



Freeman's Endowed Church of England Junior Academy Newsletter

'Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' 1 John 3:18

What a half term we have had! We would like to say a huge thankyou to all of our parents and carers for their support during what has been a very busy half term! We wish you all a restful, happy half term break and will look forward to welcoming our amazing children back to school on Monday 1st November! Please could we ask that all children do a Lateral Flow Test before returning to school after half term.

Harvest Competition

There have been some brilliant entries into our Harvest Competition - well done to all of those children who entered! We never cease to be amazed at our pupil's creativity and flair..all of the children who entered received a prize and the overall winner was Zara U from Dahl Class! Well done Zara!









Harvest Festivities

All of our pupils have been celebrating Harvest in their classes this week - they have been making delicious soup in Year 3, making bread and soup in Year 4, creating Harvest themed artwork in Year 5 and writing Harvest poems in Year 6! Below are photos from around the different classes.... we have also been thinking about how thankful we are for the food we have to eat.











Tag Rugby competition

Ten of our year sixes took part in a Tag Rugby competition at Wellingborough RFC - They learnt a lot of new skills and were a credit to the school - finishing in 9th place. Well done Heidi, Dejaune, Scarlett, Ronnie, Cody, Matilda, Jakub, Liam, William, Quincey, Harvey!



New Arrival!

Congratulations to Miss Troisi! We are thrilled to share the news of baby Leo's safe arrival on 16th September!





A massive thankyou to

Katie-Jayne and her family who have raised a whopping £1000 to be shared by St Barnabas and Freeman's schools! They have held raffles and online games to raise money for the minibus fund and have raised this amazing amount over the past few months! A huge thankyou from all of us at Freeman's!



Our Values Champions this week are:

Year 3: Daniel

Year 4: Jayden

Year 5: Isabella

Year 6: Harry Y

Well done to all of our Values Champions!



Stars of the Week:

Year 3: Dahl Class: Amelie Donaldson Class: Valeria

Year 4: Kerr Class: Mia Zephaniah Class: Harry B

Year 5: Rowling Class: Katie-Jayne Horowitz Class: Tifani

Year 6: Pullman Class: Charlie L Morpurgo Class: Matilda

Well done to all of Stars of the Week for showing outstanding behavior and excellent effort in their work.

Presentation Awards

Year 3: Dahl Class: Diaz Donaldson Class: Joyce

Year 4: Kerr Class: Amaan Zephaniah Class: Lauren

Year 5: Rowling Class: George Horowitz Class: Elliott

Year 6: Pulman Class: Ella Morpurgo Class: Courtney

100% Attendance Award - Jeremiah - Zephaniah Class

Dojo Champions of the Week



Our Class of the Week with the highest number of Dojo points is Morpurgo Class Our House of the Week with the highest number of Dojo points is the Cobblers house!

Out of School Awards:

Angel - Level 3 Swimming Award Jayden - Man of the Match and top goal scorer award Galia - R and D Level 8 Gymnastics Award



What is Squid Game?

Netflix's Squid Game is set to become the streaming service's most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

An unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

What are the hazards for children?

Squid Game's 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok, with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

The popularity of the programme has also led to online challenges based on various scenes, which see people taking part in seemingly innocent children's games. On the show, however, characters are executed if they fail in the game – and videos of people pretending to kill each other after competing in Squid Game-style contests are going viral on social media, where they are easily accessible to children.

What is the Squid Game Challenge app?

Squid Game Challenge (also known as K-Game Challenge) is an app for smartphones and tablets that has been released for Android and iOs, and the two systems differ significantly on their age ratings for the game. The iTunes Store rates the app as 12+ (advising of "mild/infrequent horror/fear themes"), while the PEGI rating for Android is just 3+, which means that very young children might be able to download and play the game even with parental controls activated on their device or through Google Play.

The gameplay is frequently interrupted by pop-ups and ads (sometimes appearing while the user is rapidly tapping their screen while attempting to complete the challenge). This could easily lead to unwanted purchases or accidental visits to inappropriate sites beyond the app.

What can trusted adults do?

As a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix, in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed. If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children,

that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.

 $\underline{\text{https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know}$

<u>Parental Guides</u> On our website, we have a range of online parental guides to help parents understand apps and games that children might be using and any possible dangers linked to these apps and games. These include guides on Netflix, Disney+, Fortnite, TikTok and WhatsApp. These parental guides can be found on our website at the following link:

https://www.freemansendowed.org/index.php/keeping-safe/online-parental-quides



North Northamptonshire Council & West Northamptonshire Council

SEND Support Service (SSS)

Autism Spectrum Online Course

Six Weekly Sessions Starting Mon 8 Nov 2021 (6pm-7.30pm)

Free online course for parent/carers of children aged 8+ with a confirmed diagnosis of autism/ASD (or who are on the pathway to an autism diagnosis) who live in Northamptonshire.

Delivered via Zoom.





 For young people under 25 living with a disability.

 Tuesdays 5.30 - 7.00pm
 Cost Ω per member ℓ I per sibling

 Date
 Sports Hall
 Art & Cr.

Sports Hall	Art & Craft
Rebound Therapy (Trampolining) Bouncy Castle	Pastels
Football	Sloth Pom Pom
Dodgeball	Colour-in Glider
Rebound Therapy (Trampolining) Bouncy Castle	Masks
Basketball	Christmas art
Inflatable Madness Rodeo Rudolph	Christmas art
	Rebound Therapy (Trampolining) Bouncy Castle Football Dodgeball Rebound Therapy (Trampolining) Bouncy Castle Basketball Inflatable Madness

Weekly activities; pool table, table tennis, giant lego, sensory activities







Breathing techniques for children

Use your finger to slowly draw a star in the air. Every time you go out to a point, breathe out, every time you come back into the centre, breathe in.

Imagine that you are an octopus.
Every time you slowly breathe in, count a leg. Repeat until you have counted all 8 of your legs.

Imagine there is a big balloon upside down in your chest. Breathe in to make it as big as you can. Breathe out as slowly as you can to shrink it.

Imagine a flower in front of you, slowly smell that flower as you breathe in.
Then imagine there is a candle in front of you and you must push the air hard to blow it out.

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