

WESTLANDS PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



Week 11 – 05/06/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming back our EYFS children, followed by year 1 and 6 the week after. If you have booked your child a space, you will have received a letter in the post with your child's start and finish time, the staff in the pod and where you will need to drop off and collect.

We have been very busy getting the school ready with the new pods and ensuring we have everything in place to make it as safe as we can.

Please can we remind you that if you change your mind and would like your son/daughter to come back to school and they are in these year groups, you will now need to contact the school office. You will then have to wait for up to a week for us to identify if we have enough space and staffing in pods to accommodate your child. Children will **NOT** be able to just turn up to school if they have not been booked in.

Please be reminded that the school kitchen will be open but will only be providing packed lunches.

Children are **NOT** to bring anything into school other than a sun hat and their lunch box.

We will still be providing online learning for children who are at home and also for those who are not in the year groups that have been invited back to school just yet.

Your class teachers are starting to make phone calls home again this week and are very much looking forward to speaking to you all.

Take care and stay safe.

Westlands Primary School

Ready to Re-Cycle

We have had six weeks of lockdown
And all been busy at home
Carefully social distancing
Some of us alone!

So much extra time on our hands
Finding all sorts of jobs to do
Tidying out drawers and cupboards
And painting the house right through!

The problem with these types of chores
Is what we do with the waste
Old relics that we no longer need
As over time we have changed our taste!

Spending hours in the garden
Bags of grass cuttings building up fast
I heard an announcement on the news
Recycling tips will re- open at last!

Unfortunately, when I looked on the web-site
This was a rumour and not even true
So the rubbish continues to build up
Can't even put it in the bin that is blue!

With a mountain of garden waste
Sacks so full they now have broken
So hopefully in the next few weeks
The recycling sites will be open!



Written by Mrs Piesely

SAFETY

Week 11 E-Safety Theme – Disney +

Disney+ is the relatively new channel with content restricted to PG and 12a. It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PC's, TVs and games consoles and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. Look at the top tips for parents to find out more information on this popular channel.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Disney+ is the latest big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PCs, TVs and games consoles – and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. Below, we've highlighted a few tips for parents to consider to ensure that their children get the most enjoyable experience out of the service.

5 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS DISNEY+

- 1 Create a strong username & password**

On its release in the US, Canada and Netherlands in November 2019, Disney+ was dogged by allegations of being hacked. Many users complained that their account details had been stolen and blamed Disney+ security. To date, Disney+ has confirmed there was no data breach from their end. As Disney+ doesn't use 2-factor authentication, anybody who potentially hacks your username and password could also access your credit card details. Therefore, it's important to create a unique username and a strong password that isn't used for other sites. Always use a mixture of letters (upper and lowercase), numbers and symbols and try to ensure the minimum length is 8 characters.
- 2 Monitor your child's usage**

Whilst the ability to stream on almost any device capable of connecting to the internet might seem great at first, parents may also want to exercise a little bit of caution. Parental controls on Disney+ are quite limited and there are no settings to help with screen time or usage, so it can be easy for children to binge watch, particularly given the amount of content available. Apple, Google and Amazon devices all provide options to limit children's screen time so parents can manage how long their child uses the app.
- 3 Enable 'Kid's Profile' mode**

Although Disney+ is billed as family friendly, there is still an option to enable a 'kid's profile' which removes all PG and PG-13 rated content. This adds an extra level of safety if you're still concerned that your child may watch something that could be deemed too intense for their age. Setting up a kid's profile also switches off autoplay which means the next video in any series won't automatically play once one episode has finished. It should be noted though that children can easily switch between accounts themselves given there is no security required to get into profiles.
- 4 Double check for films with 'outdated cultural depictions'**

The Disney+ service includes programs and movies that go back to the 1920s and which have been left in their original format, with their original content. Some of this programming contains cultural insensitivities and depictions that were included in the original show, but Disney would never include them now. For example, cultural stereotyping, the representation of minority groups or character portrayals which may be deemed racist. For this reason, viewers are made aware through a warning message stating "This program is presented as originally created. It may contain outdated cultural depictions." Whilst Disney do their best to highlight any such content, it's always worth discussing these issues with your child if they raise any queries.
- 5 Sit back and enjoy!**

Above all else, Disney+ is designed to be family friendly and there is very little, if any, adult-themed content available for children to stumble across. The library of films and programmes can range from all-time classics to the latest Hollywood blockbuster and it can be a great avenue for parents and children to sit down together, ready the popcorn and enjoy some great family friendly entertainment.

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SOURCES: <https://www.disneyplus.com/> | <https://www.netnanny.com/blog/parents-parental-controls-on-disney-plus/> | <https://www.theguardian.com/film/2019/nov/14/disney-attaches-warning-to-outdated-cultural-depictions-in-classic-films>

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UPDATE

What's been happening in school this week?

Whilst the school has been closed for the majority of pupils, we have remained open for the children of key workers and we have had a week full of fun and creativity.

This week the children have used their creative skills to create their own board games and let others play with them, create their own puzzles and have started to redecorate the hall with putting up some beautiful new displays!





What have the staff been up to?

Miss Weston has been taking some time in the evenings to complete this diamond art.

She said it took a while, but is now complete



Miss Rayner has been busy with another painting by numbers.



Mrs Burr and her son have been bug hunting and bird watching!



TRY
SOMETHING
NEW

Can you make your own board game and give it to your family members to play?

Can you create your own jigsaw puzzle and give it to somebody to complete?

Can you go outside and go on a mini beast hunt? Can you research what you find?

Let's help every child
thrive 



Follow this link to access some thrive activities to use at home


<https://www.thriveapproach.com/who-we-work-with/parents-carers/>



WE MISS YOU



Look out for
messages from
your teachers!



Hello everyone!
I hope you are all having fun with your families at the moment in the lovely summer sun, I know I have been! I've been busy on lots of dog walks, exploring a few new places.

I've loved seeing what you are all up to on google classroom. I hear some of you are even beating me on ttockstars - keep up the good work!

Look forward to seeing you all soon!
Miss De Lacey



Hi everyone!

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the sunshine!
I have been spending lots of time in my garden planting new and unusual plants. The one behind me will grow even taller than me, hopefully!
I have loved seeing all the different ways that you have been working things out via Google Classroom - keep it up!

Stay Safe and I am missing you all lots,
Mrs Taylor



Hi Everybody,
I hope you are all keeping
safe and well!
My family and I have been
keeping busy gardening, dog
walks and cycling.
I miss you all and can't wait to
get back into the pool but just
need to be patient. Keep safe
and make lots of memories!
Mrs Lawrence



Hello Moonstone Room

I hope you are staying safe and well!
I have been talking to Miss Jeffery's and Miss McRoberts,
who are missing you all very much and looking forward to
seeing you all soon. As am I!
It's been busy in my house for birthdays, my son, Tom
was 18 last week and it's been my birthday this week. I
have been very spoilt! I know some of you have had your
birthdays in lockdown too. I hope they were as exciting as
mine.
Fred has been keeping me busy and wanted to say hello
to you all. He has been on lots of walks and then sleeping
on my bed! Naughty doggy. He has given me lots of
birthday cuddles, but I think that's because he wants to
eat some birthday cake.
I hope you are having as much fun as possible in the
sunshine and we are missing you all every day!

Stay safe
from Mrs Belsom x



LET'S CELEBRATE

Look at some of the amazing work that people have shared with us on Google Classroom – why don't you try some of these activities?

The Lost Paradise city

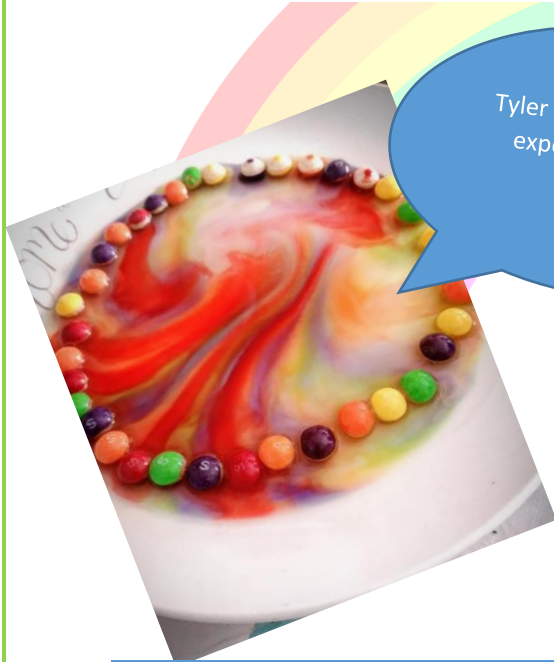
My wonder of the world is on a small island in the middle of the largest sea, the Pacific Ocean with one small hill and a door in the side leading down a wooden staircase into an old mine shaft with multiple treasure rooms. Then after a mile down the mine shaft there is a huge metal door with a huge electronic lock.

After passing through the door you will be in a building and a desk with a sign saying "welcome to paradise city".

You will be in a small underground city with an apartment, shop, farm and beach. There are lots of tunnels.

It was discovered in 1938 by Sir Lewis of Read on his travels around the world by rowing boat. He came across this island by mistake after being chased by bearded pirates. He hid in a cave and slept for a few days before exploring for food and clean water. He came across the hill with the door and found this extraordinary discovery.

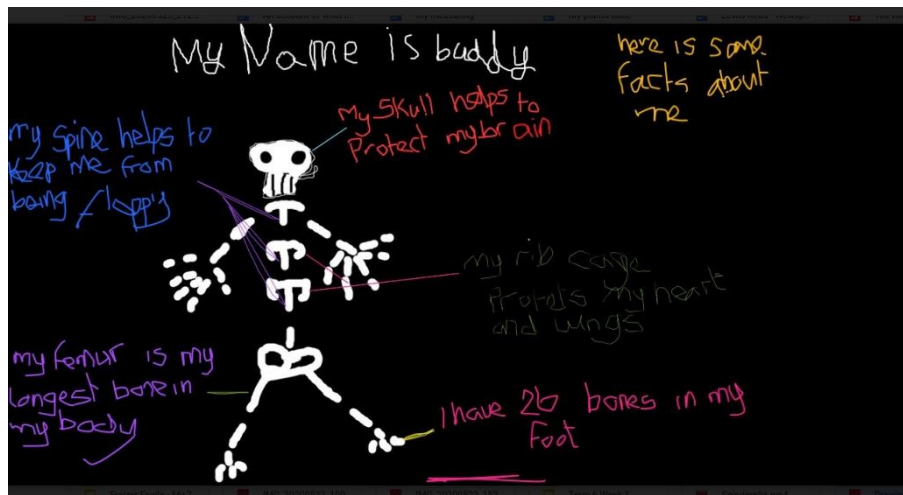
Lewis in year 5 has created his own 'wonder of the world'. It sounds beautiful.



Tyler in year 2 has been experimenting with skittles!



Elizabeth has been busy in the kitchen baking cakes.



Year 5 have been learning about the human skeleton!



REMEMBER

Share your work with us!

EYFS – Please upload any photographs to your EexAt accounts

Years 1 – 6 – Upload any work to Google Classroom – If you need your Log in send a message via WEDUC.



Google Classroom

Make sure you share any work you have been doing at home and see if you can spot it in next week's newsletter!

Book your space!

If you need a space at school for your son/daughter because you are a key worker or children can now attend in R, 1 and 6, please contact the school office. Children will NOT be able to just turn up.



Book
a
Space!

Please remember that although the school is closed to the majority of pupils, there is always someone at school if you need any help or to speak to us!

Please do not hesitate to contact us

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or

via WEDUC

