West Heath Primary Newsletter

14th October 2022

We're Proud of our School!

Well done to the children who attended the **Bowling Competition** yesterday. You were Excellent ambassadors. ©

Excellent respect from the children in Year 4 who have been <u>picking up pieces of litter</u> from around the playground.

The KS2 Book Area has never been so organised, thanks to the determination of one Y6 girl on a mission!

Thank you to the staff who taught the children their school rules song in assembly on Monday.

'Na na na na na na na West Heath!'

We have seen lots of amazing writing from Year 1 children recently. They have been retelling the story, 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. They have been using many of the sounds from RWI to help them be successful.

You may be aware that Monday was World Mental Health Day. In assembly, we spoke about some of the elements of wellbeing. Connecting with others, the children had the chance to speak to lots of different children around the hall. They played a game with their new friends and also had the chance to be active and take notice of all the wonderful things around them.

Dates for your Diary:

Please see the attached key dates and events in our school year.

Please avoid calling the school office for more details; these will be sent out nearer to the time of each event.

Elements of Wellbeing



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Birthday Treats

It is very kind of parents/carers to send birthday treats for their child's class on their birthday.

If you are intending to send sweets to school, they should not contain nuts or traces of nut products.

We have children with nut allergies in school and we are a nut-free school.

Please avoid sending boiled lollipops as these are a potential choking hazard.





Labelling Items

We are still finding more and more lost property!
Many children get upset when they cannot find their hoodie, jumper, cardigan etc.

Please help us to ensure your child's property can be identified by

writing their name

in all items of uniform.

Monday 17th Oct to Thursday 20th Oct And on Monday 31st Oct.

Before school 8.30am - 8.50am After school 3pm - 3.20pm At Parents' Evening





Harvest Festival

We realise that, in the present climate, many families in our school community may be facing hardship.

At this time of year, we usually collect donations for the local foodbank and fresh vegetables to make our Harvest Soup to sell for school funds.

If you feel that you are in the position to contribute this year, we will be collecting vegetable donations on Monday 31st October and our Harvest Soup Sale will take place on

Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 3rd November.

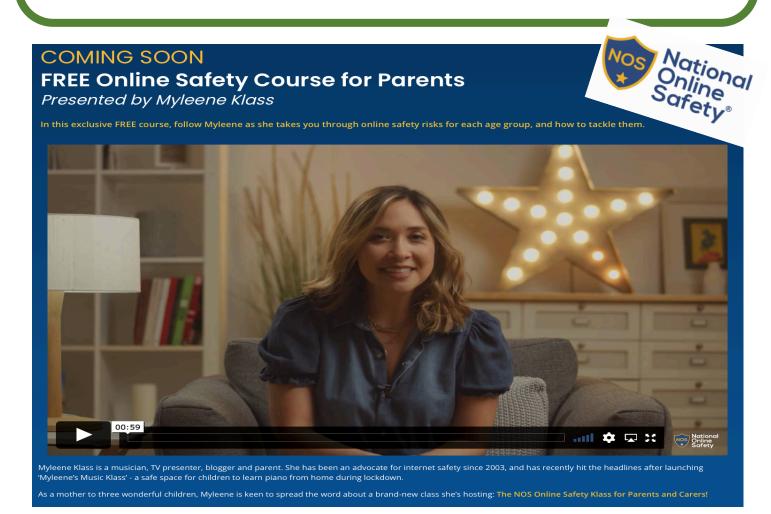
Friendship Area Picnic Benches

We have some picnic benches in school to build for the friendship area.

If you could spare an hour or two to help, please email

enquiry@westheathprimary.bham.sch.uk

Thank you ☺



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock - meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Mo

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evenues it generates, it can also e addictive, with children striving or arm coins and level up while wapping, selling and buying players, pending FUT coins to open a player ack (which many experts have kened to gambling) is designed to be nexciting act – with bright lights, anfare and attention-grabbling prizes

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

avoid 'Extra time'

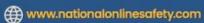
If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

This course will cover:

Understanding anxiety in children

Different anxious behaviours

Promoting emotional regulation

Encouraging independent behaviour

Building confidence

Increase relaxation

Practical strategies and tools

Helping your child with fears and worries

Online 5 week course

For parents/carers of primary school aged children

Dates: Mondays 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov & 5 Dec 2022

Time: 10-11am

ONLINE

Supportive and confidential

Sign up through school via:

Mr Taylor-Bryant

enquiry@westheathprimary.bham.sch.uk

Your details will be used for registration and after signing up you will be contacted for a short assessment to see if the course would benefit you/your child and an opportunity to ask questions.

For this workshop you need a device with wifi/internet