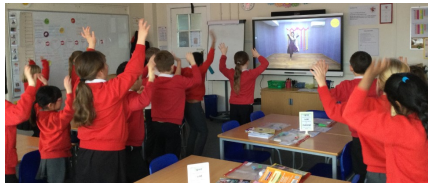


Letter to Parents/Carers

Dear parents and carers,

As you are aware we had our Ofsted inspection last week on the 10th and 11th January 2023. The lead inspector Linda Cullings has asked me to pass on her thanks to the staff, children and families for the welcome the inspection team received at Lambourn Cof E Primary School. The inspection report will follow and we will ensure that it is available on the school website when it is available for publication. <https://lambourn.excalibur.org.uk/>.

This week the children have been learning about Lohri which is a Punjabi festival celebrated by Hindu and Sikh communities. It is celebrated at the start of the harvest season and celebrates the end of



the long dark winter with looking forward to the longer, lighter days ahead.

This festival helps us to teach the links between different religions and our *Christian vision of light*. The children have been able to experience traditional music and dancing as a part of this festival celebration. You can find the music and dance via the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K24OC98K3vU>

With best wishes

Maria

Miss Maria Cupit



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week takes place in February and provides an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of young people's mental wellbeing. The theme for 2023 is **Let's Connect!**

'Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.'

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

20th January 2023

Dates for your
Diary

**Children's Mental Health
Week 2023**

6th-12th February 2023

Theme — Let's Connect

**Eat Them to Defeat
Them 2023**

Starts 20th February

**International Mother
Tongue Day**

21st February

Earth Hour

25th March

(Easter Holidays)

Winter Mini Reading Challenge



I would like to remind you of the **2022 Winter Mini Challenge**, presented by The **Reading Agency** in partnership with **Science Museum Group**, which runs until 20th February.

The Winter Mini Challenge continues the Gadgeteers theme of science and innovation. Children are encouraged to read 3 books (or their own set number of books) and add them to an online profile here: www.wintermini.org.uk . Along the way they can unlock badges and virtual rewards and once they've completed the challenge they can also claim a certificate. The website also has plenty of reading activities and games too.

It would be great for as many of our children as possible to take part and continue to develop their love of Reading.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received Principal's Awards this week. We are all very impressed with the following children's quality of work and commitment to their learning.



Everyone else, remember never, never, never give up!

F2

Year 1 Julian & Taylor

Year 2 Theo & Isla

Year 3 Abi & Matilda

Year 4 Alfie & Jarvis

Year 5 Jan & Edie

Year 6 Lily & Archie

Living the Christian Values Medals

F2 Elodie

Year 1 Finley

Year 2 Katherine

Year 3 Lewis

Year 4 Ivy

Year 5 Brooke

Year 6 Blake

LOVE, INTEGRITY, GRIT, HOPE and TRUST

Seasons Photography Competition

Mrs Harle would like to thank all the children that submitted an autumnal photograph, there were some fantastic entries. The winning prize went to Owen in Year 3 for this fantastic photograph he took of a wild mushroom whilst out walking.



It is now time for **winter** entries.

A before, Mrs Harle is encouraging pupils to get out and about, **observing** how the landscapes around them change. Their task is to take a photograph they believe captures and reflects this. Photos can be taken on phones, cameras, tablets etc.

Entries can be submitted by emailing:

Admin@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

and

Y3@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

or

Printed and handed to Mrs Harle.

All entries will be displayed in school and there will be a winner for the best entry each season.

"Frozen cobwebs, crisp mornings and animal prints in the snow are just a few of the things that reflect winter for me." - Mrs Harle



Invitation to Y5 or Y6 families

King Alfred's outreach to local primary schools

KS2 Twilight Transition event: Around the world (Humanities & Modern Foreign Languages)

King Alfred's Academy would love to take the opportunity to invite you along to what promises to be another fantastic Twilight Transition Event. The event will take place at West Site on the 26th January 2023 and will take you on a journey around the world. Please arrive at the terminal for 4:30pm, where you will then depart for your adventure, returning to the terminal at 6:30pm. Throughout your journey there be food and refreshments available.

Outline of the evening:

Departure terminal: Welcome and refreshments

Boarding your flight: Introduction and arrangements for the evening

Destination 1: France - Eiffel tower building competition

Destination 2: America - Making strategic decisions about where to settle

Languages Café: Food and refreshments

Destination 4: Spain - Experience some flamenco dancing

Destination 5: Japan - Building earthquake proof buildings

Artefacts Café: Food and refreshments

The Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages team hope to build on the hugely successful events held in previous years, and the sessions will provide a true sense of the opportunities that King Alfred's Academy has to offer. These events also allow KS2 pupils and parents/guardians from our local feeder schools the opportunity to further explore a secondary school environment and begin to forge positive relationships with our teaching staff.

If you would like to attend, please confirm your attendance via the link below (so we know how much food to prepare!). If you prefer to confirm your attendance by email please email transition@ka.vale-academy.org

LINK: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAj2N0ETtmquv0cZoXrUQ4pnj5Bs1nGwAb-HC_Wshz3q5tjg/viewform?usp=sf_link

'Around The World' Twilight Event
Please complete the form below if you would like your son/daughter to attend the event on

Parent/Guardian Name *
Your answer

Parent/Guardian Email Address *
Your answer

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docs.google.com

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Cooking and Nutrition

Starts Monday 23 January 2023 12.30 - 2.30pm

FREE OF CHARGE!

The Croft Hall, Hungerford, RG17 0HY

**To book: Contact Marie Beasley on 01488 682628 or
email mbeasley@hungerfordnursery.w-berks.sch.uk**

A 6 week course* aimed at helping you develop your skills
and knowledge to:

- Cook and shop on a budget
- Develop knowledge around portion control
- Prepare and cook healthy meals and lunchboxes
 - Build and maintain healthy lifestyles
 - Understand food labels

***Attend 75% of the course for your chance to grab some
great household kitchen necessities**



Hungerford Family Hub



Online Safety & Gaming

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others



Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub:
swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/

or scan the QR code



Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content:
reportharmfulcontent.com



NOMINET



Would you like to learn more about how to help your child's mathematical development before they start school?

Come and be a part of three informative and relaxed sessions held on Zoom led by education advisers Kirstie Hanson & Louise Griffiths. The aim of the sessions is to explore how you can support your child with their learning at home.



Wednesday 19th April 7-8pm What is early maths?

Wednesday 26th April 7-8pm Numbers and mark making

Wednesday 3rd May 7-8pm Everyday maths in the world around you and stories

All sessions are free of charge and can be booked by emailing the Early Years Service on earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk



How to get your child school ready. Do you have a child who is due to start a West Berkshire school in September 2023?

Come and be a part of three informative and relaxed sessions held on Zoom led by education advisers Kirstie Hanson & Louise Griffiths. The aim of the sessions is to explore how you can support your child with their learning at home.



Monday 23rd January 7-8pm How to be a good talker

Monday 30th January 7-8pm Early Reading & Phonics

Monday 6th February 7-8pm Early Writing

All sessions are free of charge and can be booked by emailing the Early Years Service on earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk