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WENSLEY WEEKLY
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Dear Parent

WEEKLY VALUE

This week's value is: **Courage**

We looked at how we should always have the courage to do the right thing, not the easy thing.

Enjoy this video filmed by children in a school about making the right choices

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vue6Xj3Fse8>

THANK YOU

Can we say a **BIG** thank you to Mr T & Mr P, our site managers who worked tirelessly last week to keep our grounds as snow & ice free as possible; this without a doubt enabled the school to stay open. A big thanks also to the majority of parents who brought their children to school despite the challenging conditions, it really was appreciated and meant their child did not miss a day of their education. Well done to you all!

KS2 HOUSE POINT WINNERS

As a reward for the most house points last term, all children in **OAK** can come to school in **yellow** tomorrow – Friday . (No football shirts please).

YEAR 1 EUREKA

As part of their topic on Science, Year 1 will be visiting Eureka Children's Museum in Halifax on Thursday 27 February, where they will have fun learning about the human body and how the organs & senses work. Children should wear their school uniform. A packed lunch will be provided by school; however children may bring a packed lunch from home if they wish in a named carrier bag, but please indicate clearly on the consent page on ParentPay. The cost of this trip will be £19.50. Please pay on ParentPay by Friday 21 February. Thank you.

YEAR 6 HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

We have been very fortunate to have secured tours of the Houses of Parliament for our Y6 children. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to travel to London by train, take the underground, visit the Houses of Parliament and a boat trip down the Thames! Y6G will be visiting on Friday 7 February and Y6B on Wednesday 26 February. The cost of each trip is £40 which has been subsidised by the Houses of Parliament. Further details and consent form are on ParentPay. Thank you.

100% ATTENDANCE REWARD

As a reward and celebration for attending school every day in the Autumn term we are inviting the children listed below to attend a special 'hot chocolate and popcorn party' at morning break time in the hall in the week commencing the 27th January.

100% ATTENDANCE

RL	RQ	1A	1H
Zaynab Ahmed	Ruqayyah Akbar	Faizan Ahmed	Aniya Ahmed
Sumaiya Ali	Jasmine Ali	Muhammad Hassan Ahmed	Haniya Ashiq
Adam Asad	Muhammad Ayaan Ali	Aleena Khan	Muhammad Sulaiman Awan
Saffa-Noor Basharat	Hafsa Banglawala	Inaaya Mehuddin	Mahir Aya
Zaynab Hussain	Maryam Hussain	Inara Patel	Abdullah Bagas
Ayat Malik	Arya Khan	Israt Patel	Masuma Chand
Moinuddin Munshi		Ali Saddique	Eesa Dudhia
Khadijah Patel		Ammarah Yusuf	Khalid Safdar
Abdul'Bari Sharif			
Irtaza Subhani			
2C	2W	3B	3S
Umar Ahmed	Sumaiya Ahmed	Hidayah Ahmed	Humairah Ahmed
Muhammad Deen Ali	Mariam Asad	Zunairah Ali	Shayan Ahmed
Adam Chand	Alayna-Maryam Chhadat	Annayah Awan	Sarah Azam
Aysha Gorji	Umar Hussain	Unaisah Bux	Daana Bint-Mohammed
Hamza Jaber	Muhammad Musa	Zakariyya Dudhwala	Yahya Fargham
Azaan Khan	Ozan Qasim	Mariam Shuayb	Safiya Patel
Haniya Mahmood	Muhammad-Zayd Rafiq	Hamzah Sultan	Maryam Rashid
Hafsah Mazafar	Khadija Sadiq		Liyaanah Zabier
Danny Shah	Rimsha Sharif		
Wasay Shah			
Ibrahim Shuayb			

Zoya Subhani			
4K	4S	5H	5M
Ayesha Asghar	Talal Afzal	Aairah Ahmed	Aneeqa Ahmed
Inaaya Asghar	Ibrahim Ahmed	Mohammed Hassan Bhai	Fatima Faisal
Zahra Chand	Ezra Bould	Safaa Dudhia	Athikah Hussain
Madinah Chandia	Iqra Hussain	Haniya Inam	Ibrahim Majid
Hassan Inam	Aliyah Khan	Safaa Noor Iqbal	Hanzalah Mansoor
Aminah Mahmood	Aamena Patel	Ismail Patel	Aamna Mazafar
Muhammad Ibrahim Mahmood	Fatima Patel	Mehreen Shazad	Ayman Mohammed
Musa Meza	Aqsa Saleh	Muhammad-Yaqub Ughradar	Humayd Mulla
Amina Patel		Rayyan Umarji	Abdul'Ahad Nawaz
Zayyan Qasim			Khadijah Patel
Minaal Rasool			Janat Qadeer
Inaya Saddique			Rayhan Qasim
Fatima Sadiq			Abdurraheem Safdar
Adam Safdar			
Asiya Ullah			
Abuzahr Younis			
6B	6G		
Hamdaan Ahmed	Zoya Ahmed		
Zaina Ahmed	Mohammad Ayaan Akhtar		
Azaan Iqbal	Aamina Asghar		
Hafsa Ishaq	Hanaa Bint-Mohammed		
Naeema Mulla	Zayd Chandia		
Eesaa Nadeem	Owais Raja		
Aaminah Patel	Simrah Touqir		
Muhammedibrahim Patel	Aroosha Zeeshan		
Mustafa Sabir			
Habiba Sadiq			
Zainub Fatima Yusuf			

HENRY PROGRAMME

The HENRY Healthy families programme is for parents or carers of children aged 5-11 years old – it is free to join. The sessions will run for 8 weeks, starting on Wednesday 22 January 2025. If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Mrs Khan or Ms Emam. Thank you.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Come along to our Parent and Toddler group every Thursday at 8.45am-9.45am in the school hall. A chance to meet other parents and have a fun time with your little ones.

We have the following activities next half-term:

23 Jan	-	Small world
30 Jan	-	Posting
06 Feb	-	Fun with Playdough
13 Feb	-	Let's get Creative

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

Class of the week	-	4K
KS1 Person of the Match	-	Jasmine Ali (RQ) Muhammad Deen Ali (2C)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Mahir Aya (1A) Ayat Malik (RL)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Musa Meza (4K)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Alisha Waris (4K)

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Wensley Fold neighbourhood network would like to understand more about what it's like living in Wensley Fold – what you like about the community, the environment you live, local facilities, safety, community spirit, work opportunities, things to do, health factors, housing, young people and volunteering to help your community.

Everyone is welcome to attend a community fun day on Friday 31 January at Wensley Fold Children's Centre, 11am-3pm.

RECEPTION & NURSERY FUND

Reception and Nursery fund is now due for the Spring Term. If you have not already paid for the year, please pay £5 at the school office. Thank you.

MILK

Milk money is now due for the Autumn Term for all infant children; however all Reception children will receive free milk up to the term in which they have their 5th birthday. Please can parents online on ParentPay. Thank you.

100 BOOKS READING CHALLENGE

If you would like to sign up for the 100 books reading challenge, registration forms are available from Mr Desai in the school library after school. Please note the library is open to specific year groups on certain days from 3.15pm - 3.30pm



Monday	–	Reception classes and/or siblings
Tuesday	–	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday	-	CLOSED
Thursday	–	Years 3 and 4
Friday	–	Years 5 and 6

SCHOOL CLUBS

All children who have signed up to any clubs should have received a confirmation letter through their class. Please ensure you do look out for this so you can check what clubs your child has signed up to as well as any additional information there may be. All clubs start from next Monday 20 January.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please do leave a message).

HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities at the library over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport in to school so it can be updated. Please post in the blue CU box at the school office. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated. The deadline for sending everything in is Friday 24 January.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

If your child has completed one of the craft packs over the holidays do not forget to send some pictures to Sara Burton (on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) if your child is a member of Children's University and would like to collect a stamp in their passport for completing these crafts. The deadline for sending the evidence in is Friday 24 January.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY – SUPERHERO ACTIVITY DAY

If you have signed your child up to this activity, please look out for the confirmation email that has been sent via school. This has a link to the online consent form which must be completed by THIS Monday 20 January. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend.

BLACKBURN ROVERS V PRESTON FC

Children in Years 3 – 6 have been given the opportunity to attend a football match at Ewood Park at the end of January. Sign up is available now on ParentPay and places are offered on a first come first serve basis. Please check the details sent from school for more information. If you do sign your child up please look out for a confirmation email from school later next week, which will have a link to the consent form. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent on average of 27 minutes per day on the app; that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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