

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see the vast majority of children coming happily back into school after the half term and Bank Holiday break. We hope that all our families had safe and happy times.



Thank you to those families who were able to attend the Jubilee picnic celebration after school just before the half term break. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the beautiful weather and the Wynstream grounds.



This week was very busy for Year 1 children as all took the compulsory Phonics check. Well done to staff and children for all their hard work.

On Tuesday, as part of their geography learning, children were able to go on a trip to the local village of Ide. The staff were very impressed with the children's behaviour and learning.

We are lucky to have Mr Rouse and Mrs Daly, our dedicated sports teachers. This week they welcomed Damian Price from Chance To Shine Cricket programme who is coaching cricket to children in school.

This week and next we will be telling the children about a new celebration that will be held termly at Wynstream. We are proud of all the children and would like to be able to reward children termly for their progress. Staff from each year group will select one child to get a progress award and this will be presented to them during a whole school assembly.

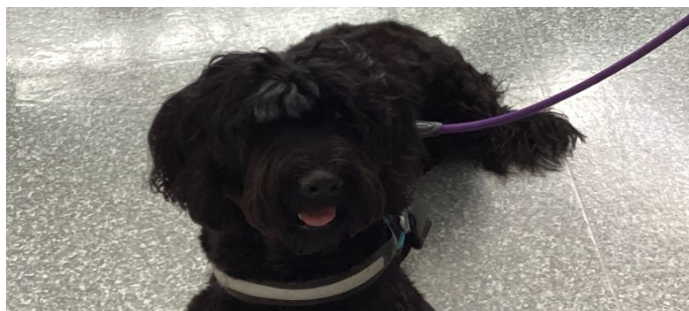
The award will be a book token that can be used to buy a book to inspire their learning further.

Whilst we value academic progress, we also want to recognise the Wynstream values that we promote in school- Integrity, Resilience, Aspiration, Curiosity and Re-



The whole staff will help to select five children from across the school who have embodied each value for the term and five children will receive a governors' award shield to keep.

Governors will present the awards to the children and parents of those children receiving awards will be invited to the assembly. Over time we hope that many of our children will get the chance to receive one of these awards.



Pepper has now got a timetable to spend time with our Year 6 children who will be moving on to secondary school. She will continue to spend time greeting all children on the way into school and will visit all classes. However, no child (or adult) ever has to go near Pepper unless they want to.

This week a number of additional clubs began including choir, music, sketching, scrapbooking and library club. Please sign up via Scopay.

Lastly some reminders:

- Thanks to the Yr 6 bagel monitors who will be continuing to give out free bagels for all children from 8:25am but only in the main playground.

- The Year 1 cake sale in the playground raised an impressive £91! Thanks to all those parents who contributed, helped, or bought cakes. All proceeds to the 'Friends of Wynstream.' Today after school there will be a Year 2 cake sale outside, starting at 3:10pm.
- When it is sunny, please apply sun-cream and send in named hats but no sunglasses (unless prescription).
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle filled with water every day.
- As we have at least one child with a nut allergy we would appreciate it if no nuts were sent into school.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes,

Elise Redman

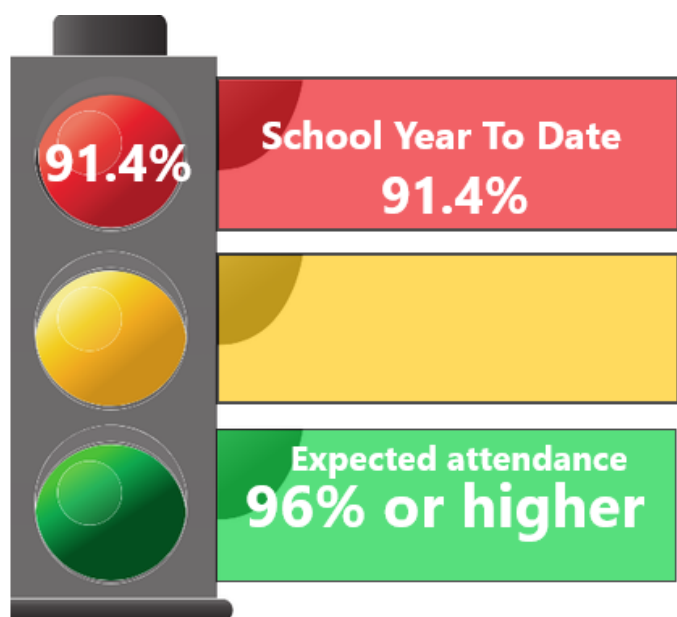
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School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting

The information below shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2021 and 10th June 2022 is currently **91.4%**, slightly down from when we reported 2 weeks ago.

This is still below the expected attendance rate of **96% or higher**. The national average for attendance in state funded primary schools was **92.3%** to April 2022, Wynstream Primary School is **0.9%** below this national average.



Online Safety Section.



CEOP, an education agency that works alongside the National Crime Agency have announced the launch of their new website for 4-7 year olds and accompanying guide for parents and carers. The new interactive website encourages 4-7s to engage safely online by helping them to recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations and reinforcing the key message that they should 'Tell A Grown Up' in these instances.

The website can be found by clicking [here](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/), or visiting;

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Message from Cyber Protection Team.

Police are urging parents to stop their children from watching videos on social media platforms including TikTok that feature a killer bear called Huggy Wuggy - a main character in 'Poppy Playtime'.

The warning comes amid concerns that some children are copying the bear's actions in the playground and that the videos are graphic and traumatising to young children.

Chris Conroy, Cyber Protection Officer for Dorset Police told a newspaper "There are videos people have made, songs people have made, and it's popping up all over YouTube and Tik Tok using this quite graphic imagery of this bear-like character with razor sharp teeth. It's based around jump scares and things you certainly wouldn't want children exposed to"

Please be aware that any toys, books or other item with 'huggy wuggy' will not be allowed in school. Thank you.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **HORROR GAMES**

Message from National Online Safety Team. An information poster has been created for parents and carers, briefing them about what they need to know about 'Horror Video Games'. Please see page 7 of the newsletter.



EYFS Beach trip to Dawlish Beach. Our reception children had a really lovely day out, travelling on the train and enjoying ice creams at Dawlish Beach.



Highlights of the day - squeals of joy as the children paddled, eating ice creams as big as our heads, chatting with a coach trip of elderly tourists from Manchester who thought we were fab and enjoying our picnic despite the drizzle.

We also loved spotting things out of the train window that were just like our focus story *The Train Ride* - sheep and cows in the fields, seaside towns and our own reflections in the window as the train went through a tunnel. Owen looked out of the window on the train and said, 'Look those sheep are lying down just like in the story'. Marvin said 'It is freezing!' as he paddled.



Fantastic Karate Black Belt Achievement. Leonhard recently passed his Karate black belt assessment. Well done Leonhard!!





Current government guidance suggests that **Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature** should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can **go back to school**, when they **no longer have a high temperature**, and they are well enough to attend.

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 who have a positive COVID 19 test** the advice will be 3 days.

Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting and the school. Click [here](#) to see more information on the government website. Click [here](#) to see the updated and expanded NHS list of Covid symptoms.



Friends of Wynstream Cake Sale. Our next cake sale is Friday 10th June, from 3:10pm onwards. Year 2 parents & carers will be donating cakes.



As we work through celebrating our 5 school values, this week we recognise which of our pupils have demonstrated the greatest levels of **ASPIRATION** whilst in school. For more information about our school values, vision and ethos please visit our website or click [here](#)

Congratulations to:

EYFS

Clay Smith & Ellie Ashton

Year 1

Alhan Darmaan & Aria Grieve

Year 2

Issac Webster & Annabell Stuart

Year 3

Lewis Southwood & Isabelle Daly

Year 4

Mia Tiley & Ted-Brian McDonald

Year 5

Oscar Shears & Kenji Viccaro

Year 6

Phoebe Beney & Kyle Irwin

A couple of example of the nominations this week are;

During lessons, this pupil always puts lots of effort into his work and completes it to the best of his ability. His work and homework is always presented neatly and is high quality; it is clear he takes pride in both the content presentation of his work. He is a very quiet member of the class and has become more confident asking for help when he can't do something. When presented with new challenges, he will rise to the expectations set."

"For always helping other pupils without being asked. If someone is upset she is the first to be there to ask if they are okay."

Congratulations, and really well done to everyone.



Key School Dates;

From Monday 6th June, Summer Term hobby clubs will start, please look out for DoJo correspondence and about booking arrangements.

Next Cake Sale. Friday 10th June.

Year 6 Transition Days. Week commencing 4th July.

September 2022 EYFS Starters Welcome Meetings;

5-6pm, 7th July or 11-12noon 8th July.

Year 6 Leavers Disco. 5:30—7pm, Friday 15th July.

Year 6 Trip to Woodlands. Wednesday 20th July.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly. Thurs 21st July.

Last day of the summer term. Thurs July 21st 2022. School re-opens again Monday 5th September 2022.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

HORROR GAMES

Horror video games come in a such a variety that the genre can hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't physically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADULT THEMES

Horror games are typically made with adults in mind, which means by definition that they often feature adult themes. Outlast, for instance, is a popular horror game series including material such as nudity and extreme sadistic violence. Other games, like Five Nights at Freddy's and its sequels, have a back-story that doesn't actually appear on screen but still hints at explicit adult themes.

VIOLENT CONTENT

Not all horror games contain graphic violence (titles like Five Nights at Freddy's and Phasmophobia prefer a spookier, suspenseful aesthetic) but many do portray extreme brutality very realistically. Until Dawn and the hugely popular Resident Evil and Outlast franchises, for instance, feature incredibly graphic violence. The safest course of action is to thoroughly research a game in advance.

ONLINE INTERACTION

Some horror games are played cooperatively with others online. Phasmophobia is one of the most popular titles in this category, and while it doesn't feature an excessive amount of gore, it does place a strong emphasis on online interaction – often with strangers. Dead by Daylight is another game in which frequent and prolonged online communication with other players is an advantage.

PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR

Rather than simply loading on the blood and gore, psychological horror games try to scare the player through subtler mental and emotional means. For this reason, this type of game (notable examples include Alien: Isolation, The Medium and the Amnesia series) can have a longer-lasting effect on players: some occasionally 'break the fourth wall' – interacting directly with the player as if they were real.

LONG-TERM FEAR FACTOR

Horror games are designed to be scary: most players accept this fact in advance. They can, however, include content which leaves an unwanted lasting impression. By focusing on our fears and concerns to elicit an emotional reaction, horror games can be triggering in unexpected ways for some players. It's difficult to predict when – and how – a game might have long-term effects on individual's mental wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BEWARE OF JUMP SCARES

Jump scares in video games are often as worse than they are in movies. If a young person doesn't cope well with being suddenly startled by something in a film or on TV, they probably won't be able to handle horror games featuring jump scares. Some games (such as Five Nights at Freddy's) are built entirely around this technique and aren't suitable for younger children or those who are easily frightened.

RESEARCH THE GAME

It's best to look into a horror game thoroughly if your child expresses an interest in playing it. Many indie horror titles are download only and therefore aren't required to come with an age rating – so you'll need to do some background reading and judge the game's content for yourself. Check out the game's web pages, read any wikis about it (including fan ones) and watch videos of the gameplay.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy to lose track of time when gaming, and horror games are no exception. A short break every hour or so is important to rest the eyes and relieve the posture – especially if traumatic situations in the game have built up tension and stress. For horror gamers, breaks also give the added benefit of feeling more relaxed afterwards, which can mean a scarier gaming session when they resume.

IF IN DOUBT, SWAP IT OUT

If your child finds a horror game to play, but after doing some research you decide it doesn't look like the right one for them, swap it out! There are a lot of horror titles to choose from, and some will be more appropriate than others. Work together with your child to find a suitable game for them. Remember, horror games don't have to be gore-spattered and graphic to be enjoyably scary!

STAY RECEPTIVE

Maintaining good communication with your child is vital for safe gaming. If they see something in a horror game that disturbs them in ways they didn't expect, then they should feel comfortable opening up to you about it. Try not to simply laugh it off or make light of it, and always make time to listen. It's a useful reminder that they can talk to you about any type of problem they have in the future.

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WYNSTREAM PTFA

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 10TH JUNE 2022

3:10PM

WYNSTREAM PRIMARY PLAYGROUND

Enjoy a variety of baked goodies and help raise
funds for school events! We hope to see you all
there!