Newsletter

Friday 9th October (No.5)

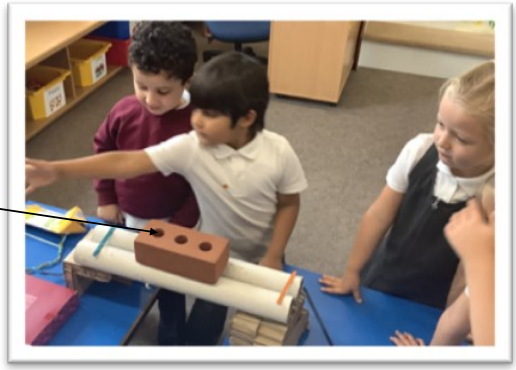
A message from Miss Fisher

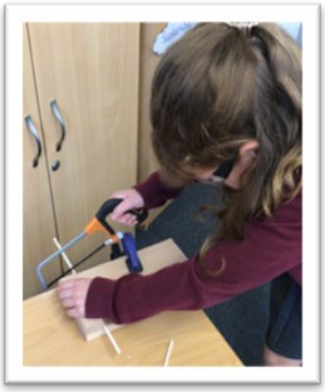
Design technology is in full swing here at Newtown and the children are enjoying using their enquiry skills. Here at Newtown, we follow the same four learning principles when learning in the foundation subjects:



- Asking Questions
- Finding things out
- Making sense of what you found out
- Applying what you found out

For the past few weeks the children have been spending time looking at prototypes and mechanisms that enable structures to move during the 'finding things out' phase. In Sycamore class, they have been exploring materials and their strength. They then created their own models of bridges and tested them to see which could hold the weight of a brick (a toy one!).





Chestnut class have been making CAM toys. The children have been learning about materials that are suitable to make these toys and also how saws can be used to shape wood. They have also been using sandpaper to soften the sharp edges, making it safe .

Further up the school, the children have been exploring pneumatics. Initial questions from the children indicated they wanted to find out how pneumatics works and what it can control. So, in the last week they have been exploring air pressure and water pressure using balloons, tubes and syringes. The children cannot wait to begin designing and building their very own pneumatic trucks.

In Cedar class, I have seen prototype boats being built in the 'making sense of what you have found out' phase where children have been applying their knowledge of structures and materials into their practise product. They have also been designing and creating their boat sails using their sewing skills. I cannot wait to share with you all of our final products towards the end of term – keep your eyes peeled!

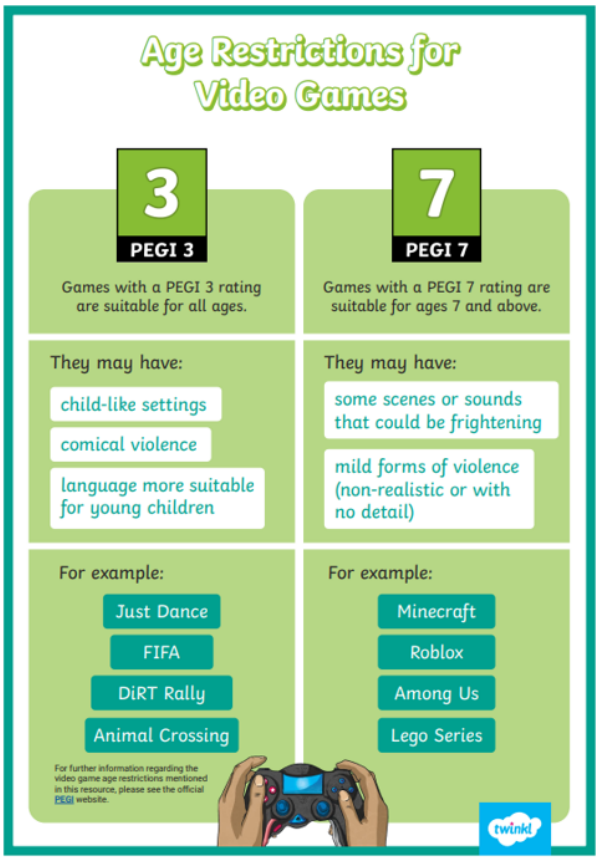


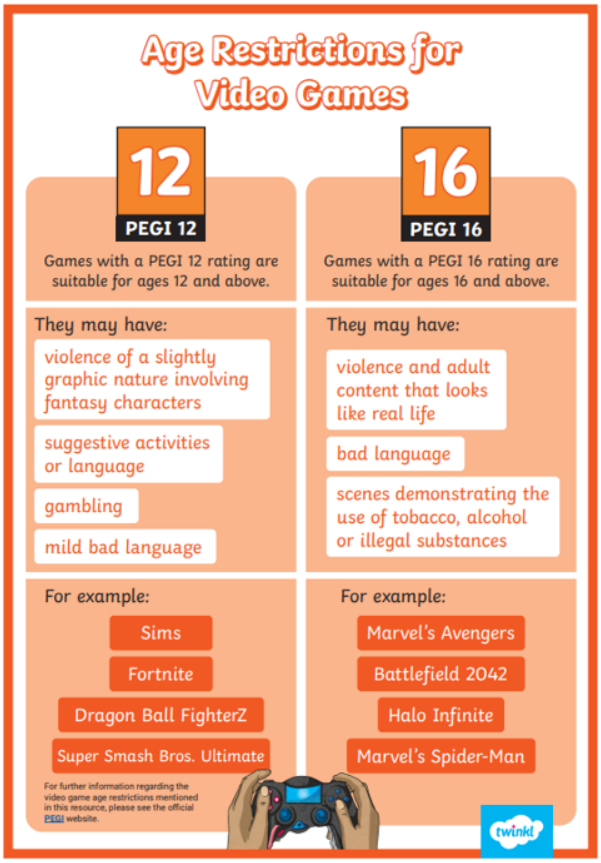


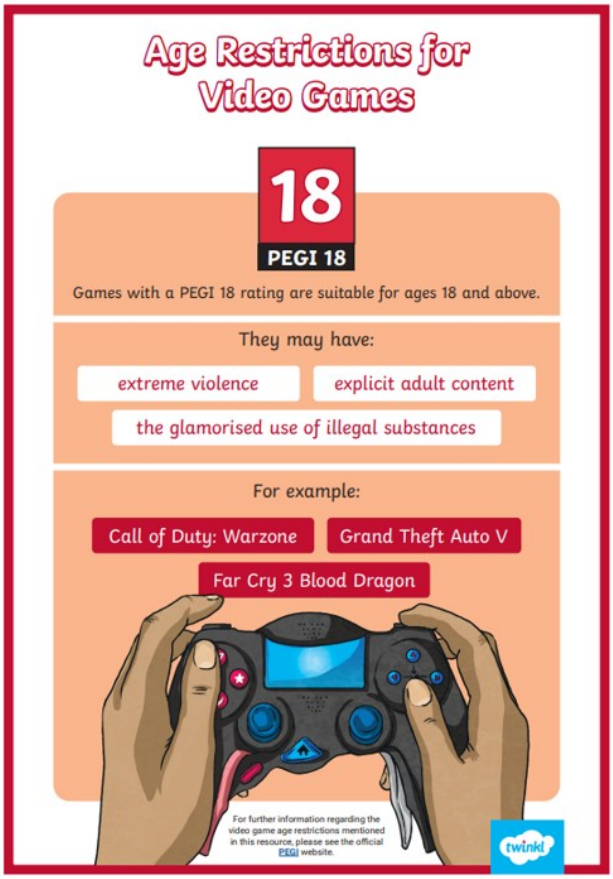


Safeguarding

Age-appropriate games







Playing video games can be great fun, but if the game a child is playing isn't age appropriate, they may find themselves exposed to images and situations which upset them.

Games meant for those aged 16 and over also contain bad language which children may then copy.

Please spend a few minutes sharing this guide with your child, it clearly shows which games are suitable for which age group. This also includes not allowing children to watch adults playing games which have unsuitable content.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2027?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2026

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010** for more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2027?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2027

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

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A whole family event with games, music, crafts, a talk about Jesus, and food. £2 per person. Come dressed in your best bright party clothes, but no Halloween costumes please. We'd love to see you there! Scan the QR code or email nick@stjamestrowbridge.co.uk to book your place

The Old Town Hall's October 2026..

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES!



Playtime! with The Last Baguette

Monday 26 October | 10am - 11am

A fun, relaxed participatory theatre session. There'll be silliness, play-acting, games and music. . . There'll also be an SEND friendly session at 11.30am, for Inclusive Wiltshire members.

£6 (under 2's free) | Ages 2 - 6

Stopframe Animation Workshop

Tuesday 27 October | 10am - 2pm

During this fun and creative workshop, you will learn the skills of stopframe animation, with lots of hands on activities, where you become the director!

£25 | Ages 7 - 12





Are You Still Watching?

Tuesday 27 - Wednesday 28 October | 10am - 12pm

Visual artist Meg Mosley would like to invite you to take part in a creative workshop exploring mood, storytelling and self-portraiture.

Free | Ages 13 - 18

Zine Making Workshop

Thursday 29 October | 1pm - 3pm

Get creative in this relaxed, hands-on workshop exploring how to make a small DIY magazine. You'll experiment with various techniques to create your own mini magazine.

£6 - £10 | Ages 12 - 18





Wallace & Gromit & the Curse of the Were Rabbit

Saturday 31 October | 10am

Followed by a modelling workshop inspired by the film!

£3 - £7 | For families

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Got questions?

We've got answers!

Your nurses are here to help-

no worries too big or too small!

- Healthy eating & nutrition
- Sleep tips & routines
- Emotional wellbeing & stress
- Sexual health & relationships
- Bedwetting & toileting support

Family Hub-County Hall,
Trowbridge,
Bythesea Road,
BA14 8JN.
Wednesdays 15.30-16.30



Join us at the Community Health drop-in!

For children and young people 5-19 and their families

No appointment needed!



New date for school photos

School photos will take place on :

MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER



FONS UNIFORM GIVEAWAY

School uniform giveaway on the playground straight after school on :

TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER

Superstars



Otis, Emilia, Charlie, Kray and Rae

Attendance

117 children had 100% attendance in the last week. You are awesome!

Sycamore class were the best at being in & on time every day last week. Well done Sycamore class!

0 Penalty Notice Applications have been made so far for this academic year.

Absence line 01225 752678 option 1



Congratulations to Chestnut class who are top of the leader board this week!

Please encourage your child to log on and play.

Home - Times Tables Rock Stars

Dates for Diary

13/10/2026	Harvest Festival Assembly at 9.15am. All welcome!
13/10/2026	FONS school uniform giveaway - straight after school
14/10/2026	Oak & Cedar class swimming
14/10/2016	Parents' Evening
15/10/2026	Parents' Evening
20/10/2026	Last day of term 1
02/11/2026	TD Day - school closed to children
03/11/2026	Children back to school - start of term 2
09/11/2026	School photos (rearranged date)
10/11/2026	Class showcase