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PUPILS OF THE WEEK



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD



Amie M—Well done!

WOW WORK OF THE WEEK



Attendance Winners

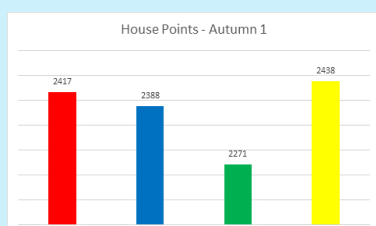


Last Week's Attendance Winners

Whole School— 94.4%

Winners—Year 4—98.5%

House Points Winners = Winter 347 Points Well done!



Well done to Winter who were the half term Attendance winners!
They just managed to get past Hammerton in the final week!

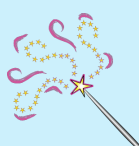
Remembrance Day

In support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we have a range of poppy gifts on sale from this week, in addition to the classic paper poppies.

Year 6 children will be coming to each class (between Thursday 4th November and Thursday 11th November) to sell the various items. The prices range from 50p to £1.50.



Pantomime



We have our Pantomime production of Sleeping Beauty for the whole school, on Thursday of this week!

Pictures will follow in next week's newsletter.



Church Links

This week in Collective Worship the children learnt about Endurance. Father Philip visited school.



Year 6

Before the half term break, Year 6 had fun pizza making with Phunky Foods.



Reception Places for 2022



**Starting School
September 2022**

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start primary school in September 2022.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2022** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2021.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2022, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

The application process opens on 19 November 2021 and the close date is 15 January 2022.

Offers of school places will be made on 19 April 2022.

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Year 3

Year 3's final Pizza creations from before half term! They really enjoyed making and eating them!



Health Update

Children with simple cold symptoms such as runny noses or sore throats **without fever** should not be tested for COVID-19, and can attend school if they feel well enough to do so.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home and arrange testing.

Please contact school to advise us of any absence.

When you receive your test result, **please email admin@elland.calderdale.sch.uk** with details before your child returns to school. If your child develops any of the key symptoms for COVID-19 in school, we will contact parents/carers and ask for you to arrange a test.

If someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFD or PCR), children and young people in that household, who attend school, are advised to stay at home. This absence will be authorised.

If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away.

If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms).

If this test is negative, the child can return to school but must stay at home and arrange another test if they go on to develop symptoms.

Symptoms
High temperature
New continuous cough
Loss or change to sense of taste or smell

Upcoming Events

Every Friday afternoon—Year 5 swimming

Thursday 4th November—Sleeping Beauty Pantomime in school

Wednesday 17th November—Parents' Evening

Friday 17th December —School closes for Christmas



What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION
15+
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, *Squid Game*. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what *Squid Game* is all about.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that *Squid Game* contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "*Squid Game*" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like *Squid Game*.

VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, *Squid Game* has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the *Squid Game* trend, creating content such as "How to Draw *Squid Game* Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen *Squid Game*, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing *Squid Game*" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch *Squid Game*, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

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