



# Oldbury Park Primary School

**Weekly Words 22**

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## Dates for your diary (Additions / changes in **bold italics**)

Mon 11 Mar	Science Week - Journeys 3.30pm Home football match vs Pitmaston for Y6 girls
Tue 12 Mar	Year 3 Trip to We The Curious returning to school at 4.30pm <b>3.30pm Year 6 Home football match vs Northwick Primary</b>
Wed 13 Mar	2.15pm Jade Morgan (FSW) to see parents- please ring ahead for appt
Thu 14 Mar	Year 4 Tri-Golf Event at CWLC
Fri 15 Mar	Comic Relief 9.15am KS2 Assembly
Mon 18 Mar	3.30pm Home football match vs Hollymount for Y5 boys
Fri 22 Mar	No Parent Assembly
Mon 25 Mar	Balance Bikes for R/Y1 this week Waste Week
Wed 27 Mar	2.15pm Jade Morgan (FSW)
Fri 29 Mar	PTA Non-Uniform for chocolate donations for Chocolate Bingo 9.15am KS1 Assembly
Mon 1 Apr	3.30pm Home cricket match vs Pitmaston for Y3/4 boys + girls
Wed 3 Apr	Year 4 Trip
Thu 4 Apr	Last Swimming Session - Year 4
Fri 5 Apr	9.15am KS2 Assembly 6-8pm PTA Chocolate Bingo
Mon 8 Apr	3.30pm Home football match vs Hollymount for Y6 3.30pm Home cricket match vs Pitmaston for Y5/6 boys
<b>Tue 9 Apr</b>	<b>2.15pm Year 6 shared reading session for parents</b>
Wed 10 Apr	2.15pm Jade Morgan (FSW)
Fri 12 Apr	No Parent Assembly Break up for Easter Holiday
Mon 29 Apr	Teacher Training Day – no children
Tue 30 Apr	Children back to school
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday: no children in school
Tue 7 May	Year 2 SATs for the next 3 weeks
Mon 13 May	Year 6 SATs this week
Fri 24 May	Break up for Half-Term Holiday
Mon 3 Jun	Back to School
Fri 21 Jun	Teacher Training Day – no children
Fri 19 Jul	Last day of term for children
Mon 22 Jul	Teacher Education Day
Mon 2 Sep	Teacher Education Days
Tue 3 Sep	No children in school
Wed 4 Sep	Children back to school
Fri 25 Oct	Break up for Half-Term Holiday
Mon 4 Nov	Back to School
Fri 20 Dec	Break up for Christmas
<b>2020 Dates</b>	
Mon 6 Jan	Back to School
Fri 14 Feb	Break up for Half-Term Holiday
Mon 24 Feb	Back to School
Fri 3 Apr	Break up for the Easter Holiday
Mon 20 Apr	Back to School
Fri 22 May	Break up for Half-Term Holiday
Mon 1 Jun	Back to School
Mon 20 Jul	Break up for Summer Holiday

## Clubs on this week

**All reading sessions for parents are in the main hall. For the afternoon sessions, access through pedestrian gate on the main driveway, then to the flagpole door.**

Mon	4	Mar	World Book Week Activities – see letter <b>9-9.30am Willow reading with parents</b> Willow Forest School <b>2.30-3pm Year 3 reading with parents</b> 3.30pm Home football match vs Pitmaston for Y3/4 boys
Tue	5	Mar	<b>9-9.30am Ash reading with parents</b> Oak Forest School <b>2.30-3pm Year 4 reading with parents</b>
Wed	6	Mar	Walk to School Wednesday <b>9-9.30am Oak reading with parents</b> 2LJ Forest School <b>2.30-3pm Year 5 reading with parents</b>
Thu	7	Mar	<b>World Book Day : Come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book</b> PTA Bags4School Collection <b>9-9.30am 2KJ reading with parents</b> 3C Forest School <b>2.30-3pm 2LJ reading with parents</b>
Fri	8	Mar	9.15am KS1 Assembly – All welcome Ash Forest School

## Attendance

Week Ending: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Class	Percentage	Total number of children arriving late to school
<b>4M</b>	<b>99.29 – well done</b>	91  This is too many and was 60 last week.  Please keep trying to be in school on time! Thank you.
2LJ	99.13	
6W	98.67	
Oak	96.79	
3M	96.07	
6H	95.16	
4A	95.00	
Ash	93.56	
2KJ	93.48	
Willow	93.21	
3C	91.38	
5S	90.67	
MAB	91.25	
5M	89.00	

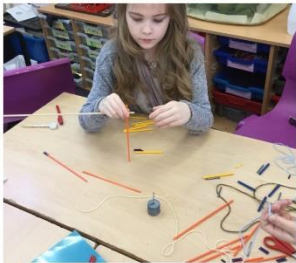
## Year 6

The powerpoint from the SATs Information Evening held this week is on the website. Please note parents are invited to a shared reading session with their child on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm.

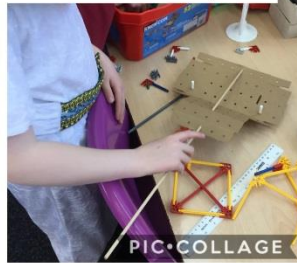
## Year 5 WOW Day

Year 5 WOW day, everyone dressed up to keep us all in the theme of Egyptians and a great day was had by all. The children designed their own pulley system to see how the Egyptian workers actually managed to move the enormous slabs used to build the pyramids.

Holly said, "I can't believe we still have some of the food eaten by Ancient Egyptians today!" The children tasted things such as falafel, hummus, pitta bread, honey, rice pudding and figs. Sapphire told us how brave she was, putting her hand in the canopic jars and trying to decide which organ was in there! Ask the children which canopic jar held which removed organ! Thank you all for your support with the fabulous outfits. We all had a great day. The Year 5 team.



*Ancient construction of pulleys*



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*Test of faith! Canopic jars!*



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*Rice pudding- Egyptian style*



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*Pitta bread, honey*



*Egyptian Wow Day*



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## Year 6 WOW Day

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a very enjoyable Viking WOW day to mark the end of their topic. To start the day, the children were split into teams and designed and painted clan flags. They then made Viking bread, used foil to create Celtic patterns, competed against each other to solve riddles, and drew comic strips to tell the story of King Alfred the Great.

During the afternoon, we took our learning outdoors and imagined we were on a Viking long ship sailing to foreign lands, rowing to the beat of a drum.

The Vikings were well-known for being competitive, and so to finish our WOW day, we played Kubb, a traditional Viking game. The children very much enjoyed working in teams to compete against each other. The children had great fun during the day and were able to develop a wider understanding of what it was like to live as a Viking. The Year 6 Team



## An Important Message from Pitmaston Primary School

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Oscar Saxelby-Lee, a Reception child at Pitmaston Primary School in St. Johns, has been diagnosed with Leukaemia and needs a stem cell donor in three months. Please help us spread the word that we are holding a DKMS registration event on **2nd and 3rd March at Pitmaston 9am to 3pm.** We are asking everyone between the ages of 17 to 55 years, in good health, to come to the registration event being organised by DKMS and support us trying to urgently find a stem cell donor. This involves a simple, pain free swab to see if you are eligible. Please share with all your friends and family – we desperately need to see you there!

Another way to support the family is to donate to the JustGiving Crowdfunding Page and help make it happen: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hand-in-handforoscarsaxelby-lee?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=4K7epRawW](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hand-in-handforoscarsaxelby-lee?utm_id=2&utm_term=4K7epRawW)

Please share this information with as many people as possible.

### **A Date for Your Diaries**

We are very excited to announce a special event coming up later in the school year. We have been able to secure the University Arena for a showcase event featuring all the children in a song and dance festival. More on this to follow.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 6pm for 6.45pm**

### **A Special Visitor to Oldbury Park**

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome a Jewish faith representative to our Key Stage One and Two assemblies in school. Yvonne Stallard is a member of the Progressive Jewish Synagogue in Birmingham and she talked to both Key Stage groups about her faith and the different ways that Jewish people practise and celebrate their religion. In the Key Stage 1 assembly, Yvonne talked to the children about the Creation Story and then showed the children how important the different Jewish festivals are during the year. She showed the children the different foods and other items that are used at the weekly Shabbat and the different candles that are lit for each festival.



In the Key Stage Two assembly, the children were fascinated by the Torah scroll that Yvonne showed them and learnt about the Hebrew language used in the Torah and in Jewish prayers. Yvonne gave them a really interesting overview of what it means to be a Jew in the present day and the many different festivals that are celebrated at different times, from the weekly Shabbat festival to the annual festivals such as Hannukah. She read from the Torah in Hebrew and ended the assembly by getting the children to join her in singing a Hebrew song.

In both assemblies, the children were polite and respectful and asked Yvonne some very thoughtful questions.



## Go Green Week – 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February

The week before half term, the University of Worcester organised a 'Go Green' week which they kindly invited us to be a part of. Each day had a different topic with an overall theme of 'Sustainability'. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Year groups 1, 3, 4 and 5 attended, completing lots of activities.

On arrival, the children were given a postcard which they could receive a stamp for at each stall they completed. With an emphasis on waste, some children had to organise where they thought a piece of rubbish or an unused item should go, where others tasted food free from animal products. Lots of children enjoyed this as they had never had vegan food before. Other activities included some more scientific investigations, yoga and a chance to interact with a nurture dog!

Many of the children also came away with some freebies, such as reusable cups, various plants and a promise postcard which is to encourage them to remain eco-friendly for as long as they can!

All the children loved the activities and came away feeling pleased with their excellent behaviour and knowledge of eco topics! Miss Moule – Eco Co-ordinator



## PTA News

**Bake-a-cake:** Just a quick note to let you know the total raised from our 'Love is all around' cake sale was £400!!! This is a fantastic amount so thank you to all that donated. The money has been split equally between the PTA and End Polio Now.

**Bags2school** – Collection date for bags is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. This is a fab way to de-clutter old clothes and shoes and to help the PTA raise much needed funds as well!!! We have spare bags in the office if you need any.

**Chocolate Bingo Night** – this promises to be a fantastic night full of fun and chocolate for all the family. Tickets will be on sale soon so look out for the order forms that will be sent home with your children.

### **Dates to remember:**

- **Bags2school collection** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – bags can be dropped at the office on the school morning drop off on the day.
- **Non-uniform day** - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – wear your own clothes to school in exchange for a donation of chocolate (eggs, bars, bunnies, anything chocolatey!!)
- **Chocolate Bingo night** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 6pm-8pm – a fun, family evening with lots of chocolate involved. Letters and order forms to follow soon!
- **Bake-a-cake day** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – another chance to round off the penultimate half term with scrummy cakes (theme to be announced!).
- **Summer Fete** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm - 5.30pm – an exciting end to the school year with our traditional village fayre – details to follow.

Again we appreciate your support and please visit our Facebook page if you have any questions or you would like to help at any of our events!

## Important Internet Safety Warning

Over the last few days, several concerns have been raised by parents and pupils about an internet pop-up called 'MOMO'. It seems to be a craze that is sweeping the internet, and is being described as a 'suicide challenge game' that can appear on WhatsApp or Youtube. Please take time to reassure your child and discuss with them what to do if they do see it. The National Online Safety organisation have issued the following advice for parents which we hope will be useful for you. Thank you for your on-going support.  
Mr Burnage – e-safety Co-ordinator

It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

### What parents need to know about

# MOMO

## CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

## DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

## SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



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## Top Tips for Parents

### TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

### BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

### TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

### DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

### PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

### REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

### REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

### FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is  
0800 1111.

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