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*I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.
John 10:10*



Rowan Class News

Rowan Class have had a great start back after half term, we're very excited to start all our new projects and topics we have in store. We will be exploring column addition and subtraction in maths before moving on to multiplication, and explaining some very boring (ask the children!) machines that you find within the home for writing like dishwashers and toasters. This will help us with our learning about Electricity in science - making circuits and creating something special for Christmas.

This week we have thought about those that have fought for us in the past, why we spend two minutes in silence and what poppies represent and why. We then spent time working on some collage to create a poignant stained glass window display ready for the 11th November.



Christmas Fair – Friday 29th November

Preparations are underway for our annual Christmas Fair but the TSF need your help.

Too much chocolate in the house after Halloween? TSF are looking for donations of chocolate for their Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Please bring your donations to the School Office between **11th & 15th November**.



DO YOU HAVE ANY PRELOVED KIDS CHRISTMAS JUMPERS OR KIDS CHRISTMAS CLOTHES? AT THE TSF CHRISTMAS FAIR ON FRIDAY 29TH NOV 24 WE WILL BE RESELLING ANY PRELOVED CHRISTMAS CLOTHING!



PLEASE DROP ANY DONATIONS INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE!



At the TSF Christmas Fair on 29th November 2024 our jolly jar stall will be returning! This is always a hit! Can you help us to make the jolly jars? Save your empty jam jars and get your child to make a jolly jar! The jolly jar can be filled with anything of your choice e.g sweets, chocolate, stickers, stationary, the ideas are endless!

We are asking that these come into school on the morning of the Christmas Fair (29th November 24) . Make as many as you like as the Jolly Jars are always popular and sell out!

Book Look – Wednesday 13th November

We would like to invite you in to school at the end of the day to enjoy looking at the work that your child has produced this year. Please pop along to your child's classroom between 3.30pm and 5.00pm to share in their learning from across this term.



During the week beginning 11th November, we will be celebrating Values Week (Trull's version of Children in Need!). The children will take part in activities in their class at some point during the week, to raise the profile of Kindness, Respect and Forgiveness - our School Values. At the end of the week, the Wellbeing Champions will be leading an assembly for the whole school. They would really appreciate it if the children could bring a colourful accessory to wear for the assembly - this could be a hat, scarf, gloves, hair accessory etc (to wear, so not cuddly toys etc). We will also be having a collection for Children in Need on Friday morning if you would like to make a donation.



Dear parents,

We have had a number of complaints recently from local residents and other parents about people travelling unsafely to and from school.

Please can we ask that:

- Children who are cycling to school are closely supervised and are not cycling on their own/ahead of parents unless they are road safe.
- Parents observe the speed limit, especially along Wild Oak Lane. Most of Trull is now 20 mph.
- Special care is taken when passing cyclists or pedestrians.
- Everybody takes special care in the car park and people do not park in the disabled parking spaces unless displaying a blue badge.
- Children **MUST** not cycle or scoot on the playground.

Clubs Autumn Term 2

The following clubs still have spaces available this half-term (bookings can be made on Scopay):

Dance Club Y5-6 Thursdays

Multiskills Y1-2 Thursdays

Multisport Y3-4 Tuesdays

Netball Y5-6 Mondays

Singing Club Y4-6 (Choir members only) Tuesdays

Zen Club (after school) Y1-6 Thursdays

Please note, we have opened up Thursdays Multiskills for Year 1. Currently for this term only.

Thank you for your consideration.

Football

Well done to the girls who took part in the football tournament on Monday. They won 1 game, drew 2 and lost 1!



On Tuesday, Yew Class took part in a Gamelan Orchestra workshop at Castle School.



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTIONS
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite. It can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but still cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, 'V-bucks' – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Derrell from The Watcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent optional touches to lighten the mood, such as taking mini-games and dancing emotes. Mocking guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different overarching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game; make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Uyail Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and experts site GDRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and Techradar.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Autumn Term – Important dates

November 2024

Monday 11 th	Remembrance Service (school only)
Wednesday 13 th	Parent Book Look 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Friday 15 th	Children in Need (bring a colourful accessory to school)
Friday 15 th	PINS Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm (school hall)
Wednesday 20 th	Open the Book Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 21 st	Parent Workshops 4.30pm – 6.30pm (more info to follow)
Friday 29 th	Non- School Uniform Day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair TSF Christmas Fair 3.00pm Y5 & Y6 to Queens College – Harry Potter & the Cursed Child

December 2024

Thursday 5 th	EYFS Nativity 2.00pm	} More info to follow on how to book
Tuesday 10 th	KS1 Nativity 2.00pm	
Wednesday 11 th	KS1 Nativity 2.00pm	
Thursday 12 th	KS1 Nativity 9.30am	
Friday 13 th	Father Christmas visit (TBC) and Christmas Jumper Day	
Tuesday 17 th	Christingle Service in Church (school only)	
Wednesday 18 th	Open the Book Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend	
Thursday 19 th	KS2 Carol Service Y3 & Y4 parents 9.30am Y5 & Y6 parents 2.00pm	More info to follow on how to book
Friday 20 th	Christmas Dinner School Closes at 1.45pm	



ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Maple Class!

A Big THANK YOU

Trull School

for supporting Taunton Foodbank.

Your donation of **79.4 Kg** during **Harvest 2024** will make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Taunton foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

Registered Charity Number: 1163094 Registered in England and Wales

Taunton **foodbank**

LUNCHTIME AWARD

The class who received the most lunchtime tokens for kindness, respect and good behaviour this week is:

Willow Class!



Family service

**Interactive
Family Centred
For All Ages**

**2nd Sunday of the month
Starting at 10:30 am**

Trull Church Community Centre



All proceeds go to Trull School



**TRULL
MEMORIAL HALL**

**CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAYRE**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16th**

10-2.30pm



**PARTNERSHIPS FOR
INCLUSION OF
NEURODIVERSITY
IN SCHOOLS**

We are delighted to share our first Parent Group which is part of the pilot of the new Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group will be a chance for you to learn about the project, learn about what the forum does and help to decide what the groups will focus in the the future.

We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

Trull Church of England VA
Primary School
Friday 15th November
13:30 to 15:00

**PARENT
GROUPS**

