

# Newsletter 31 – Summer Term



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Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr. 1&2 football KS2 Town Sports Field Events 4:30pm-7pm at the Cumberland Arena	
Tuesday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr. 3&4 Football Yr 3-6 Sewing Yr. 3&4 Performing Arts Y5&6 Rounders Club	
Wednesday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Y5&6 Rounders competition 3:30pm-5pm at Mabank High School	
Thursday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 3-6 Dodgeball Yr 3-6 Singing Yr 1&2 Lunchtime Singing Y3&4 Rounders Club	
Friday	Y3&4 Football tournament 12:30pm-4pm at the Soccer Centre Y5&6 Football Club	
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	<u>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June</u> – Soul Children perform at UK Soul Children Festival <u>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</u> Nursery sports day	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.</b>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

**EYFS:** Lexi (RA), Jacob (RB)

**KS1:** Rudaw (1A), Savannah (1B), Xander

**KS2:** Jasmine (3B), Johnny (3A) Nelly (4B), Skye (6B), Roza (6A), Olivier (5A)

## The Hub

The Hub children always get very excited when the Lego kits are out in the classroom. This week they have used pictures to help them create objects from famous traditional tales.



## Nursery

This week caterpillars arrived in Nursery. We read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. During yoga we re-told the story using actions. We are learning about the lifecycle of butterflies by watching the caterpillars crawl and begin to make their cocoons.



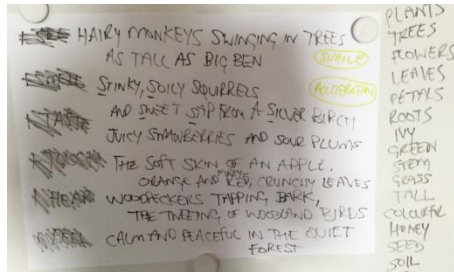
## Reception

Last week we wrote a letter to Knowsley Safari Park and then we went on a local walk to the post box. We made sure each letter had a stamp, address and was sealed so our letter didn't fall out. We were careful when crossing the roads and waited patiently for our turn when we got to the post box.



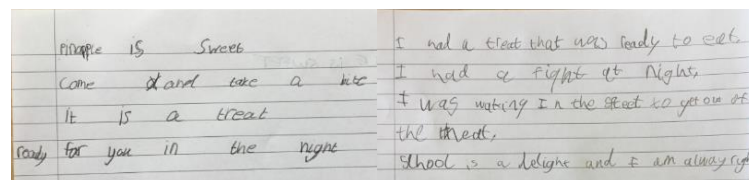
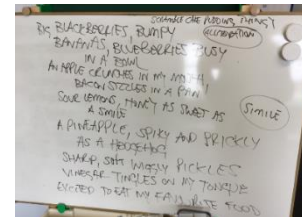
## Year 1

This week Year 1 had a special visit from the poet, Ash Dickinson. He recited some of his own poems; our favourite was about a fight with jelly! We then created our very own poem based on our knowledge of plants and animals.



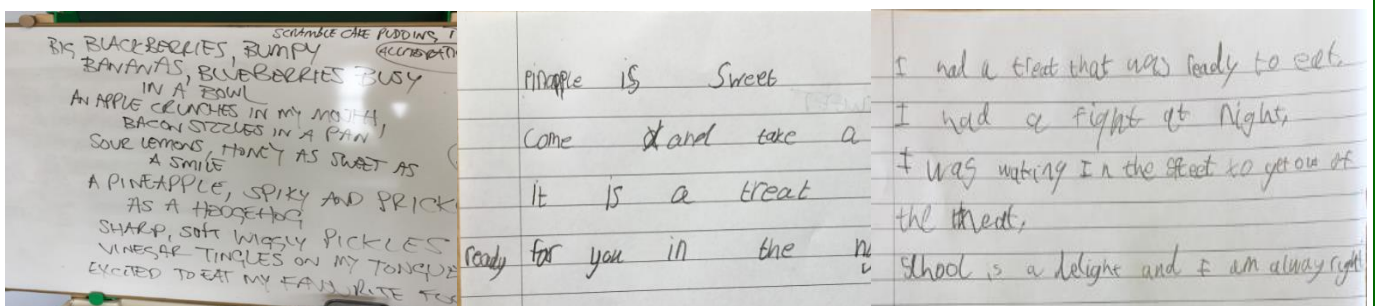
## Year 2

This week we were lucky enough to receive a visit from a famous poet, Ash Dickinson. He told us some of his fantastic poems and then we wrote a poem as a class all about food. We thought about poetic techniques such as similes and alliteration and then wrote our own poem with our partners.



## Year 3

This week we were also very lucky to receive a visit from poet, Ash Dickinson. He performed to us some of his fantastic poems. We then wrote some poems of our own about space and the coastline. We thought about poetic techniques such as rhyme, similes and alliteration we could use in our poems. This was a great hook into our new literacy topic of free verse poetry. Keep a look out for our poems in the near future.





Blast off into outer space, Practice Tamera  
 As I complete a race.  
 Sand as golden as a lions mane in the sunlight  
 A Red Rocket in a pile of Roses.  
 As I

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As I blasted off into space, Poem  
 I started to see the moon at first sight,  
 And I was face to face,  
 With the planet with the most weight

I see the ring Space Sense poem around Saturn.  
 I taste the air all over space.  
 I smell the plants that float  
 I hear the rocket as it blasts off  
 I feel the gravity as I land on the moon.

I wave goodbye to the Earth as I leave it  
 I sit in the rocket as the power lifted it up  
 I look at the rocket as it blasts off and leaves dust

I see the silver moon as I approached it

stars  
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Earth

Saturn Mars Moon

## Year 4

Year 4 have been reading the 'Matchbox Diaries' in Reading and looked at the perspective and viewpoints of the writer and character. We have created our own Matchbox diary with a significant memory.



## Year 5

On Monday, the children enjoyed a morning of listening to and creating poetry around their foundation focus: The Amazon rainforest with poet Ash Dickinson. The children created freestyle poems, sense poems and rhyming poetry, whilst considering how rhyme, alliteration and similes can contribute to their pieces.

Pupils were excited to come together during assembly to share their poems and wonderful ideas.

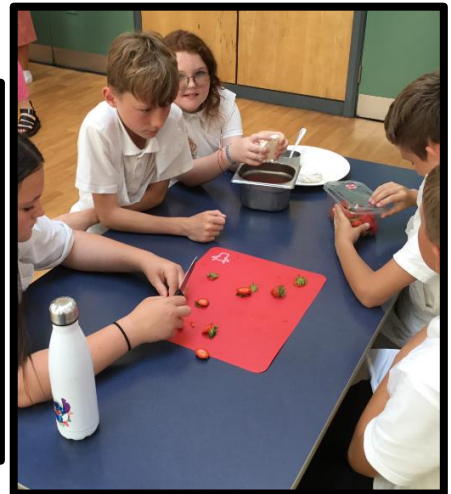
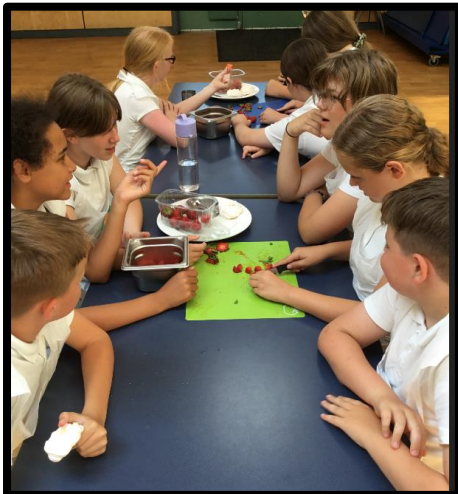


### **The Amazon**

Deep in the rainforest: fierce predators roam  
Sunlight beams through the tall trees,  
Snakes slither silently on the forest floor,  
Lazy sloths pick at the plentiful fruits,  
Spider monkeys swing from the high branches,  
Until: trees are felled,  
Habitats are destroyed,  
Animals are killed  
Protect our rainforest, protect our planet, protect us all.

## Year 6

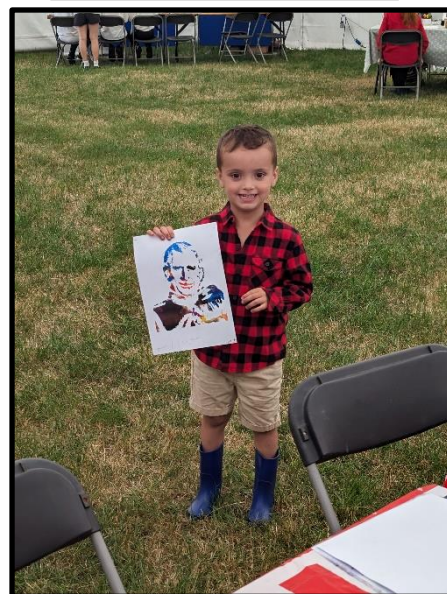
Gosh Year 6 have had a busy week ... writing, swimming, filming. The list is endless, but Thursday was particularly exciting for everyone. In the morning the children worked with a fantastic poet called Ash Dickinson and with his guidance they wrote a poem about the past, present and future of Crewe. On Thursday afternoon, the children had a cookery demonstration from a professional chef and then made their own Eton Mess.



## Art News

### The Royal Cheshire Show!

This week some of our Year 6 children represented our school by leading other children in art activities and science-based fun on our Wistaston Academy stand at the Royal Cheshire Show. Our children were incredible and showed maturity and kindness in the way they served people in our community! Staff from other schools commented on our wonderful children and art work, which had been collaboratively created by the whole school. We also won a trophy for the most attractive display! Our Soul Children performed in the singing bowl with Chip Kendall too, which was great fun. Well done everyone!



## PE News

### Town Sports Field Events 2023

The Crewe and Nantwich Town Sports Field Events take place at the Cumberland Arena on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June. If your child has been selected for this event please make sure they arrive at 4:30pm. The event is due to finish at 7pm. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support.

### National School Sports Week 2023



This week we celebrated National School Sport week. Children took part in lots of different activities including active assemblies, active break and lunch times, year group sports competitions, girl's rugby and Tae-Kwon-do. A huge thank you to Leslie Wright who led some fantastic Tae-Kwon-Do sessions!





## Focus on! E-safety

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 game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION  
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### 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 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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