

**West Pennard C of E VC Primary School**



For anti-bullying week Otter Class discussed what it is like to walk in others' shoes. They created their own shoes and considered what makes them an individual and unique.



**'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)**

**Heads Up**

As this is a year in which many wish to look forward, we have brought some of the traditional Christmas activities forward also. On Friday next week we will be in receipt of our traditional West Pennard Christmas tree which usually takes pride of place in the hall. However, this year that would mean many would not see it and receive the festive cheer that it brings. As with all things this year, we have considered how we can do things differently, so we have decided to have a tree set in the grass outside of the Kitchen so that all can see it as they pass through the gate each morning. We thought it a nice idea if the school community would like to contribute to the decorating by bringing in a Christmas decoration to put on the tree. Please do note though that as the tree will be outside and subject to the harsh weather we get at this time of year, decorations must not be precious and it is unlikely to be reunited with you after the festive period.

Still on festivities, we have worked out a way of running our Christmas postbox this year, whilst maintaining the safety procedures necessary at this time. Christmas Cards can come in to school to be 'posted' from 1st—11th December. The post-box will be quarantined over the weekend and then the cards will be sorted and distributed using gloves. As with other customs it is our intention for

the children's Christmas to be memorable for the right reasons this year.

This week in school we focused on anti-bullying, starting with an odd sock day on Monday. Each class explored what bullying looks like and also strategies to deal with it in real life contexts. See examples of some of the work that came from this later in the newsletter.

As always it leaves me to wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

Mr Wheat



**Stars in Our Eyes**

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' this week;

- Year R - Matty & Issac
- Year 1 - Emmie & George
- Year 2 - Alesha & Walter
- Year 3 - Bella & Spike
- Year 4 - Amelia & Phoebe
- Year 5 - Stanley & Liam
- Year 6 - Amelia & Tigris



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Food, Glorious Food!

In an earlier newsletter we mentioned that we would be revamping the school meals offer. We are pleased to announce the launch of our completely new menu. Join us each day for a festival of food at West Pennard, produced in our very own production kitchen and using the highest quality, locally sourced produce. There is something for everyone, as you will see on the 3 week menu—click on the pictures to the right.

From January we will be offering hot meal options for all children, from Reception to Year 6 using an additional dinner hall and kitchen in the Music Room and Library, as well as our existing one in the hall, in order to maintain our bubble structure.

On the 'Main Stage' I'm sure you will not want to waste too much time 'watching' our food celebrities such as bangers and mash, all day breakfast, roast dinner or pasta bolognese before letting them tickle your tastebuds!

There are some new up and coming acts on the 'Other Stage' to take in, especially our vegetable burritos, cheesy pinwheels and beany wrap.

For those of you that want some 'easy listening' there is an option for either a jacket potato with filling, sandwiches or a pasta pot.

Conclude your experience in 'Shangri-La' with options such as Eton Mess, rainbow jelly and tutti-fruity sponge.

We know it can be difficult to find the time to make menu choices and to get pieces of paper back to the office, so we want to make it as easy as possible by introducing an online booking and payment system for school meals. We will provide access to this well in advance of the end of term.

In the meantime, please take the time to look through the menu and to discuss it with your child (ren). Sorry, we can only provide these meals for the children currently, not the parents, but I'm sure they will come home and take great pleasure in telling you how delicious they are each day!





WoW Wednesdays

(Wellbeing on Wednesdays)

Squirrel Class made crocodile clothes pegs as part of their Wellbeing on Wednesdays sessions this term. They have produced some beautiful autumnal tree pictures using finger painting and also some amazing firework art using split straws when learning about the Gunpowder Plot.



Here and There

Chew Valley Lake and Chew Magna

The Chew Valley is a beautiful area for walking and is easily accessible from West Pennard. With its lush green fields and gentle hills and idyllic Chew Valley Lake this is a very charming spot to enjoy a rural ramble. The Chew Valley Lake to Chew Magna walk is a lovely circular riverside wander taking in two of Chew Valley's villages – Chew Stoke and Chew Magna before returning to the lakeside.



Click [here](#) for more details of the route.

Poets Walk and Clevedon Seaside Stroll



This short Poets Walk loop around Clevedon cliff-tops offers some fantastic sea views and will blow the cobwebs away. Start from Old Church Road Allotments, Old Church Road, just west of central Clevedon or if you are already enjoying the traditional family fun of Clevedon sea-front then pick up the walk by the playground opposite the west end of Marine Lake. If you wish to park in the car park they are currently not taking cash, so you will need your phone and credit card to pay for parking. There are often spaces available at the moment, due to this. Parking on the street is difficult currently due to the difficulties with cashless meters.

Click [here](#) for details of the walk



Writers and Mathematicians of the Week

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class Writer or the Mathematician of the Week this week;

- Year 1 -
- Year 2 - Isla & Tabitha
- Year 3 - Amaya & Thea
- Year 4 - Phoebe & Noah
- Year 5 - Kai & Sebastian
- Year 6 - Macy & Jacob



See a selection of their impressive work below.

Well done to all of these children.

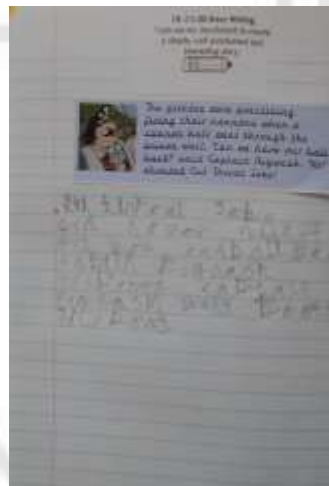
Online Safety Webinar

Please see below link for details of a free Online Safety webinar for parents and carers:

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/coronavirus-free-police-online-safety-webinar-for-parents-and-carers/send-news/>

Anti-Bullying Week

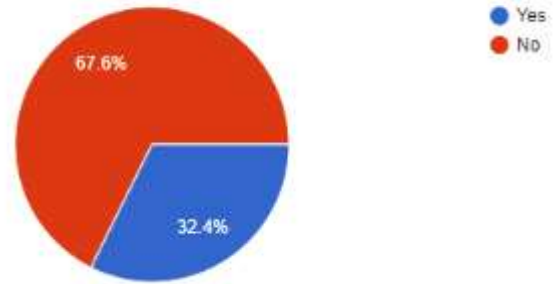
In Squirrel Class this week we had many discussions about 'being different'. We all agreed that by looking different, sounding different, and having different interests it makes the world a much more interesting place. To demonstrate this, we constructed our own 'odd socks' to show that being different is a cause for celebration.



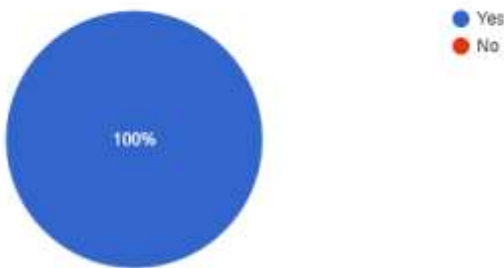
### Feedback from Access to Internet Survey

Thank you to those of you that responded to the survey a few weeks ago. The intention was to ascertain the access that children have to the internet. The picture is encouraging from those that responded, but we are aware of the difficulties in accessing home learning, especially if you have shared devices between children. We are also aware of the difficulties some are having with Google Classroom. We will be creating further help videos early next term. Unfortunately there is a strict criteria in order to be eligible for DfE provided laptops. We are regularly in receipt, though, of donated devices. We will let you know when more become available.

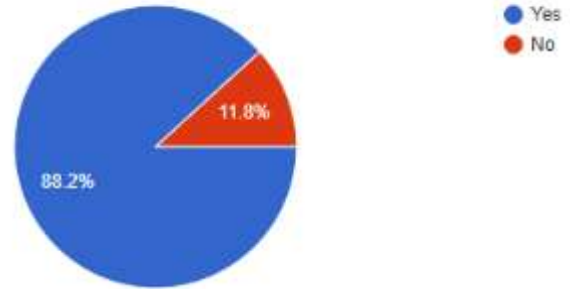
Do you have to share devices between siblings?



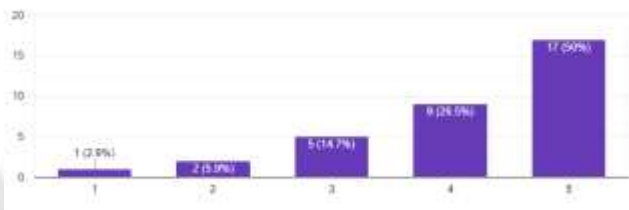
Do you have access to the internet?



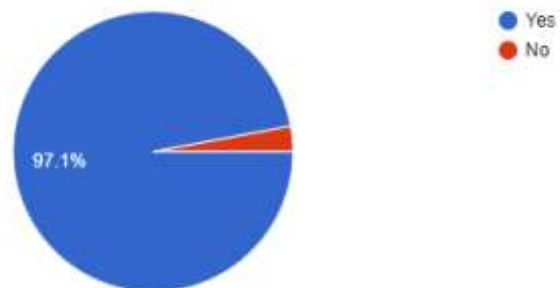
Do you have a printer?



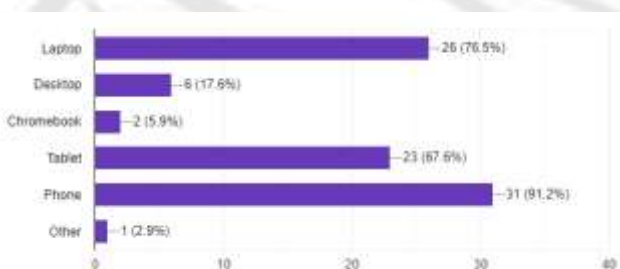
How reliable is your signal (1 being the worst and 5 being the best)



Have you managed to log on to Google Classroom?



What devices do you have at home?



APPs of the Week



Zookazam is an augmented reality app that can bring animals into your living room. What better a stimulus for writing?



Daisy the Dinosaur. This free, fun app has an easy drag & drop interface that kids of all ages can use to animate Daisy and make her dance on their screen. Kids will intuitively grasp the basics of objects, sequencing, loops and events by solving this app's challenges.



Do Ink is the number 1 green screening app for ios. Have fun being anything from a weather presenter to pretending to ski with an avalanche falling behind you.



Learn French Mind Snacks aims to test your knowledge of French through a number of games, more of which can be unlocked through further play and/or buy buying the complete app.

Celebrating Successes - Anti-Bullying Stories

Written by Year 5

BULLYING IS NOT OK

As I got into school I immediately heard whispers about me. People started pointing at me. Then something hit my head, it was a note it read "You're useless, you're stupid you don't belong here, nobody loves you, you should just leave." It carried on like this for weeks. I kept on getting rude notes, people talked behind my back and I even received a couple of mean text messages. It made me feel sad and like no one wanted me. I wanted to speak to someone, but I was afraid that if I did, the bullies might hurt me.

One day, I heard that somebody stood up for herself and after that nobody was mean to her anymore. Inspired by this, I decided to stand up for myself. The next time they were mean to me I said "That's not true, I'm a much better person than you are." "How?" They asked." "Well for one thing I don't bully people for no reason." Afterwards I told the teacher and from then on no one bullied me again.

If anyone at all bullies you, no matter what they say or do, you must tell a trusted adult who will be able to help you.

Bethany Davies-White

Macbeth Inspired Poetry

Watch Megan's Amazing Macbeth-inspired poem. Click the picture below...





Safeguarding



Mr T Wheat  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
DSL



Mrs Lorraine Clarke  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
DDSL

The safety and welfare of all children is everybody's responsibility. As the nights draw in, please be aware of the associated dangers of diminished light when walking home or when in public places.

Our School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Tony Wheat. The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lorraine Clarke. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare or safety please speak to them immediately.

Alternatively if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger out of school please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police.

Quote of the Week

'What of you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?'

Wisdom of the Week



'Even when people don't like you, it doesn't make you what they think you are.' - George Year 1.

Fox Class Creations

In Fox class we read the story of 'Not a Stick' The children then used their imagination to make their own 'not a stick' into something else. We had some amazing creations!!!!

Mrs Free



AR Bookmarks

Week 1

AR - Book Finder Explained

Part 1:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ptXgAsYF6cf6-RYWKLyesHXBxXjkSTC/view>

Part 2:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fZhE85F0wvjcAUR8MyOEvJbEwafBgBfC/view>

Mrs Plnsent

Mole Class Work



Mole Class made these for our half term home learning and are finally enjoying sharing them. Our book swap is going down a storm too! All books are quarantined for 48hrs before being re-distributed.

Mrs Rew

Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

\*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Tuesday 24th November	Year 3 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 25th November	Year 3 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Friday 27th November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 30th Nov – Tuesday 1st Dec	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 1st December	Covid Secure Christmas Postbox Opens
Friday 11th December	Christmas Sock Day Year 3 Victorian Christmas Workshop Final Day for Posting Christmas Cards
Monday 14th December	Christmas Cards Delivered Following Quarantine
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner* and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16th December	Class Christmas Parties* Class Collective Worship Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Thursday 17th December	Aladdin—Virtual Pantomime—The MacMillan Theatre
Friday 18th December	Christmas Mufti - no donation required
Friday 18th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead)* Break up for Christmas Holidays