

Endurance and Perseverance—Year 6 did us Proud!

This week has been ‘SATs Week’ at primary schools across the country. After two years of no SATs, there has been quite a lot of trepidation from teachers and pupils in the run up to the assessments. However we needn’t have worried. The children in Year 6 were absolutely brilliant; they were focused, determined and gave it their all each and every day. While I’m sure some wouldn’t say they enjoyed the experience, I think all would agree that they weren’t as bad as they had anticipated and that they feel enormously proud of their efforts. It was a great example of resilience as they rose to the occasion and concentrated on the job in hand; they realised that stressful situations and nerves are a part of life and they have the skills to deal with them. Congratulations to all in Year 6 for a job well done!



Jubilee Celebration

27th May at 2pm

**Book an afternoon tea on Parent Pay
and join our celebration!**

**We have made a jubilee souvenir tea –
towel with each of the children’s faces
on. They are £5 each. Order forms will
be sent out next week.**

Tombola prizes wanted!

How can reading make children happier?

The top search result for “How to feel happier” is a blogpost from the NHS, providing six top tips. ReadingWise has explored how reading can support these six pointers and contribute to making children and young adults happier. It includes:

- Lower stress levels
- Makes us laugh
- Boosts resilience
- Helps us sleep
- Helps us understand others and the world around us
- Boosts self-esteem

Read the blogpost [here](#).

Notes from the Office

End of Day Protocols

Thank you for your co-operation with completing the End of Day Contacts list. While it may sometimes seem quite onerous to contact the office if there is a change of plans, they are put in place to ensure that everyone is kept safe and we are adhering to current safeguarding advice. In the melee of the end of day, there have been incidents where children have left school unaccompanied or even with another family friend which has caused serious concern. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch to discuss them with a member of staff.

Also, just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the premises. If you have your dog with you, please be aware that others may not be as comfortable in their presence so please allow enough space for others to pass easily.

Punctuality & Attendance

In our last Teaching & Learning review, it was noted that the children are ready and able to learn from the moment they enter the gates. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring a smooth and positive start to the school day.

Coming Up

We know this is a busy term coming up so have put together a detailed Events Schedule which we hope will help to keep us all organised! Please note that all events are subject to change but we will endeavour to make sure that we keep everyone updated.

SCIENCE WEEK What a Waste!

We are busy planning Science Week and, as usual, would love to provide as much enrichment through hosting as many visitors and workshops as possible. If you are able to contribute or have any ideas or contacts, we would really appreciate your help!

E-Safety

The internet can be a powerful force for good, but illegal and harmful content and activity is widespread online. 62% of adult internet users, and over 80% of children (aged 12-15), have had potentially harmful experiences online and we know that even pre-school children upwards use online games and apps and can be vulnerable to abuse. Keeping ahead of the latest games and apps is incredibly difficult but is also incredibly important for keeping our children safe. Luckily, there are security settings that can be used to limit children's exposure and websites that provide information for parents on potential issues and how they can protect their children. Take a look at [National Safety Online](#) and [Think U Know](#) for further advice.

Huggy Wuggy and the Poppy Playtime Game

There's a new trend for parents to keep an eye on. The inspiration comes from a game character with a seemingly innocent name, "Huggy Wuggy." It may make you think of the rhyme about the bear "Fuzzy Wuzzy." But it's the goal of the game and disturbing social media videos that have adults raising eyebrows.

What Is Huggy Wuggy?

Huggy Wuggy sounds like a cuddly teddy bear. But the monster is actually an evil villain in the 2021 horror PC game Poppy Playtime by MOB Games. The blue stuffed bear is no Care Bear. When he opens his mouth, he has rows of sharp teeth. Poppy Playtime is a game of survival set in an abandoned toy factory. Players must solve puzzles while Huggy Wuggy hunts them. He has inspired multiple YouTubers to create parodies of creepy songs, that, while not intended for children, are easy for kids to find and watch online.

Where Are Children Getting Exposed to Huggy Wuggy?

Kids are seeing videos or parodies and songs related to the videos of the monster-bear hybrid [on YouTube](#) and TikTok. YouTube has parental control options, but they aren't always being filtered because "Huggy Wuggy" is a cute name. The videos aren't cute, though. [Some feature](#) TikTokers making fan art with fan parody songs playing in the background. [Others show creepy images](#), like Huggy Wuggy and his knife-like teeth racing towards the camera.

Why Are People Concerned About Huggy Wuggy?

The videos are upsetting. While there's no graphic violence or gore, there are splatters of blood throughout the factory. Also, the horror nature of the game will likely be too scary for younger audiences.

How Adults Can Help

- **Educate yourself.** It's hard to keep up with every new social media platform and app. But it's important to know what your child is using.
- **Get their opinions.** Asking your child open-ended questions about what they know of a game and their thoughts on it can give you a glimpse into their thought process and help you shape the conversation.
- **Communicate with your child.** It can be alarming to learn that your child is watching videos or replicating Huggy Wuggy on the playground. But you can use it as a prompt to speak with your child and help them learn. Use "I" statements, such as, "I love you, and I'm concerned that this game could hurt you and others. It's so important to treat others with respect."

Let them know you're there. These images can be scary and confusing. Telling them that you understand that and letting them know you're always available to talk leaves the door open for future conversations.