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A Message from Mrs Hewitt

As part of our school development plan, across the whole school, we are redesigning displays to reflect the natural environment as well as to celebrate and support learning. We always want to ensure that we are providing the very best environment to ensure children flourish.



White Rose Hub have released a One Minute maths app to help children to build greater number confidence and fluency. They say it is all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks! [Click the link to download.](#)

For our Spring Term parents' evenings- please see information below

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend 😊



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Eleanor - always doing amazing writing in the mornings. Beau - superb progress in reading and phonics.
Goslings	Sophie - super work on non fiction texts. Grayson S - amazing listening and joining in all the time.
Caterpillars	Ella T - being determined to learn her di-graphs and for loving reading. Dexter L - being thoughtful and helpful in the classroom.
Dragonflies	Kyron - excellent focus in phonics lessons. Esme - superb writing in English
Owls	Alana - writing a descriptive and entertaining story. Layla - showing super organisational skills in PE.
Hedgehogs	Finnley J - wonderful enthusiasm in English this week. Isabelle T - determination with division.
Sharks	Alfred C - confident and systematic maths work. Alissia L - great determination with her money work in maths.
Dolphins	Elodie H & Marley L - working exceptionally hard in all lessons.
Jaguars	Harry P - fantastic letter raising the problems of rainforest deforestation. Isabella W - super work with chunking in division.
Tigers	Ella P - writing a wonderful persuasive letter about protecting the rainforest. Oliver O B - trying really hard to improve his handwriting.



Meadows First School Weekly Newsletter



Time to book your virtual Spring Parents' Meetings for children in Reception to year 4 (Nursery will hold their parent consultations at a different time).

Tuesday 15th February	Wednesday 16th February	Thursday 17th February
3.30- 7pm	3.30-5.30	3.30-7pm

To book an appointment on the appropriate day we have a simple online booking system. Please go to <https://meadowsfirst.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

You will then need to enter just a few simple personal details. These details should be of the person whom we hold as the main contact in school. Please ensure that the information you input is exactly the same as the information that we hold in school (e.g. Ms/Miss/Mr etc).

Please use the link if you require any further instructions - <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

The booking system is available from today (28th January) at 6pm. Due to time restrictions it is only possible to allow 1 appointment, for each child. The system links to the first contact's email address for each child. Hence, if you are not the first contact, and cannot attend at the same time, please contact the School Office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Once you have selected an appointment time, you will be sent a link that should be used to access your meeting at the correct time. If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office, who will be happy to make appropriate arrangements for a telephone call instead.

If you wish to make an appointment with our SEND team, please email Mrs Rowley and Mrs Dodman on senteam@meadows.worcs.sch.uk. They will either join the parents evening with the class teacher or you can arrange a separate appointment.

Class names: R.1 - Goslings
R.2 - Cygnets
1.3 - Caterpillars
1.4 - Dragonflies
2.5 - Owls
2.6 - Hedgehogs
3.7 - Sharks
3.8 - Dolphins
4.9 - Jaguars
4.10 - Tigers



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 apps that we believe located and it should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

▶ YOUTUBE ▶

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: Influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing access age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered that their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (aka @Lunawed) 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 Lunawed Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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