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Yew Class news

We had a great half term before Easter - we loved our History topic about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We explored the idea of twisted fairy tales, spending time reading some of the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Hansel and Gretel were our focus - we then wrote our own versions of some fairy tales (The Big Bad Pig and the 3 Little Wolves, Jackie and the Beanstalk, The Golden Bear and the 3 children) - ask us about them. We also focused on an artist called Umberto Boccioni and how he used futurism and cubism to create his work.

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

We are super excited about the next term, we have so many things to look forward to: Wizard of Oz performance, residential, sports day and other things.

Yew Class





Year 4 trip to Wessex Water

On Day 2 of the summer term, Rowan Class set off on a trip to Wessex Water's Ashford site. Our topic this term includes work on the water cycle, rivers, the importance of water and solids, liquids and gases. So, finding out how run-off and river water are cleaned for us to drink, seeing the features and walking in a river, and looking at the habitats that surround them was really useful for us.

We had a great day, and even managed a picnic lunch outside!





On Wednesday, 17th April, the whole school went across to church to take part in the Commissioning Service for Mr Bottomley as the new Head Teacher of our School. There we were joined by School Governors, parents, members of All Saints Church, Bath and Well Diocese and representatives of the village community. The service was both a celebration and a commitment. The commitment is not only on the part of the new Headteacher, but on the part of all within the school community to support the head teacher as he takes on his new role. It was a very inclusive service with a performance from the school choir and children taking part in the readings and prayers which they had written themselves. Mr Bottomley was also presented with symbolic gifts from the Governors, the Diocese of Bath & Wells and All Saints.



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 & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipient named (even WhatsApp itself can't read them). This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious emergency. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times in the app now display a "forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT
The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK
Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. This risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION
WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

NEWS

...TYPING...

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.



THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.



ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My contacts' or 'My contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.



CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Supporting a Child with ADHD

Thursday 25th April



Join Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE for an online session that explores this topic and challenges stereotypes.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

(7pm to 9pm) £24

Book now via the website



FREE

Autism Awareness Courses

Online | April - June

Expand your knowledge and awareness of autism and neurodiversity. In each session you will learn about a different aspect of autism, including the key differences between the brains of neurotypical and autistic individuals, how autism affects executive functioning skills and how autism and anxiety are linked.

What do I need to know?

- ✓ For beginners and more experienced learners alike.
- ✓ Zoom access required.
- ✓ *Please see our website for eligibility information.

Introduction to Autism - Taster: Wednesday 17th April 2024

5:00pm – 8:00pm | 1 Session

Understanding Autism - Starter: Wednesday 1st – 22nd May 2024

5:00pm – 8:00pm | 4 Sessions

Understanding Autism: Sensory Sensitivity, Stimming and Masking - Developer

Wednesday 19th June – 3rd July | 5:00pm – 8:00pm | 3 Sessions

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online

0330 332 7997 sslcourses.co.uk

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Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE

THURSDAY 2nd MAY 7-9PM £24

Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Important dates

April

Monday 22 nd	TSF Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 24 th	Y5 Residential meeting at 6pm
Friday 26 th	Bag2School Collection
Monday 29 th	KS1 Spirituality through Play
Tuesday 30 th	KS2 Spirituality through Play

May

Friday 3 rd	Ash/Reception Class Assembly
Monday 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9 th – Friday 10 th	Willow Class Residential
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	SATs week
Friday 17 th	Willow Class Assembly
Monday 20 th	Height and Weight checks for Year R and Year 6 (more information to follow)
Thursday 23 rd	Tempest photography – Year 6 leavers and class photos



ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Oak Class

As part of Trull School's dedication to the mental health and wellbeing of everyone at the school, Mrs Weston (and/or a member of staff!) will be running for 30 minutes during a Wednesday lunch time to promote physical health as part of overall wellbeing. It would be fantastic if the children could join in or support in anyway during this time, and have fun too! If you think your child would like to join in with the running, feel free to pack trainers that they can change into before going outside to lunch - this is completely optional!



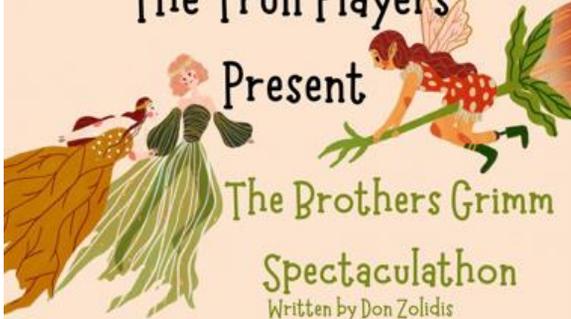
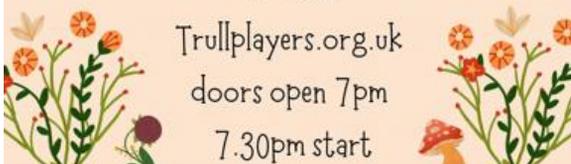
Uniform appeal

If you have any pants or trousers (especially for younger children) that can be donated to school, please drop them into the office.

Thank you.



The Trull Players
Present
The Brothers Grimm
Spectaculathon
Written by Don Zolidis
Directed by Chris Johnstone
Trull Memorial Hall
16th 17th 18th May
£7
Call 07724 104196
or visit
Trullplayers.org.uk
doors open 7pm
7.30pm start

**MULTI-SPORT
ACTIVITY CAMP**




**HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 29th May 2024
08:30 – 16:00
£25 per day**

**Trull C of EVA Primary School
Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell
Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews**

*** max: 24 children per day, minimum of 16
for club to run.**

**OPEN TO CURRENT
YEAR 3-YEAR 6
CHILDREN**




Saturday 13th July 2024

Plans for Party in the Park 2024 are moving fast. We have a lot of organisations and individuals signed up for the stalls to showcase or sell and there are a few left so give Andy Dunningham a call. Our activity programme is looking really great with Birds of Prey, emergency services, tractors, floral showcase, displays from the Cricket club and the Tennis Club, with Trull Players offering their ever popular Story Time. Trull School Fundraisers have some great activities for the kids. We have food and drink covered, but we would welcome more food outlets if you know anyone?

Now it's over to YOU! We have some great Music booked for the evening time but would LOVE to showcase YOUR talents. So, do you or someone you know have a talent – a budding musician or singer? A Standup comedian, a poet or just about ANY performance activity, we have open Mic Slots all afternoon. Contact Andy Dunningham if you want to take part.

We would also love to showcase any artwork from our villagers, amateur, newbies or proficient, everyone welcome to exhibit in any media. We will display in the Pavilion from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning.

Our Arena is set up for some of our great displays. Does your club or group or even individuals have something to promote your activities or to offer some "have a go" sessions for kids, teens or grown ups, or everyone! This is a great chance to show the whole village and beyond just what you do.

Don't forget the Farmyard mask competition and opening procession open to all children. Details to follow, get planning!!

We are still looking for offers of help throughout the event, stewards, car parking, directing to places, programme selling and helping our stalls and contributors. If you can help in any way from Friday evening set up, through Saturday and Sunday morning clear-up, even for a very short time, then please get in touch.

Make sure you have the date in your diary and let friends and family know too. We look forward to hearing from you to book your contributions, stalls or showcase slots and to seeing you on 13th July.

For bookings please email Andy Dunningham TCCCbooking@gmail.com.

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The new date is out for the next Sports Camp during the May half-term – forms were sent home this week.

