



Yatton Schools Newsletter

Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference



31 Jan 2024

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy few weeks since we came back in the New Year. I am very pleased that we have our first Learning College running for this year in both the infant and junior school. There are 23 courses running for each school with choices including Drama, STEM Science, Sewing, Lego, Willow Art, Animal Care (see below) and Story Writing. We are pleased to be using local groups to help us deliver this wonderful breadth to our curriculum including YAGWAG, AliCats Drama, North Somerset Sports Coaching and Congresbury Archery. This is always such a popular part of the school year and allows children to try new activities, learn with a different group of children and use their Yatton Learner skills.

A letter was posted on our Website from Coreus Group who are the Project Managers for the new build of the Infant School. It is all early days at the moment with tenders going out to contractors but we will ensure to keep you fully informed of what is happening and once we have a design it will be shared in the consultation process. It is the start of an exciting new journey for the school.

In other news, our Year 6 Choir enjoyed the excitement of Young Voices in Birmingham with Mrs Francis-Black and Mrs Tyler. As always, our children were a credit to the school - well done to them all and thank you to all the parents who helped out and stayed up late to collect them!

Please remember to sign-up for a meeting with your child's teacher as they look forward to sharing how your child is doing. If you need help with this, please contact the office.

With warm regards,
Jo Keeble

Author visit to Year 6



Year 6 were excited to meet local author, Cathy Faulkner recently to discuss her book 'Digging for Victory' a WW2 inspired story. Cathy's children all came to Yatton School and it was lovely to welcome her back for

her to share her inspiration behind the book as well as her very interesting journey to becoming an author. It was really inspired our Year 6 pupils who asked lots of engaging questions and encouraged them on their own writing journey.

Caring for Animals Learning College

The group enjoyed a fantastic, informative visit to Yatton Vets. Sean, veterinary surgeon and owner of Yatton Vets, greeted us and taught us how to examine our school dog Ozzy. We really enjoyed seeing Ozzy's third eyelid and listening to his heartbeat. We also got to practise our bandaging skills and we have some brilliant vets in the making.

Thank you Yatton Vets - we had an amazing visit and well done to all the children... our future vets.



County footballs final

The year 6 girls contested the County football finals against 11 other teams from Somerset. They played some fantastic football throughout the day and came third in our group, the only games they lost were to the eventual finalists. It was a fantastic day of football and the girls exhibited many of the Yatton learner traits, particularly resilience, collaboration and confidence.



Yatton School Healthy Cook Book

We want your recipes!

As part of our Healthy Schools plan, we are aiming to create a Yatton Schools Healthy Cook Book. In order to do that we would like you to send in your favourite healthy recipes. Write them down, send them in and pop them in our new box. The box is kept outside the Junior Library. We will choose some to recreate in our new cooking room and then add them to the cookbook. Thank you for your help – we will keep you updated with what we cook.



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week (week beginning 5th February) is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be acknowledging this in school by having 'team talks' around the 5 ways to wellbeing. These will take place in classrooms each day. Our assemblies will also share information and ideas about mental health. We will hold our third big meet up – a chance for all children and all school staff to meet up and sing, dance and work out together. We will have a pupil voice, staff voice and parent voice boxes out with a key question for each. Children will also have the opportunity to find one of the random acts of kindness tags around the school.

During Children's Mental Health Week we will, on Tuesday 6th February we will be holding another tea and talk in the school staff room from 9am – 9:45am. This is a great opportunity to meet other parent/carers and talk about any concerns/worries around your child's emotional wellbeing. Each meeting has a theme and will have helpful handouts to do with the theme.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

You should have already received a letter detailing the activities that will be happening on the day – we look forward to seeing your fabulous dressing up ideas and sharing some wonderful stories with the children.

Parking on Stowey Road

Once again, we are concerned with the increasing number of cars parking in the pedestrian zone on Stowey Rd during school drop off/pick up. Cars are parked on both sides of the road, including on the pavement. This makes it very difficult for our children to cross safely, having to cross in between cars which restricts the view up and down the road.

Please help to reduce the number of cars and make crossing for children and parents safer. There are a number of alternative places to park such as Hangstones car park, Co-op car park and Well Lane. Thank you.

FutureFit holiday club

Please follow the link below to sign up and book a space on our February half term, Easter holiday and May half term clubs running 9:00 - 15:00

<https://futurefit.pembee.app/>

Alternatively you can email us at admin@futurefit.org.uk or even easier Whatsapp [07746117020](https://www.whatsapp.com/business/profile/07746117020)

We look forward to seeing lots of you at one of our clubs soon.

To keep up to date feel free to follow our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages

Holiday, Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Please see this link for details of the HAF programme;

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/benefits-support/other-benefits-support/holiday-activities-food-haf-programme>

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YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following learners for the weeks beginning the 1st, 8th & 15th January. Well done to you all!

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Lilia Poppy Ralph Jessica Ivy Rowan Archie DannyJoe Sophia Lilia Lucus Isabella Penny Jake L Hughie	Eagle Owls Giant Otters Giant Otters Angel Sharks Sea Turtles Pandas Panthers Little Owls Eagle Owls Eagle Owls Little Owls Panthers Angel Sharks Whale Sharks Giant Otters
Creativity/ Resourcefulness	William Oscar	Whale Sharks Elf Owls
Collaboration	Alfie Ruby Alex L	Pandas Giant Armadillos Black Rhinos
Resilience	Daisy Erin Eva Erin Charlie Emmi Stanley Ted Holly Ellie B	Little Owls Jaguars Leopards Black Rhinos Pipistrelle Bats Great Grey Owls Snowy Owls Pandas Giant Armadillos Jaguars
Confidence	Francesca Danny Jayden Freya M Sebbie Dylan Sofia Eva	Tawny Owls Elf Owls Panthers Tigers Tigers Whale Sharks Pipistrelle Bats Tigers
Curiosity	Elsie Dexter Felix Bella M Hattie Emilia Maddie Elliot	Pipistrelle Bats Sea Turtles Angel Sharks Leopards Giant Armadillos Tawny Owls Sea Turtles Leopards
All Yatton Learner qualities	Toby	Great Grey Owls

Yatton Schools Association News

Upcoming Events:

YSA have been busy planning the 2024 events and the list so far is as follows:

Easter Bingo – fun filled family evening of Bingo + fish & chips – Date TBC but will be just before the Easter holidays.

Infant & Junior Movie Nights – this is always a big hit with the kids. Dates TBC

Pamper Night – a chilled (adult) evening where you can browse the stalls and book yourself in for a few treatments. Date TBC

CARNIVAL- this is one of the biggest events in the school year so please save the date: **Sat 15th June**. We are finalising the theme and will share with you ASAP.

Thank You to Big Red Tree & Hedge Care:

A big thank you to Big Red Tree & Hedge Care who helped lots of local residents dispose of their Christmas trees and donated all takings to Yatton Schools Association. Neill charged £5 per tree chipping on Saturday 13th January, and raised £130 for YSA! Thank you, Neill - yet another shining example of our community supporting local businesses and charities.

Yeo Valley Lions Club Santa Sleigh:

Some of the YSA team helped the Lions with their annual Christmas Santa Sleigh fundraising, which took place throughout December around Yatton and surrounding areas. Vickie Thomas, Louise Smith, Cristina Anason-Lewis, and Jen Crossley braved the elements (poor Cris got soaked) and dressed as an Elf (Vickie was Christmas spirit personified) and helped the Lions to raise over £6,500, which will be used to assist the young, the old, the disabled and those whose general circumstances need help for whatever reason in the local area. The Lions have always given their time and energy to help at YSA events, so it was lovely to be able to support them and work together for the community. Look out for us again next year!

As ever, none of these events could happen without the support of the parents & carers in the school so please look out for the sign-up sheets and pop your name down if you can 😊

Thank you for your continued support.
YSA

Community News



Cycle lessons for young people with additional needs.

We have availability on Saturdays for free 1:1 cycle lessons, using our fantastic range of adaptive bikes and trikes. The 30 minute sessions are a great way to introduce cycle skills and develop further confidence.



Email strawberrylinprojects@gmail.com for further information



WE'RE BACK AT NAILSEA SCHOOL FOR A WEEK OF FOOTBALL CAMPS!

DATES:
MONDAY 12TH FEB - FRIDAY 16TH FEB.



9am - 3:30pm - Early drop-offs available
£21 per day | Discounted multi-day tickets

Book online: www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps
Pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004



FOOTBALL FUN DAY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RMC SPORTS

Yatton Junior FC, Rock Road
9 -3pm 5-11 years old
Tuesday 13th February

£11.50 FOR YAJFC PLAYERS
£16.50 FOR NON YAJFC PLAYERS

TO BOOK EMAIL info@rmcsports.co.uk
PAY INTO THIS ACCOUNT
YATTON JFC
ACCOUNT NO 01849264
SORT CODE 30-99-51



Yatton Activity Camp

Bookings from
£16.50 per day
Children aged 5-11
years old

Childcare vouchers &
Tax free childcare
payments accepted



Chestnut Park School, Yatton



12th-15th February 2024



Camp Day 09.00-15.00
Extended Day 08.30-17.00

To book go to www.rmcsports.co.uk



Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



Saints and Songbirds

February 2024

Kick-off half term with our selection of family trails and creative workshops for children:



Stitch a Story Monday 12 February

Explore some of the incredible Cathedral needlework and embroideries, then create your own design.



Make a Bird Feeder Tuesday 13 February

Help to feed our feathered friends through the hungry gap, play a card game, and go on a Cathedral safari!



Celebrate the Saints Wednesday 14 February

Follow our Saints trail this Valentine's Day! You may not find St Valentine in the Cathedral, but there'll be plenty of lovely crafts on offer!



Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)
£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE
Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities



YATTON RFC COLTS

Quiz Night?

Legendary Quiz Master Adrian Ralfts

FRIDAY 2nd FEB



**7.30pm
Start**

Antwerp 2024 Fundraiser

Raffle / Heads & Tails

Waiter Table Service

ALL WELCOME

Secret DJ Set - Drum & Bass, Techno, Jungle



JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"



Register at parkrun.com

and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:



CODING WORKSHOP

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:
codingbug.co.uk/game-pixel-design/

Game Design

An interactive workshop for aspiring young game designers. Dive into the world of pixel art and game creation.

Suitable for children aged 8 and 12 years old.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Tuesday 13th February 2024
From 10am - 12.30pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



facebook.com/codingbug/

LEGOMANIA!



You get a chance to relax with tea and cake while your children play with our HUGE collection of LEGO and make Lego themed crafts.

Tuesday 13th February

10-11.30am 12-1.30pm 2-3.30pm



The THEATRE Shop

Tickets: £6.50

The Theatre Shop, Clevedon,
BS21 6HX

theatreshop.org.uk/otherevents



LIBRARY NEWS

yatton.library@n-somerset.gov.uk

February 2024



HELLO FEBRUARY!

We hope you are all looking forward to pancake day on 13th

February. It is also Yorkshire Pudding day this month, so time for lots of yummy food. Parents can come in and enjoy our display of Yorkshire themed books.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

We will have a display in the library from the children of Burrington Primary School celebrating the Chinese New Year, so please come in and see it.



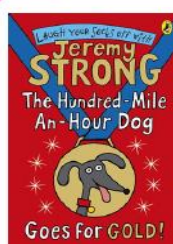
WINTER WANDERLAND

We will be taking part in YACWAG's Winter Wonderland and will have a window display for you to enjoy. We will be using the front, downstairs window which will be backlit until 8pm

JOKE CORNER

Q: How do you weigh a dragon?

A: They come with their own scales.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Trevor enters his dog, Streaker, into the Animal Games but can a dog who is only good at crashing into dustbins be trained to win the gold? We have lots of Jeremy Strong books for you to enjoy.



YATTON SCHOOL VISIT

We are looking forward to Yatton Reception class visiting us on 6th February. We shall be reading a story and learning all about the library

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like *The Walking Dead* to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as *Street Fighter*. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from *Alien* or who Geralt from *The Witcher* is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different overarching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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