



Wenlock's Weekly Round Up

'With God's love, we are lights for the world'

This months Value is:

GENEROSITY



Friday 6th October 2023

Key dates

Thursday 12th October	Year 4 Aurora Class Swimming Lesson
Monday 16th October	Athlete Sponsored Visit (See below)
Tuesday 17th October	Black History Month Workshop—(see below, page 4 for more details)
Wednesday 18th October	School Photographer visit
Wednesday 18th October	Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics
Thursday 19th October	Children celebrate Harvest at church (more to follow)
Thursday 19th October	Year 4 Aurora Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 19th October	School Disco - More details to follow
Friday 20th October	Inset Day—School closed
Monday 23rd October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 30th October	Inset Day—School closed
Thursday 2nd November	Year 4 Aurora Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 9th November	Year 4 Aurora Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 16th November	Year 4 Aurora Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 16th November	Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
Thursday 23rd November	Year 4 Aurora Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 23rd November	Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip (more details to follow)

Working at Wenlock

We are currently recruiting for a Pastoral Support Worker. If you feel that you have what it takes to support our children to achieve their full potential please click on the link to find out more.

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/149542/EDV-2023-WCA-09761/api-feed-referral>

End of the day:

Please remember that class teachers are available to discuss anything you want to check or query at collection time on the playground; they may also want to speak with you.

We will always put the safety of your children first, so we ask that you wait to the side to allow class teachers to dismiss the remaining children to ensure they are collected safely before we can speak to you. Class teachers will then approach you once the class is dismissed. You may need to wait a few moments for the teacher's full attention, and we appreciate your patience.

Attendance

Well done to Alina Class who achieved the highest attendance last week at 99.32%

The attendance for the whole school was 96.49%

Our School target is 97%

Please respect cars in the school carpark at drop off and pick up time. There have been cases of parents leaning against our visitors/staff cars and some damage has been caused.

With God's love in our hearts, we are eager to reach our goals and stretch our limitless imaginations to build our futures and create aspiring leaders. Everyone is welcomed and respected for their unique contributions as we flourish and grow. Our Christian values help us to keep safe, go above and beyond to build the

PARENT INFORMATION

PE Days

Year group	PE Day	PE Day
Year 3 - Alpha	Tuesday	Friday
Year 3 - Omega	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3 - Genesis	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4 - Aurora	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4 - Alina	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4 - Vesper	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5 - Lunar	Monday	Wednesday
Year 5 - Solar	Wednesday	Friday
Year 5 - Stellar	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6 - Aviary	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6 - Arboreal	Monday	Wednesday
Year 6 - Aquarium	Wednesday	Thursday

Uniform

We have a large number of uniform items in lost property that have no names on. Because of this we have been unable to reunite these items with the owner.

Please ensure that your child's name is written on all uniform and also coats.

Also, we kindly ask that you regularly check to see if your child has mistakenly take home uniform that belongs to another child. Thank you

Sponsored Circuit Challenge

Hi parents,

just a reminder that on the 16th of October we have an athlete visiting the children. The athlete has now been confirmed as a wales international woman's football player! Your children will all be completing a sponsored circuit challenge. If you wish to sponsor your child you can do so through the sponsorship form already sent home or through the following crowdfunded link.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/wenlock>

From Mr Clark

School Inset Days

Please note that upcoming Inset days are as follows:

Friday 20th October and Monday 30th October.

The school will be closed on these days.

Dinner money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having school dinner. The cost for school dinner is as follows: £2.40 per day or £12.00 per week.

If you have a query relating to dinner money payment, you can contact the finance team on schooldinner@wenlockacademy.co.uk

Values homework

Please see below and earn 5 house points!

Online Safety

For e-safety support and advice please click on this [link](#) Please click on the links below for more information on e-safety.

[Think you know](#)

[Disney Wild](#)

[About Safety](#)

[Smartie The Penguin](#)

[Childnet Safety Internet](#)

[A useful guide to apps to help keep your child safe online](#)

Emailing the School Office

Please can we remind families that when emailing the school or leaving a message on the answerphone that you give your child's full name and their class and/or their teacher.

If you do not provide these details, it will lead to delays in answering or forwarding your queries.

You can report your child's absence by calling 01582 730624 and pressing option 1 or via email on attendance@wenlockacademy.co.uk

Calling All Artists!



Wenlock CE Academy are celebrating Black History Month! The theme for Black History Month 2023 is "Celebrating Our Sisters!"

We invite you to colour the picture of an inspirational black woman. If you wish to take part, then collect a colouring sheet from your teacher.

There will be prizes for each Lower Key Stage Two and Upper Key Stage Two.

Please submit your entries to your class teacher or Miss Mills with your name, class and year group on by Thursday 19th October 2023!

We cannot wait to see your amazing compositions!

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Colouring Competition

Black History Month



Wenlock CE Academy are celebrating Black History Month! The theme for Black History Month 2023 is "Celebrating Our Sisters!"

In order to celebrate, on Tuesday 17th October, we will be having two African Arts workshops. Years 3 and 4 will be learning African Dance and Years 5 and 6 will be creating African masks.

To celebrate the rich heritage of Black History, we invite all the children to wear cultural/traditional clothing that symbolises their heritage. Please ensure that children wear comfortable shoes.

We would be delighted if you would consider donating £5 in order to raise funds to the school.

We look forward to seeing you in your cultural outfits!

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Heritage Day

Calling All Poets!



Wenlock CE Academy are celebrating Black History Month! The theme for Black History Month 2023 is "Celebrating Our Sisters!"

We invite you to write a poem about an inspirational black woman. She could be famous or she could be someone in your local area or within your family.

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Please submit your entries to your class teacher or Miss Mills with your name, class and year group on by Thursday 19th October 2023!

We cannot wait to hear your lovely inspiration poetry!

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Poetry Competition

Online Safety Update

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authentication is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



GENEROSITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

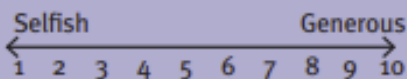
This term we will be focussing in school on the value GENEROSITY. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Generosity

When we think about **generosity** we usually think about being **generous** with money or possessions. However, we can also be **generous** with our time, our gifts and our abilities.

Generous people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is **generous** to us, it makes us want to be **generous** in return. The opposite of being **generous** is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

- How would you describe yourself on this scale?



- Where would other members of your family put you on the scale and what are their reasons?
- Who is the most **generous** person you know?



READ TOGETHER...

The Widow's Mite

Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work.

The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box.

Jesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen.

Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had."

You see, God is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than the size of their gift.

Bible story based on Mark 12:41-44

A Mite in Jesus' time was a small brass coin worth 1/128th of a denarius. Typically a labourer was paid 1 denarius for a day's work.



In Britain, many years ago, a coin called a mite was in general use and worth half a farthing, a very tiny amount of money.

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"God loves a cheerful giver"
2 Corinthians 9.7

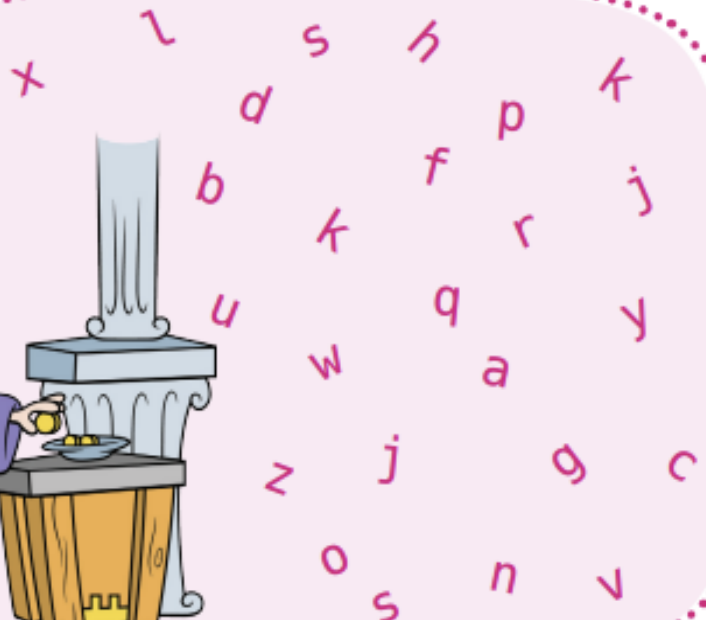
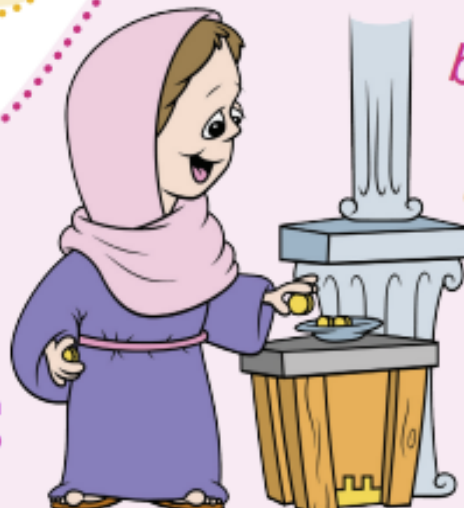
New King James Version® of the Bible



? QUIZ

Lost Letters

Which letters are missing from the alphabet? Arrange them to make a word from the story.



☆ HALL OF FAME

A Generous Saint

Nicholas grew up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor.

One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret.

So in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so **generous**. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' **generosity**.

Nicholas continued to live in the same town and he continued to be **generous** to every one in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



The Generositree

The fruit of the generositree are blessings.

Think of something **generous** that you could do that would bless someone and make them happy. Then do it.

Design and make a colourful exotic looking fruit to represent the blessing and take it to school to hang on the Generositree.



FAMILY FOCUS

Secret St Nick

Each member of the family could decide on someone that they think deserves a special present. Find some pots for each person and begin to save a small amount each week.

When December comes buy presents that will make your special person smile or that they will find useful. Wrap the gifts as creatively as you can and write their name on a homemade label. Deliver in secret on 5th December, St Nicholas' Day.



FASCINATING FACTS

Leading the Pack

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wilderness survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became 'Scouting for Boys' and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows.

- In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups
- They **generously** give over 20 million hours of service each year
- Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges

