



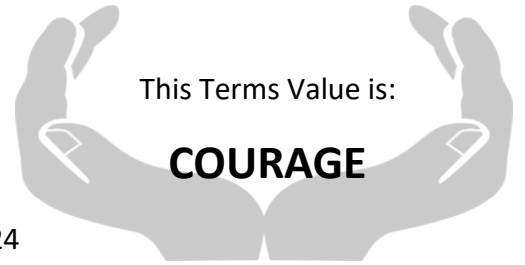
# Wenlock's Weekly Round Up

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

Friday 26th January 2024

This Terms Value is:

**COURAGE**



## Key dates

Thursday 1st February	Choir visit to Young Voices
Friday 2nd February	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 6th February	NSPCC Numbers non uniform day—see below
Thursday 8th February	Girls Football League
Week beginning 12th February	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 15th February	Mini report due home
	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
	School Disco—years 3/4—3.45—5.00 pm
	School Disco—years 5/6—5.15—6.30 pm
	More details to follow
Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 26th February	Inset Day—School closed
Tuesday 27th February	Children return to school
	Consultation evenings start
Thursday 29th February	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 7th March	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 14th March	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
Monday 18th March	Year 6 visit to Chiltern Academy to see 'The Little Mermaid' 11.15—13.45
Thursday 21st March	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 28th March	Year 4 Alina Class Swimming Lesson
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 16th April	First Day of Summer Term—Children return to school

### Attendance

Well done to Vesper who achieved the highest attendance last week at 97.67%

The attendance for the whole school was 94.11%

Our School target is 97%

# PARENT INFORMATION

## NSPCC Numbers Non Uniform day

Next Friday (2nd February) we will be having a number themed non-uniform day as part of the NSPCC's number day. The children would wear an item of clothing with a number/ numbers on and send in donations for the charity.

We would prefer donations to be made via the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/wenlock-academy-1706266544688?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fwenlock-academy-1706266544688&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/wenlock-academy-1706266544688?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwenlock-academy-1706266544688&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

Alternatively any cash donations may be brought in and given to the class teacher.

## Aspens Food—New Menu's

The new meal options have been sent separately and are also on our school website. They will start when the children return after half term and will commence at week 2.

## Unclaimed Uniform

Currently in lost property we have the following items:

3 Black Coats, 1 Grey coat, 1 Blue coat, a blazer and various hats and scarves.

Please label uniform , coats etc with your child's name

## Smartphones

I would just like to share an interesting link relating to smartphones and whether or not it is a good time to provide them with one. It has tips which we believe as a school could be useful for you!

<https://www.childrenandscreens.org/learn-explore/research/introducing-a-smartphone-assessing-readiness/>

Mr Di Marco

## 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	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6 - Aquarium	Wednesday	Thursday

## 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](mailto:schooldinner@wenlockacademy.co.uk)

## Emailing the School Office

Please can we remind families that when emailing the school or leaving a message on the answer phone 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](mailto:attendance@wenlockacademy.co.uk)



Around The World  
**CHINA**

**Thursday 15th February**

Sticky Chinese Chicken  
Noodles

Wok Smashed Sweet & Sour  
Veggies

Sticky Upside Down Mandarin  
Cake

Jacket Potato & Hot Tomato  
Pasta are also available

**FOOD  
FESTIVAL**

By Aspens

# Online Safety Update

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION  
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

#### POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

#### DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

#### EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

#### RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

#### SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WIFI location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

### Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

# COURAGE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

## TALK TOGETHER about Courage

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

*Nelson Mandela*



## READ TOGETHER...

### The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me."

The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king.

"I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced.

It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life."

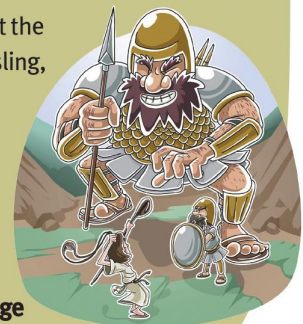
"But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side."

King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out **courageously** to face Goliath.

The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people."

As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides.

This was a day no-one would forget, when the **courage** of a shepherd boy saved a nation.



Bible story based on 1 Samuel 17

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C	M	B	L	H	S	Z	Y	S	J
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## QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

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|------------|----------|-----------|
| ARMOUR     | BOY      | DAVID     |
| COURAGE    | FOREHEAD | GIANT     |
| GOLIATH    | GOD      | ISRAELITE |
| PHILISTINE | SHIELD   | SLING     |
| SOLDIER    | STONE    | STRUCK    |





# FAMILY FOCUS & HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



## Children of Courage

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and **courage** in overcoming huge challenges in their lives. (Google 'UK children of **courage** awards' to see some examples.)

Design a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their **courage**. Remember, there are different kinds of **courage** and different ways of showing bravery.

The nominations will be displayed in the Challenge Gallery at school.



## Example Nomination sheet



Name of child who has shown **courage**

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Has shown **courage** by .....

.....

This bravery should be recognised because .....

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## ★ HALL OF FAME



## Bravery v. Slavery

Harriet Tubman was born nearly 200 years ago in Maryland, USA. Her family were slaves which means that they had to work for the people who 'owned' them. Slaves had no pay and no rights and they could be bought or sold like property. As Harriet grew older she was afraid that she would be sold and sent far away from her family to work for strangers. She decided to try to escape. This needed great **courage** because Harriet knew that if she was caught she would be cruelly punished. After many adventures and with the help of kind people along the way, Harriet managed to escape to Canada, where slavery was banned.

It would have been safest for Harriet to stay in Canada and make for herself a comfortable and easier life, but she was determined not to forget her family and friends who still suffered as slaves in America. She made her way back and forth to Maryland not once, but *nineteen times*, facing great danger and showing amazing bravery as she helped slaves to escape to freedom. By the end of her life Harriet had helped to free around 300 slaves!

After her death Harriet received many honours for her bravery. A ship was named after her, and in 1995 the US government issued a postage stamp to celebrate her **courageous** life.



## FASCINATING FACTS

### In case of emergency – Dial 999

“Help...my house is on fire!”

“Help....there’s been an accident!”

“Help.... burglars are breaking into the house over the road!”

- The emergency number, 999, was introduced in London in 1937.
- In an emergency, phoning 999 will connect you quickly to an 'emergency control centre'. An operator will ask which service you need, fire, ambulance or police. The operator will be able to track your call to discover where you are and soon help will be on its way.
- Firefighters, police and ambulance crew all risk their own lives on occasions to help other people who are in danger.
- Additional emergency services operate in some places such as mountain and cave rescue, coast guards, air sea rescue.
- Over 30 million 999 calls are made each year.
- About half of all calls are hoaxes. Not only do hoax callers break the law, they put people's lives in danger as it takes longer for real emergencies to be dealt with.