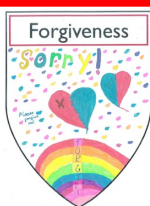


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 27th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the next pages of the newsletter I have added the posters that won the Libya competition. It was so difficult to choose as all the entries were outstanding. Thank you to everyone who entered.

We will let you know how much has been raised as soon as we can.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on the 6th November.

Have a great week!

Ellie Game



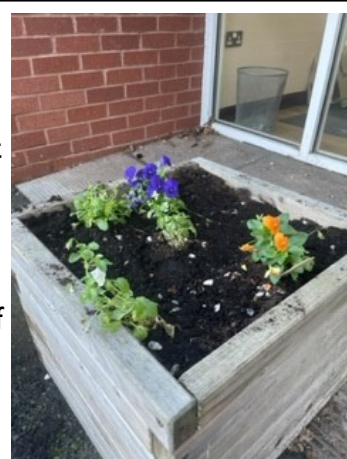
Value of the half term...

Responsibility

At the start of this year each class was given a plant to take responsibility for looking after. They were only tiny seedlings when we started to look after them... look at them now!

We transferred them to the planters at the front of school.

6C are going to be looking after them for us. Let's hope they continue to grow!



CALLING ALL YOUNG CRICKET FANS.

Oldswinford Cricket Club run an U9's team that train throughout the winter and summer; this group is open to year 4 pupils only and will continue to play with a soft ball. Following great success at our soft-ball festivals last season reaching the county finals we're going to be starting the U9's earlier this year with indoor training sessions in the nets at Redhill School.

If your child is in year four and would be interested in having a go, please follow the link below. Please note spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Venue - Redhill School, Junction Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1JX

Time - 5-6pm

Dates - Friday 10th November to 15th December 2023 (6 Sessions)

Cost - £24.00 to be paid by card at the first session.

Simply fill out the below link to confirm interest

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRAihDFeESIsyTf7Iy3_Zp-xIG0FGKbl8HGNx3IPi2n1A0A/viewform



Reception - Clara



Year 1 - Iris



Year 2 - Freya



Year 3 - Joey

LIBYA NEEDS HELP

They need **HELP** because Storm Daniel has:

1. Burst 2. dams and caused dreadful floods.

2. Demolished many buildings.

3. Caused disease.

4. Meant that many survivors have injuries.



You can **HELP** by:

1. Donating money to relief agencies.

2. Fundraising yourself.

3. Donating clothes to collection centres.

**PLEASE
HELP**

Phoebe Rich

Year 4 - Phoebe

Where is Libya?
Libya is a country in North Africa, bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

How can we help?
As Libya is so far away we can still help them. We can help by raising money! We can give them money to rebuild houses, buy food and more!

LIBYA

The people in Libya were unprepared for the storm. They had dams but because it was so strong the dams broke.

In Libya they've had a huge storm - Storm Daniel - which have caused floods. The floods have been so strong and powerful that it has swept away houses, shops and buildings.

Most people have lost their homes. Because they've lost their homes they have to live in schools.

Lively
Interesting
Beautiful
Friendly
Awesome

Year 5 - Lucia

Libya needs your help!

Why?

At the moment Libya is suffering from serious floods which has caused many people to lose their homes. Did you know that, some people are having to live in schools so they can have a roof over their heads instead of living on the streets.



What can you do to help?

You could:

- Donate to Libya flood emergency fund
- Donate to Libya Flood Appeal

If you donate, it doesn't have to be that much. It just has to be 50p or something like that, but you can donate as much as you would like.

What happened?

Well, what happened was, there was a massive storm which caused two dams to collapse and flood Libya and kill thousands. Also, this water did not just destroy people but crushed buildings and washed away cars, buses and trains.



So, if you want to help the people in Libya that need food, water, and a home to live in donate some money that just might save someone's life because small things can make big differences.

Year 6 - Poppy

Overall
winner:
Megan
Year 6

We stand TOGETHER and Strong

Be YOU

A little is A LOT!!

Your hands can change the WORLD

Don't give UP

Be the Change

Your donation will save LIVES

You have the POWER to help others

Libya's Last... Hope!!

Flood in Derna

There was a **MASSIVE** storm in Libya and it broke down dams which were protecting them from the water. The unprepared and selfish government knew about the terrible danger of the dams breaking, but didn't do anything about them and the people living on it. Sadly, the whole city called Derna was washed away by a **GIGANTIC** flood. **THOUSANDS** of lives were lost! People were swept out of their homes and **NEVER** to be seen again. This is why we should stand **TOGETHER** to help the people in our world who have **NO** food, **NO** love, **NO** family and **NO** home. **US TOGETHER** can bring hope into peoples lives. **US TOGETHER** can make smiles come to life. **US TOGETHER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!!!**

Donating

You can also donate to the **LIBYA FLOODS APPEAL** where you can do it monthly or just once.

- If you do **£27** monthly then it could provide an emergency shelter for one family, helping to protect children and keep them warm and safe.
- If you donate **£10** monthly it could provide life-saving therapeutic food for a child every week.
- If you give **£5** monthly it could provide 1,786 water purification tablets to purify water in emergency situations.
- If you do **£68** it could help pay for school supplies to help at least 20 children continue their education in an emergency.
- If you give **£39** it could provide a family with an emergency warmer and hygiene kit.
- If you donate **£22** it could provide a large first aid kit.

Us together

It doesn't matter if you can only donate 50p or £1.00 it only matters if you do your bit! If everyone gives some money to the British Red Cross or Libya Floods Appeal think about **ALL** the people that could be cared for and all the love you could bring just by giving a little bit of money to them! You don't have to give loads of money you can just give what you can afford.

Our world

We need to support them because they are in our world and they are suffering and we are a family. This war has taken all sorts of people and all of us have the same Earth. We are so lucky that none of us in the UK are going through this, but if this flood happened to us then we would be so, so grateful if people all around the world were by our sides so we need to be by their sides!

How we can help

You can donate money to the **RED CROSS** where they will help people in need. The British Red Cross is an amazing charity and this is what it is about:

Whenever you see a major emergency in the news it's likely that the British Red Cross are helping those affected. In 192 countries around the world we use our local knowledge and global experience to react quickly with essential aid and humanity, saving lives and giving comfort to those who need it.

Here in the UK we help people who are vulnerable, providing them with care and compassion. Whether we're helping someone home from the hospital or running services for refugees and survivors of trafficking, we make sure people don't have to face these problems on their own, but with someone by their side! This is why the British Red Cross is the best you can find.

What can my donations do to the British Red Cross do?

If you give **£10** it could build a local activity group, helping them to overcome the feelings of loneliness.

If you give **£24** it could provide a set of warm clothes to a child who has lost everything in a fire or flood.

If you give **£50** it could help provide schoolchildren in flood-affected areas with the materials they need to keep themselves safe when natural disasters strike.

If you give **£100** it could provide someone suffering from mental health issues with a wheelchair for 5 weeks through the assistance of the UK's wheelchair program.

The British Red Cross can donate and help the people in Libya and Derna who are in need of help.

FLOODS

BEFORE

AFTER

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.



ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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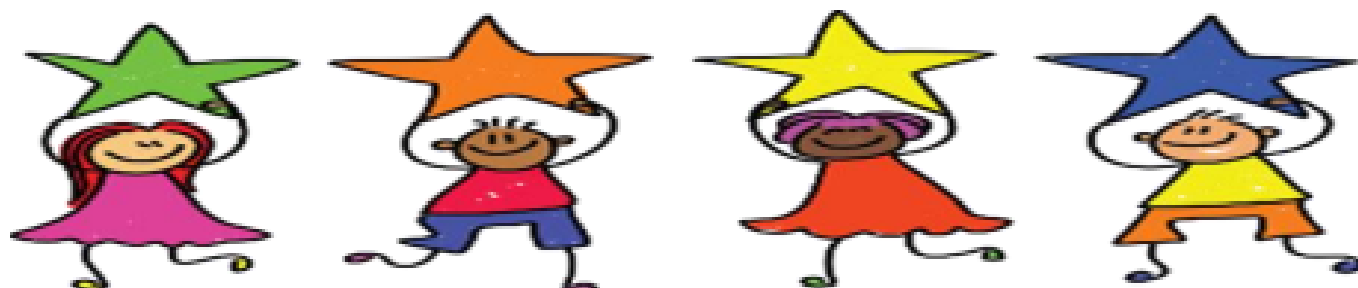


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WRAPAROUND CLUB



NEWSLETTER – 3/2023

Our Wrap Around Team:

Manager: Debbie Kirby

Assistants: Taslima and Debbie

Mrs L Graham, Mrs L McVeigh and Miss J Carton

Our Pure Sports Team:

Tom, Dean and Dexter

Email address: Wraparound@oldswinford.dudley.sch.uk

Mobile No: 07548 342643

Opening Times:

Early Bird Breakfast Club	7.30 am
Breakfast Club	7.45 am to 8.55 am
After School Club	3.20 pm to 6.00 pm

Holiday Club

We will not be offering a Holiday Club over the Autumn/Winter months, but following the successful Holiday Club during the summer holidays, we currently plan to offer Holiday Clubs in 2024. In the Summer Holiday Club, we offered the children the opportunity to bring their bike or scooter along to the Club. The children really enjoyed riding their bikes/scooters in the safe environment of the playgrounds. Many of the children could not wait to get back out on their bikes/scooters after their snack or lunch break. We also saw one little girl start the day as a nervous rider and develop into a confident rider by the end of the day. Well done to the young lady concerned! As this activity was such a great success, we plan to offer this again in 2024.

Date for your Diary:-

Please note that as school will close on 21st December 2023 at 12.00 pm, there will be no After School Club on this day. We will be open for Breakfast Club as usual.

Update to Parents/Carers - October 2023:-

We have also seen a few changes in our Team following the departure of Savannah, who left at the end of the Summer Term to take on a full-time role as a Teaching Assistant at another local school. Mrs J Carton and Mrs L McVeigh, both Teaching Assistants, have joined our Team. Both ladies are well known and liked by the children and are real assets to our Club. This term we have also welcomed our Reception children into the Club. Our new children have settled in very well and are enjoying the activities offered at our Club and have made lots of new friends.

Our children have continued to enjoy the Breakfast Club sports activities in the Lower Hall or Lower School Playground from 7.50 am to 8.30 am. We will also continue to offer play activities prior to school in the outdoor classroom area.

At the After School Club, we also offer sports activities for our children in the Lower Hall or on the Lower School Playground, weather permitting. Along with the sports activities, we also continue to offer a selection of craft and play activities in the outdoor classroom.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the forthcoming term such as cinema nights (now the nights are drawing in), Diwali and Christmas celebrations along with other winter craft ideas.

Finally, please could we respectfully remind parents that they need to accompany children into the Club in the morning as we may have important messages to convey to parents/carers.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF TERM BREAK