



Malo e Lelei (Hello) from Tonga

This week it was a pleasure and privilege to welcome three Tongan rugby league stars to St Mary's Junior School. Haumole Olakau'atu, Keaon Kolomatangi and Taniela Otukolo entertained questions from our Year 6 boys and girls telling them all about Tonga, where it is, who they play for, what pride they have playing for their family and country back home, what their diet is...and their favourite football team (Liverpool)!! The Tongan players were so polite, courteous and respectful and the children were in awe of them and managed to get autographs at the end of their presentation.



Parents Consultations

Huge thanks to all our parents and carers who were able to make the time to visit school this week to discuss how the children are settling in and what progress they are making. It was great to see so many parents scrutinising their children's books and chatting with their children's teachers. Big thanks to all our parents and staff for making sure the meetings went well.

Local Authority Review

On Tuesday we had a visit from the local authority at the Juniors and they were suitably impressed with what they saw. Thank you to staff, children and governors for making sure our visitors were warmly welcomed and informed about all the good work that is going on in the juniors.

Photos, Vikings and Rugby

Well done to all our Year 6 rugby players who represented the school so well at a tournament on Thursday, to all the parents who managed to get their children's photos done and to all the VIKING invaders we saw on Monday...a great day was had by all.

Finally...next week the school is closed on Friday for staff INSET so it is a 4 day week next week. And, a reminder that the Rugby League World Cup starts this Saturday.





The foodbank were delighted with your generosity, thank you to all that donated to help local families in need.



St John The Baptist Church

07519357098

OPENING TIMES

Mon Closed

Tue Closed

Wed 11:30 - 13:30

Thu Closed

Fri Closed

Sat Closed

Sun Closed

Newton Community Centre

01925 224731

OPENING TIMES OPENING TIMES

Mon Closed

Tue Closed

Wed Closed

Thu Closed

Fri 11:00 - 14:30

Sat Closed



Year 5 Viking Day

What a day of learning in Year 5 on Monday. We had a Viking expert visiting us, sharing knowledge and artefacts. The children participated enthusiastically and looked amazing.

Some of the Y5 Viking children were found guilty of some terrible crimes: stealing horses and drowning kittens. Following a trial, they received some horrible punishments, voted for by our own Vikings!



This has linked with our curriculum history topic of 'The Vikings' and our English reading text of 'How to train your dragon'.



3 members of the Tongan RL met our Year 6 pupils this week (and our EHT too!)



Y6 went on their first Rugby tournament of the year this week. We think they came 3rd after some terrific coaching from Mr Campbell.

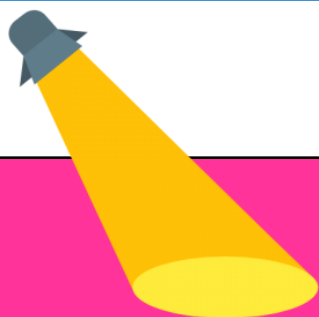
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 20th October School closes for Half Term

Monday 31st October School opens

Monday 7th November EYFS Open evening from 4pm-6pm (Infants)

Wednesday 9th Thursday 10th November Y2B Parents Evening, details to follow



History Spotlight at the Juniors

Next Thursday, 20th October, sees the very first history spotlight at the Junior School.

Representatives from years 3, 4 and 5 will be in the hall from 9.00—9.30 to share their work and knowledge about the topics they have studied this half term.

Year 3: Stone Age to Iron Age

Year 4: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

Year 5: The Vikings 783-1066

We would love you to come along and ask us some questions and find out about what we have been learning in history so far this year.

Mass will be held in the Junior School hall on Wednesday for Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5&6). Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to celebrate Mass with us at 9.30.



Today the Junior school have taken part in workshops ran by CAFOD. These workshops focused on Catholic Social Teaching. Some of Catholic Social teaching is in the Bible, or is based on things that were said by Saints a long time ago. But some of it is very new. Pope Francis has written letters to everyone in the world which explain how we can care for the Earth and for everyone in it. Pupils were introduced to some characters to help them remember how we can live in solidarity with everyone around the world and how we can care for our common home.

A huge thank you to CAFOD who spent the morning with the Juniors. We have learnt lots and are ready to put what we have learnt into action.



Sharing the Gospel

Who are you?

In this week's gospel, Luke 17:11-19, we see Jesus is approached by 10 men with leprosy who ask for mercy. Jesus sends them to the priests and, on the way, they are healed. But only one returns to give thanks to God. Even though he is not a Jew but a Samaritan, Jesus commends his faith.



Dear God, help us to give thanks for what is good, face with courage what is hard, hold on in faith to what matters, and be blessed as the disciple we are today and as the one we will grow



BRITISH VALUES

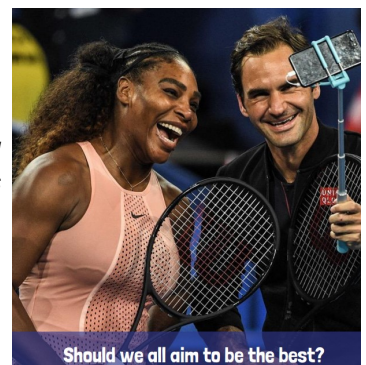
This week's British Value we have been looking at is:

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Everyone is different, with different talents. We can respect and celebrate the achievements of others and be thankful for the people in our lives who do the same for us.

The story it links to in the news is:

For over 20 years, Serena Williams and Roger Federer have dominated tennis tournaments all over the world and have won 43 Grand Slam titles between them. In a five-week span, the two players announced their retirement. Williams announced on Vogue magazine's website that she would retire after this year's U.S. Open, saying that at her age, "something's got to give". Federer's announcement followed after. He said his body's "message to me lately has been clear" and noted that his final competition would be the Laver Cup in London.



Should we all aim to be the best?

STARS OF THE WEEK AND BEE AWARDS

| | Star of the Week | Kindness Award |
|---------|------------------|----------------|
| Nursery | Jayden | Winnie |
| RM | Frankie | Elliot |
| RB | Mateo | Sebastian |
| Y1O | Joshua | Malwina |
| Y1G | Alice | Carter |
| Y2M | Leo | Alicia |
| Y2T | Jacob | Joshua |

| | Star of the week | Bee Award |
|------|------------------|-----------|
| Y3RI | Mila | Matthew |
| Y3RO | Safia | Logan |
| Y4W | Tomas | Ella |
| Y4M | James | Bruce |
| Y5R | Ethan | Libby |
| Y5HQ | Jake | Thomas |
| Y6W | Faye | Alejandra |
| Y6D | Brody | Nathan |

Respect & Manners Award

Juniors: Harriet p

Infants: Leo W



Could we please ask all parents to be respectful of our lovely residents and be cautious of how and where you are parking at drop off and pick up. We have had some complaints regarding parents parking on double yellow lines particularly at the Infant site.



Polite notice from residents

Please help to keep our paths and roads around both schools clean.

Infant school request

We are running low on underwear, we would be very grateful of all donations.

Thank you.

Party Invites

Please be aware we do not provide class lists to parents.

Please do not send party invites into school for staff to hand out.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

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.

AGE RATING
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

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 element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially their payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder – a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing 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.



10

NOS National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.windowscentral.com/your-gear-spends-over-9000-fto-bar-high-lighting-predatory-game-design/> | <https://www.curtislaw.com/questions-and-answers/item/addictive-behaviour-gaming-disorder/> | <https://www.eurogamer.net/ea-suspicious-occults-call-for-better-regulation-of-lotf-base-following-new-report>



www.nationalonlinesafety.com



@natonlinesafety



/NationalOnlineSafety



@nationalonlinesafety

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 12.10.2022