

The Welburn Weekly

Ethos Statement

I know why we say Grace.

Letters Home

Oak Class Arboretum Trip

Academy News

We are all ready to join Pathfinder on 1st October.

We will send out our new office email address next week.

We will also let you know when our new website is launched.

School Photos

School photos are being taken on Thursday 10th October.

If you would like a photo with a sibling who doesn't attend Welburn, please can you bring them to school for 8.30am.

Information will be sent out afterwards on how you can order them.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Asda Rewards and chosen to support our school.

If you shop at Asda and would like to support us, please follow this link: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Intra School Sports Competition

This is the start of our third year of competition.

Well done to all our teams who took part in the cross country on Wednesday. It's a very hilly mile-long run. The results are:

Sycamore

- 1st - Henry Smith
- 2nd - Lukas Noponen
- 3rd - Jack Charlton

Beech

- 1st - Jack Bower
- 2nd - Violet Summers-Maccallaugh
- 3rd - Rupert Arkle

Oak Class

- 1st - William Wright
- 2nd - Cole Mullen
- 3rd - Tobias Edwards

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and came to our Macmillan Fundraiser.

We'll let you know next week how much money we raised.

Alumni - Emily Smithson

Emily has recently passed all her GCSEs at Malton School and is now at York College studying for a level 3 diploma in Performing and Production Arts for 2 years which she is loving. She is thinking of going into primary teaching after this course as she really enjoys the teaching side of dance.

Term Dates for Diary

2nd October - Beech Class
Yorkshire Museum
2nd October - Sycamore Football,
Malton
10th October - School Photos
16th October - Oak Class
Arboretum
17th October - Harvest Festival
23rd October— Parents Evening

Half term - 28th October - 1st
November
6th November - Beech Class
Football, Malton
13th November - School Open
Morning

20th November - Tag Rugby
25th November - Flu
immunisation
4th December - Christmas Fair
10th December - Oak Christmas
Performance
12th December - Pantomime,
lunch and non-uniform day
17th December - Beech and
Sycamore Christmas Play
18th December - Activity Day
19th December - Christmas
parties
20th December - Carol singing.

Menu week commencing 30th September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, wedges, peas and sweetcorn. Raspberry Bun.	Mild chilli con carne, rice, green beans, cauliflower and wrap. Lemon Drizzle Cake.	Chicken, Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy. Biscuit and fruit.	Sausage pasta with tomato sauce, broccoli, cauliflower and crusty bread. Jam sponge and custard.	Fish Friday, chips, peas, sweetcorn and whole-meal bread. Choc Krispie.

School meal prices are £3.00 per day. More information about free school meals is available here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Cross Country



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about LEGO FORTNITE

Epic Games have recently introduced three new game modes to Fortnite: Rocket Racing, Fortnite Festival and, finally, Lego Fortnite: a survival game using official Lego characters. There are lots of great mechanics that encourage creativity in children, but – as with any online game – it's important to stay aware of the potential risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MONETISATION

Lego Fortnite utilises a similar online item shop to the main Fortnite game. When this title was released, the makers introduced thousands of Lego versions of the original game's character skins. Owning an original Fortnite cosmetic means you also own the LEGO version at no extra cost, but the addition of these extra versions could potentially spark new interest in young players, making it more tempting to pay real money for these in-game accessories.

ONLINE PLAY

LEGO Fortnite can be played online, as with the base game. While a player's LEGO world is private when it's first created, they can then invite anyone on their in-game friends list to play with them. If any strangers are on this friends list, they can be invited onto their server. Thankfully, Epic Games has implemented a solid reporting system, as well as tools to kick other players from the game.

FEAR FACTOR

There is no explicit violence in Lego Fortnite, but there is a lot of combat. While the battles in Lego Fortnite remain very cartoonish and child friendly, a lot of the action unfolds inside dark caves, with spiders, skeletons or scary-looking monsters. The game can get a little spooky at times, which could potentially scare younger players.

COMPLEX GAMEPLAY

Lego Fortnite is a survival game, though it's not as simple as something like Minecraft. There are lots of different crafting stations and loads of items to use or combine (including various rarities to seek out and harvest). The gathering and crafting elements of the game can get quite complicated and confusing, which could be a source of frustration for some younger players.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEGO IS FRIENDLY

Much like real Lego, this game is incredibly inviting. It's friendly, fun and accessible: a younger player could still enjoy this title even if they'd never played Fortnite before. With sanitised violence, it's a far more family-friendly gaming experience all round – worth bearing in mind if you're concerned about children and young people being exposed to violent or frightening content.

SET LITTLE CHALLENGES

As we've noted, the game is a lot more difficult than it may seem, which could be frustrating or upsetting for some younger players. While the game does a good job of setting realistic targets for players, it can still feel overwhelming. If parents suggest smaller challenges – such as building a house – children can flex their creativity, express themselves with their builds and feel a real sense of accomplishment.

PLAY TOGETHER

Take some time to play the game together. Not only will that help with some of the complicated tasks, but it's also just a fun pastime. Playing with family members also reduces the potential for younger players to invite strangers to enjoy the game with – if any are on their friends list. Furthermore, playing with children will let you more effectively limit their time spent on the game. Instead of "switch it off", you can now say "let's play some more later!"

MONITOR SPENDING

If a child has provided their parents' email address and been given consent to make in-game purchases, it's worth keeping an eye on how much gets spent on the in-game currency, V-Bucks. It's very tempting to buy character skins in LEGO form, as a way of expressing yourself and looking cool and unique. As you may know already, the average skin costs between £6–18, which can add up very quickly if not tracked and limited. Keep in mind that you can make it necessary to enter a PIN code to validate every purchase using the game's parental controls, and you can prevent the game from saving your payment information whenever you make a purchase. Furthermore, players under-13 automatically have their spending limited to \$100 (£78.55) per day.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality, augmented reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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