lots of work happening at Ditton Street over the Summer and we're sure the children will enjoy their new classrooms. We've also seen lots of learning with children creating work for their new classroom displays and it has been positive seeing the new classes working together to think about personalising their own spaces ready for September.

As a school, we've enjoyed welcoming our new staff and letting them get to know everyone and we will have a final transition session on the morning of Tuesday 19th July.

Whilst a number of families came to meet the new teachers this week, we are aware some couldn't make this and we will have more opportunities for this in September, including a chance for families to come in and see the new Herne View Church of England School sites.

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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Look at a book

Dunkerton class would like to recommend the Wizards of Once series by Cressida Cowell, famed author of How to Train your Dragon.

We are currently half way through book three (Knock Three Times) of the four-book series and have been captivated by lots of excitement, drama and many cliff-hangers.

The books are set in a time of magic and is a story of a young wizard and a young girl warrior brought up as enemies, they have been so busy fighting one another that an ancient evil has returned unnoticed.

Can Xar (a boy wizard whose magic has not developed) and Wish (a warrior Princess who owns a banned magical object) unite both sides to fight the return of the Witches? Grab a copy to join their Quest and meet lots of magical characters from Sprites, Giants and Snowcats to talking Ravens along the way.



Star of the week

Congratulations to our nominated stars.

Dove	Frankie V & Seren B
Pippin	Logan I & Flossie D
Sandew	Robyn S & George P
Golden	Luke H & Louisa L
Puffin	Elsie R & Elliot W
Camelot	Clara H & Charlie Le-L
Hook	Alfey S & Jax W
Dunkerton	Seren M & Lily M
Morgan	Amelia B & Jake W
Ashton	Oscar P & Polly H
Coker	Ruby C & Oscar K
Coopers	Mason W & Anna S
Gatcombe	Tighe J & Cody K

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 7th July at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 8th July 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.**

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 games 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 **MINECRAFT**

AGE RATING
7+

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying; it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.



TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

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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Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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September Sessions

Our Registers are open for Apple Orchard Pre School. If your child is 3 years old before 31 August you can claim your 15 hours of free funding per week or if you are eligible for 30 hours funding please apply by 31 August 2022 to qualify from September. We also accept 2 year old funding places. Please get in contact with by emailing Helen on hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk for more information and an application pack.

Uniform

Our new 'Apple Orchard Pre-school' uniform is on order. Once we have this available we will notify you, should you wish to purchase it.

End of Pre School Year

We are arranging a special 'Teddy bear's picnic' to celebrate the end of the school year and of Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School. Keep an eye out for further information.

Dates to remember

Teddy Bears Picnic - Thursday 21 July 2022

End of Summer Term - Friday 22 July 2022

Start of Autumn Term – Tuesday 6th September

Sunny Ile Pre-School

The children enjoyed our insects and bird week so much last week that we have continued with this focus. It has been great to see photos of insects that the children have found and we have enjoyed chatting about all the different bugs the children have found.

The children really enjoyed the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' this week and we then went on to make pictures of caterpillars to decorate our setting. We have also made some spider webs and spiders, where we used our threading skills to make the webs.

Sun cream

Please could we ask that with the sunny weather children have sun cream applied before they come into sessions? Many sun creams will now last up to 8 hours. If your child is in for a full day and you wish us to reapply sun cream at midday, see a member of staff to fill in the relevant form and bring in the sun cream.

Please do not leave sun cream in the children's bag. Please could you also send in a hat with the children? We do have hats here should anyone not bring in a hat. Thank you.

Transition to School Visits

The children still have 1 more visit into school on 18th July in the morning. If your child is at pre-school at these times, we will take them over to their class.

Cygnets Pre-School

This week at Cygnets we have enjoyed lots of maths activities including weighing and measuring. We celebrated international mud day by going on a bug hunt around the allotment with Vernon and getting messy in the muddy puddles in the garden! Some of the children have been so excited after their visit to school and visits from the reception teachers.

Communication friendly

We have now been accredited with the communication friendly status for the setting, after Sarah attended a training course which she was able to cascade to the staff. This allows us to display this logo as recognition.





Tuning

in to Kids

Parenting Group

A free 5-week course for parents and carers of children aged 4-11.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

**Dates: Wednesdays: 14th, 21st, 28th
September. 5th & 12th October.**

Time: 6:00pm. - 8:30pm

Venue: Wadham School, Crewkerne.

For more information on this course and to book your place, please contact

Parent & Family Support Advisers.

Jemma Henwood - 07825054694

Rebecca Larcombe - 07825054695

DONYATT VILLAGE HALL

£2 PER CHILD

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WHERE ARE
WE GOING?

LEGO CLUB

LEGO WILL
FIND A WAY.

SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022



10AM TO 11AM

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: Greenfylde 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.



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. 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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