



# Trull C of E VA Primary School

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## Rowan Class News

We have had a busy and exciting few weeks in Rowan Class. There has been lots to discover about animals during science and art - creating a forest for our display and also using them as inspiration for a watercolour painting. We have focussed on the Iron Man by Ted Hughes to think about a wild animal that might come prowling around the school grounds - coming up with lots of imaginative vocabulary and using our writer's skills to make our paragraphs even better!

In maths we have worked so hard on our multiplication and division, making amazing progress with our times tables knowledge and really challenging our thinking at times!

Well done Rowan class for such amazing imagination, perseverance and resilience. We are looking forward to the sun coming out a bit more and getting outside for more creativity and learning!

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





**The Wellbeing Champions have worked really hard over the last few weeks to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. They delivered an assembly to the whole school with the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself,' which helped children understand the range of emotions we all have, that we can't help how we feel and things we can do to manage them. They have been into every class this week to do an activity with the children concentrating on how we celebrate who we are and our abilities, whatever they may be.**

**A big congratulations for such hard work and a successful week!**





This week, we have been learning about the story of Jonathan and David's friendship. Jonathan made a promise to David: "I will always help you, no matter what." The story of Jonathan and David teaches us that true friendship means looking after each other, keeping promises and being kind, even when things are difficult!

Who are your special friends? How do you show kindness to them?



### Maple Class assembly

A huge well done to Maple Class for putting on a wonderful assembly today, all about Marvellous Materials!



# What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**15+**  
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed for young audiences by the viral TV show, Squid Game. The nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ and is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread across online platforms, and there is a great risk of young people being exposed to unsuitable scenes, meaning parents and carers have to be vigilant when allowing children to use devices.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

## APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "Squid Game" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

## SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

## VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as "How to Draw Squid Game Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

## SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them. episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

### CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

### HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

### MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen Squid Game, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing Squid Game" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

### WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced and highly respected freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The INQUIRER*, Carly now works as the news editor for Computer Shopper and IT Pro and writes for a number of publications including Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The Metro, uSwitch and WIRED.



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## Spring Term – Important Dates

### February

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Friday 14th

Mon 17th to Fri 21st

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Open the Book Assembly

Net/Wall Festival – Rowan Class

Elm Class Assembly

HALF TERM

Bingo Night

Partnerships for Inclusion of neurodiversity in School Parent Group – 1.30pm

### March

Thursday 6th

Wednesday 19th

Friday 21st

Friday 28th

World Book Day

Open the Book Assembly

Ash Class Assembly

Oak Class Assembly

### ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

**ASH CLASS!**

### **Rugby Tournament Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Some of our year 4's took part in a rugby tournament on Thursday.

It was a lot of fun!



TRULL SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

# BINGO NIGHT

Friday 28th  
February

Doors open 7pm

Come and join us for a night of bingo and help us raise funds for our new non-fiction books for the children

£10 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE FROM SCHOOL OR PAYPAL:	TRULL SCHOOL TA3 7JZ	PROSECCO BAR CASH ONLY	PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
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ADULTS ONLY



**CHRISTIANS IN SPORT**

# THE SPORTS QUIZ

Trull Church Community Centre  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm

A six round sports quiz, free entry and talk about the Christian faith. Come as a team of six or we can put you into a team. Bring your own drinks and nibbles!

Contact Andy Dunningham on [adunningham50@gmail.com](mailto:adunningham50@gmail.com) or message 07970 952853 for more information and/or to book your place.



# Family service

Sunday 9th February  
Starting at 10:15am with refreshments  
in the  
Trull Church Community Centre

We sing, pray, learn about God, and have fun together!  
We do this in a variety of ways including games, craft and interactive stories.  
This is a noisy and beautiful service, where all ages worship God together.



Scan the QR code for more information



# MULTI-SPORT



# ACTIVITY CAMP



**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**08:30 – 16:00**

**£25 per day**

**Trull C of E VA Primary School**

**Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell**

**Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews**

\* max 24 children per day, minimum of 15 for club to run.

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