



Headteachers report of the week

As the leaves turn golden and the air grows crisp, our school is buzzing with excitement for Halloween. This year, there has been a hub of creativity, where students are conjuring up spooky masterpieces that capture the spirit of the season.

From eerie landscapes to whimsical pumpkins, the Halloween art projects are as diverse as they are imaginative. I love seeing how creative everyone gets during this time of year. It's a time when students can really let their imaginations run wild and experiment with different techniques and materials. It's amazing to see how even the simplest materials can be turned into something magical.

This year, our school community has embraced the season with a variety of exciting activities and events that promise to make this half-term truly memorable.

Many students are looking forward to exploring the great outdoors during the break. With local parks and nature reserves showcasing their autumnal beauty, it's the perfect time for family hikes, picnics, and nature walks. Don't forget to take your cameras to capture the stunning fall foliage! Share with us your adventures!

Best Wishes

Jules





Shore group made
Halloween cupcakes
to take home, there
were some scary
faces!!

- Debbie J





Acorns 1 have had an amazing time pumpkin carving!





Halloween artwork in Acorns 1.

We are using an array of materials and textures to produce our artwork.

– Debbie G



Acorns 1 Halloween Artwork

- Lexi's is at the top
- Destiny's is at the bottom.



In the heart of our school, where creativity gallops freely, a remarkable young man called Xander has captured the essence of grace and beauty. A budding artist whose recent masterpiece has left everyone in awe.

**COMING
SOON**

**THE CHALLENGE IS
ON**

**AS A SCHOOL WE WOULD LOVE TO BE
ABLE TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO GAIN
6 MOUNTAIN BIKES AND HELMETS FOR
OUR STUDENTS.**

**We are having a market stall in
Wem on Thursday December 12th
STUDENTS WILL BE MAKING AND
SELLING THEIR GOODS TO MAKE AS
MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
XMAS
CRAFTS GAMES
BAZAAR

FREE ENTRY!

DECEMBER **19TH** 1.30PM - 3PM

AT WOODLANDS SCHOOL

GIFTS



FOOD



Woodlands Houses

Teme



Vyrnwy



Severn



**Eco Friendly Recycled Fashion
Show House Challenge**

**Date change due to the football
- Thursday 28th November**

- 2 very special judges; they now know who they are, and fingers crossed all will be revealed on the day...

100%

Attendance last week

McKenzie	Saplings 2
Arran	Shore
Alexander	Shore
Mason	Shore
Leo	Saplings 2
Tommy	Shore
Noah	Acorns 2
Romeo	Saplings 3
Taylor	Shore
Ollie	Saplings 2
Arthur	Acorns 2
Caleb	Oaks 1
Kieran	Shore
Tyler	Saplings 2
Destiny	Acorns 1
Scott	Oaks 1
Emilia	Saplings 3



*Shout out to all
our learners*

This Week at Woodlands

Be your best!



Be brave.

Engage positively.

Sensible and safe behaviours at all times.

Take responsibility

- Tyler ST and Callum have positively engaged in their science this week, completing all their work. – Great work boys! Well done!
- Shannon and Jodie have made some delicious cookies and cakes following the Halloween theme. – Lovely sensible and safe behaviour and engaging sensibly. Brilliant girls, well done!
- Noah Hu and Arthur have been wonderful and supportive with great collaboration. – Amazing boys, well done! Great engagement and taking responsibility.
- Jack has been brave and taken 2!! Maths exam papers this week. – Superstar Jack, we are very proud of you, well done!
- Oaks 2 have taken responsibility and worked really hard and independently this week. – Outstanding work Oaks 2 – Well done!
- Willow has worked amazingly in English, some great one to one work. – Outstanding Willow – Well done!
- Scott supported his peer and staff. – Excellent safe and sensible behaviour Scott and taking responsibility. – Well done!
- Charlie has been brave and taken one step closer to his learning in the vocational learning centre.
- Tyler ST has been making very mature decisions – Outstanding Tyler Well done!
- Luke has settled well into his bakery course at Reaseheath! After finishing here with us in Year 11 – So lovely to hear from you Luke and that you are enjoying your course.



Headteacher Awards

- **Saplings 2 – Mike for having a respectful and mature approach to his learning.**
- **Acorns 1 – Olly N for making Lexi feel welcome and for amazing English work this week.**
- **Acorns 1 – Destiny for making Lexi feel welcome in**

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with us.**

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A GUIDE ON HOW NOT TO BE A 'SCREEN ZOMBIE'

It's not always easy to tell if you've been spending too much time on your device. Mobiles phones, tablets, games consoles, TVs; the list of devices you might have access to seems never-ending and switching between them can be seamless. However, too much time on your device could lead to certain problems and could be an indicator of an addictive habit. It's important therefore that you try and manage your screen time as much as possible and avoid becoming a 'screen zombie'.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BRAIN

Spending too much time on social media, watching YouTube or playing games online can result in you becoming a screen zombie. This can affect your mood, how much sleep you get, how you perform at school and how you behave around others. Limiting your screen time will keep you alert, keep your mind focused and help to look after your own mental health and wellbeing.



BE PRESENT, NOT A ZOMBIE

Screen zombies often find that they spend a lot of time alone in front of their tablet or their mobile phone and reduce the time they spend with their friends or talk with their family. Zombies often lack communication skills. Always try to limit your screen time as much as possible - there's so much fun you can have with others!



SCREEN-FREE BEDROOMS

Keeping your phone in your bedroom means that it can be tempting to check every notification you get. Your phone could be the last thing you see at night and the first thing you see in the morning. This can contribute towards poor sleep and a lack of focus the next day. Try to keep your phone out of your bedroom or turn off all notifications before bedtime. This will mean you'll get a good night's rest and be ready for the next day.



DON'T GET TRAPPED INSIDE

Screen zombies usually find that they spend a lot of time inside as they lose interest in other things that don't include their device. It might seem obvious, but meeting your friends outside or doing outdoor activities like playing sports, trampolining, camping or just going for a walk are all healthy replacements for screen time and can help keep your mind fresh and active.



ZOMBIE-FREE MEALTIMES

Mealtimes can be seen as a good time to sit down, relax and switch on your tablet or phone as you eat your food. But it can also mean that you're not interacting with others, sharing jokes at the dinner table or just talking about your day. Keep mealtimes for family time. Eating your food and staring at a screen means you're turning into a zombie.



BEWARE OF OTHER DANGERS

Spending too much time on your device and online can increase your chances of potentially encountering other online dangers. This could range from viewing inappropriate or harmful content to online bullying, grooming or fake news. Controlling how much time you spend online will reduce your risk of exposure. If you do see anything that makes you upset or if you're concerned about contact with others, always report it to a trusted adult.



BEWARE OF SNEAKY TRICKS

A lot of apps and games use certain ways of keeping you online and using their platform for long periods of time. This can include simple things like unlimited scrolling on a newsfeed, 'streaks' or uncovering hidden levels. Be mindful of how much time you're online and try to remember you're in control. You decide when you've had enough, not your device.



SAVE YOUR PARENTS!

Even though your parents will often be the ones telling you to limit your screen time, turn off your tablet or switch off your phone, sometimes they will forget to take their own advice. So it's up to you to make sure you remind them of the dangers of becoming a screen zombie!



UN-ZOMBIFY YOURSELF

If you think that you've already become a screen zombie, then don't worry, it's never too late to get help and support from your friends and family. Talk to your parents if you feel you've become addicted to your device, try to understand why and work with them to help you limit your screen time so that you can leave your zombie character behind.



Meet our expert

Pete Bath is content specialist with over 10+ years in research and analysis. He has written various expert pieces around online safety for children and parents and previously worked in a specialist role for the police, contributing work which was pivotal in successfully winning high profile court cases and writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



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