

# Newsletter



*'Do the right thing to be the best you can be'...*

**19th November 2021**

## What a day we have had celebrating Children in Need!



At the beginning of October, we were approached by a BBC representative to ask if we'd like to get involved with their local news challenge 'The Big Fancy Dress Sing Along', which was aiming to raise £250,000 for Children in Need. We jumped at this opportunity, knowing how much the children at school would enjoy being part of such a fantastic and purposeful event.

So before half-term, we started learning the song, *By Your Side*, by Calvin Harris ft. Tom Grennan, but with our own special Ryders Hayes twist - adding Makaton Sign Language to the lyrics. During our rehearsals, the children did brilliantly learning the words and signs and as the big day grew nearer they became more confident with both the singing and signing.

On Wednesday 3rd November, Sam Harper from the BBC WM Breakfast Team, visited school to hear how Y3 were getting on with their rehearsals. He was really impressed and wanted to know more about our reasons for using sign language. The children happily told him that we use a lot of Makaton in school and it's a great way to be able to share the lyrics with everyone.

When the big day arrived on Friday 5th November, there was a huge buzz of excitement around the whole school (and that was just the staff!). The children all looked absolutely incredible in their Children in Need outfits and accessories. Every single member of our school, from Preschool- Year 6 to the Office Team, gathered in carefully spaced class lines on the playground just before 9:30am ready to go live with other schools across the country to take part in *The Big Fancy Dress Sing Along*. When the cue came to hit play on the song, everyone gave it their all and we're sure you'll agree if you've seen the footage from BBC WM Facebook Live post, they were all amazing!

After singing their hearts out on the live radio link, the children were then asked to sing again so it could be filmed for BBC Midlands Today. You'd have thought they'd be tired from all of the hype and excitement, but no - they were ready for the challenge, and performed again, possibly even better than the first time! As a special treat, Pudsey Bear paid a visit to every class and had a photo with the children to say thank you for all their hard work.

We'd like to say a huge well done to all the children for taking part in such a special day. We've continued to support Children in Need on today by asking children to wear yellow/spotty accessories to add to their school uniform. The donations continued to come in and we have raised £1392.000, should you wish to continue to support this good cause and help us reach our £1500.00 target then it's still not too late as you have the opportunity to do this via ParentMail today.

Many thanks for your continued support, we sincerely hope your child/ren enjoyed being part of our special Pudsey Day for Children in Need.



# SPOTLIGHT

What have our year groups been focusing on this week and what the focus is next week....?



## Year 1

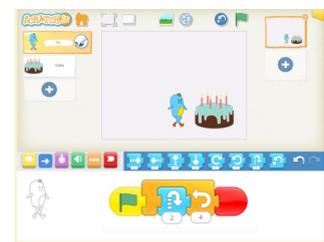
This week we had to programme a beebot and we had so much fun. Ask us what we had to do to make it move .

We will be looking at different types of maps next week. Can you look at where you live on a map ?

## Year 2

This week we have learnt how to code using the repeat function on Scratch Jr.

Next week we will learn how to control timings for a simple animation.



## Use of Pneumatics



## Year 3

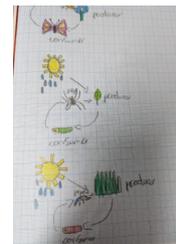
This week in DT we have been learning about pneumatics and how air can be used in machinery.

Next week we will be designing our own toys using pneumatics out of recycled materials.

## Year 4

We have been continuing our Science learning by discovering food chains within our own environment around school. We have understood how arrows represent 'is eaten by' to show the flow of energy. Ask your learner what is meant by the word 'producer'!

We will be developing our understanding of food chains by creating food webs - get ready to get tangled up!



## Year 5

As part of our PE gymnastics topic, we have been using the apparatus to build our upper body strength. We had great fun whilst using the ropes and ladders.

## Year 6

We have been looking into seasonal fruit and vegetables and have been reflecting on our eating habits. We are all trying to eat our '5 a day'.

Next week, we are going to be tasting soup that we have made in class.



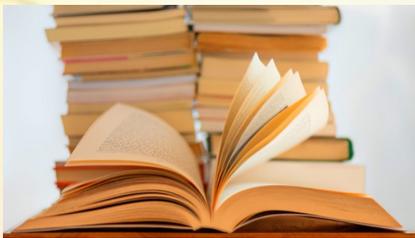
## Pelsall Remembrance Service

On Sunday 14th November 2021, Ryders Hayes remembered those who were lost.

Sophie (Head Learner) and Pheobe (Deputy Head Learner) lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you to both for giving up your time to represent us and mark an important event.



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running!



Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ryders-hayes/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by November 29th, 2021.**

# Healthy eating



Healthy eating and sleep Hygiene workshops for parent/carers. Please find links and login details below to join.

**6/12/21 at 16:00**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85166358684?pwd=ckxqNDc4YXN3cVZjOS92Tk8zMUpVUT09>

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**8/12/21 at 16:00**

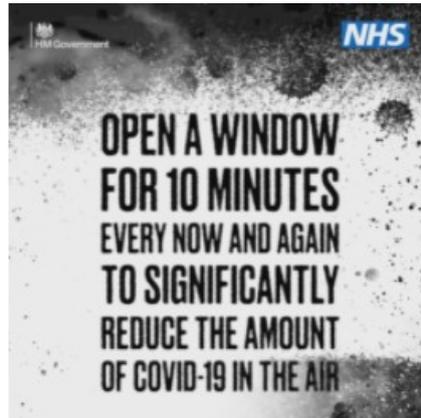
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## STOP COVID-19 HANGING AROUND

With fewer restrictions in place this winter following the success of the vaccination programme, the act of refreshing air in the home when people have visitors, testing before higher risk events and wearing face coverings in enclosed spaces, is even more important for everyone to keep infections down.



**Just a reminder...** *please read*

Could drivers be mindful where they park their cars when dropping off and/or picking up their children.

No parking is permitted on the yellow lines, as this puts our children at risk.

We should all be role modelling good driver behaviour and setting a good example for children, who will be our future drivers...

*With Thanks*

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# NETFLIX

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

### BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection – making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and socialising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

### HACKING ATTEMPTS

With millions of users worldwide, Netflix is often targeted by hackers who try to steal usernames and passwords to gain access to people's accounts. If successful, they can then steal payment details or try to sell stolen personal data on the dark web, providing other criminals with a profitable opportunity. Netflix also doesn't provide two-factor authentication, making the hackers' task that little bit easier.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Netflix's Teleparty feature became popular during lockdown periods as it allows users from different households (friends and relatives, for example) to synchronise when they watch content. It requires an invite link to be sent to the people you wish to invite: the link, however, can also be distributed to people you don't know. A text chat feature enables interaction with the other users in real-time: this represents a risk to children if a stranger gains access to the Teleparty.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app – so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.

### CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's 'maturity rating'. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.

### CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.

### SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app – ideally evading numbers that would be easily guessed, such as date of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.

### SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithms select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.

### CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Enabling 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can even be used for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutcliffe is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and viewing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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