



News and Events

Friday 23rd September

Dear Parents/Carers,



Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Freya (Voyagers) for the value of hope, Lawson (Discoverers) for the value of wisdom, Fynn (Explorers) for the value of hope and Chester (Shooting Stars) for the value of wisdom.

Congratulations to them all.

Once again, we have signed up to join the Trowbridge Lantern Festival on 18th November. Many of you will no doubt remember it was cancelled last year due to a storm sweeping in across the south west and concerns over lanterns being sent high into the sky on the strong winds. All being well, the weather will be kind. Voyagers will be joining the parade but everyone can come and see the lanterns.



Important dates for your diary

30th September 2:30pm—Please join Mrs Brown and Mrs Blake-Thwaite for the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

5th October 2:30pm—Playpod meeting for parents and stay and play—POSTPONED

6th October 9:30am—Harvest Festival in Church

6th October 3:15pm—FOWAS AGM

10th October 3:30pm—Y5/6 Acorn football festival

19th October—TD Day. School closed

Attendance

Highest attendance:

Explorers 100%

Lost learning: 17.5 hours

Reminders

1st Thursday of the month – Pre-loved school uniform for sale in the library
The library is open after school on Tues and Fri.



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Over the same weekend as the Lantern Festival, Trowbridge are asking families to get involved in the Window Wanderland. Further details can be found later in the newsletter but you need to design up via [this link](#) and put a display in your window. Locations are shared and people wander around Trowbridge and look at all the beautiful displays. It last took place during Covid but I missed it—I will make sure I don't this year!



ONE WEEK TO GO.....Mrs Brown and I hope that many of you will be able to join us for our Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 30th. Please come for a chat and a cake to help us support this incredible charity. If you are unable to join us but would like to donate, the QR code will take you to the Macmillan website to make a donation. This is a cause especially close to our school heart right now as Mrs Perrin is about to start treatment for breast cancer.



News from the classes via our School Parliamentarians:

Shooting Stars: This week we have been finding worms in the digging pit, we even found a furry caterpillar and read a book about it and drew pictures of it. Mrs Meehan gave us all a book to read, it did not have words but we loved the pictures, mine was about a visit to the beach. I am allowed to take my book home on Monday to show mum and dad. Rhiannon

Explorers: In geography, we have been learning what the seven continents are called. We also learnt about deserts and rivers. In English, we wrote sentences using adjectives to describe the bears from the book 'Five Bears'. In computing, we learnt how to use Sketchpad. The best part of the week was getting to climb on the new climbing frame! Luca and William

Discoverers: This week in Discoverers we have continued to learn about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We have learnt about Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon and the events that led up to the findings. We pretended to be Howard Carter and wrote diary entries about the event. In maths, we have been learning to use number lines and finding ways to work out missing numbers. In English we are continuing with our story and looking at how the verb can tell us what tense is being used. Brie & Archie

Voyagers: In science we learnt about solids, liquids and gas. In DT we are making a playground! We had to design it first and now need to build it. We tried making soundtracks in music and we coded in computing. Thalia and Abigail

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite

A CUP OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Please join Mrs Brown and I for this
yummy fundraiser.

Macmillan's Coffee Afternoon

It's time for a Coffee Afternoon and you're invited. Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: School Hall

Date: Friday 30 September

Time: 2:30pm

Contact: Mrs Brown

**To donate click on the QR code or
bring some cash on the day.**



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

REDDIT

R/FUNNY

R/TRENDING

AGE RATING

13+

R/MEME

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or ‘redditors’ – can vote posts ‘up’ or ‘down’ so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW (not safe for work) can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.



RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction; instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.



AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.



Meet Our Expert

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



National Online Safety

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Sources: <https://www.reddit.com/r/parents/comments/september-2-2021/ea/> | <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-58111111>

From National Online Safety

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Fancy taking part.....

Taking part as a Windowmaker is FREE and everyone's welcome. You can make a display in the windows of your flat, house, business, school, nursery, car, campervan, shop - or in your front garden!

Please don't feel intimidated. Your display could be as simple as a candle, book or fairy-lights in a window. Or you could go all out and stage a performance in your front room! Anything goes... as long as it's family friendly!

What to do next:

Visit www.windowwanderland.com/event/trowbridge-2022/ and click on 'Take part in this event' to add your location to our map.

You'll get a 'Welcome Pack' when you sign in and access to lots of inspiration for windows too!

Tell your friends and neighbours and ask them to get involved!

If you have any questions please contact events@trowbridge.gov.uk.





TROWBRIDGE
Lantern Festival
 & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Bigger, BRIGHTER and back for 2022!
 Friday 18th November
 Parade starts at the Civic from 6pm
 Switch on in Fore Street from 6.30pm

Get into the festive spirit, and help us light up Trowbridge!

Website: Trowbridge.gov.uk
 Facebook: Trowbridge Christmas Lights Switch-On



Trowbridge Town Council are proud to be hosting the spectacular Trowbridge Christmas Lantern parade again in 2022 and this year we hope to make the event bigger and brighter than ever! We will see hundreds of beautiful, colourful, handcrafted willow lanterns paraded through the Town Centre led by a lively and colourful samba band! Bringing a carnival feel to proceedings, the Lantern Festival will bring together the community of Trowbridge to share in the magic of Christmas and spread light throughout the town!

We are inviting everyone to get involved, whether making lanterns or by helping to sponsor the event.

Local artist Jennie Quigley will be hosting a series of lantern making workshops in preparation for the big day – Friday 18th November.

Workshop Dates

Trowbridge Information Centre workshops:
 Saturday 15th October, Saturday 29th October, Saturday 5th November, Saturday 12th November

Call 01225 765072 or email info@trowbridge.gov.uk

(All workshops are free but pre-booking is essential.)

Trowbridge Town Hall

Saturday 22nd October – Friday 28th October

(These are drop-in sessions, no pre-booking necessary but please call 01225 774306 for any queries regarding these sessions.)

If your company would like to know more about sponsorship, please email events@trowbridge.gov.uk.



Hi Everyone

We will be holding our next Messy Church session at St Thomas' Church on Saturday 8th October. Doors will open at 10.45 for a 11.00 start. We aim to finish around 1pm.

We will be having crafts, a Bible story and singing, and we will be providing a light lunch. We will not be charging for this event although donations towards the cost of food would be helpful.

If you are interested in attending, please could you email Jane at janeb307@gmail.com giving:

- the names (including surname) of adults who will be attending
- the names and ages of children
- any special dietary requirements

We will need to limit numbers, so attendance will be on a first come, first served basis. If we are oversubscribed, we can put you on our waiting list.

A date for your diary: Our following Messy Church event is scheduled for Saturday 3rd December.

We are really looking forward to seeing you again.

love from the Messy Church team





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STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £18 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £22.60

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20TH & 27TH OCT
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