



Safeguarding Bulletin Michaelmas 2023 ~ Issue 02

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our newsletter from the Safeguarding Team at Bredon School. Our aim is to provide you with the latest support and advice which could affect you and your children's lives.

Childnet Film Competition – Bredon School Juniors

Year 6 are taking part in the Childnet Film Competition this year. Childnet work in partnership with the UK Safer Internet Centre to provide advice, resources and training; they also hold an annual Safer Internet Day.

This competition, now in its 14th year, inspires children to consider how they use the internet safely. This year's theme is *'How would you make the internet a better place?'* Will Gardner, CEO of Childnet says *'I believe our film competition gives young people the chance to have their say and increase online safety awareness in their own unique voice and style.'* This certainly rings true for our Year 6 children, who have come up with some interesting ideas to showcase their chosen topics.

The competition remains open until the 22nd April 2024 and is a great way to get young people involved in online safety. Have a look at the [Childnet website](#) to find out more.

Other useful links for juniors:

[Safer Internet](#)
[Childnet](#)
[Think U Know](#)

Anti-bullying – Bredon School

This term, two student groups have been established to address important issues. The first is an Anti-bullying group, with some members trained as anti-bullying ambassadors by the Diana Award. In the upcoming year, the remaining members will undergo training in Bristol to enhance their skills. Their initial focus is on earning the 'Well-being' badge. This involves creating a student-friendly version of the school's bullying policy and extending their outreach to the local community. Future efforts will target additional badges, including 'Respect' and 'online safety,' to strengthen the school's anti-bullying initiatives.

The group's project involved crafting 'love rocks' which were then placed around the school to raise awareness and signal their availability to help anyone in need of support.

The second group, known as Peer Mentors, complements the anti-bullying ambassadors. Comprising of Sixth Formers, these mentors will provide support and a listening ear to the entire school community. They have received training from Kidscape to fulfil their roles as peer mentors.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) – Bredon School

This term we have been looking at ways in which the students can use their voice to promote equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI). The school already has an excellent curriculum which allows for EDI to be incorporated into most lessons but now it's time for the students to be heard.

In order to make this all happen we have appointed Ed W (Year 13) as our student ambassador for EDI.

This is an area Ed feels passionately about.

Ed is an international boarding student and states *'if I can promote EDI within school and even if it makes a change for one student, that's one student I have helped in a positive way!'*.

Ed and Mrs Odam held an assembly for all students inviting them to create clubs and groups of whatever they desired. The only requirement for these clubs was that they have to serve a purpose and help others.

This has led to the creation of our HD team (Hidden Differences)!



This club is led by Mima M (Year 11).

With the focus on neurodiversity Mima aims to help both staff and students understand everybody's learning needs. She wants neurodiversity to no longer be seen as a negative, rather as a positive, to celebrate the different ways we all work. She wants the club to be a safe place where all students are listened to.

The first item on the agenda is to 'SWITCH IT UP' this is a series of lessons where the staff become the students. The students will then teach the staff lessons on how they work best and why. These lessons will take place throughout the year. In which there will be time for staff to trail different activities and gain feedback from a range of students.

We look forward to seeing the work Mima and her team complete and hopefully see some results in the classroom! If any students would like to be involved in this, please feel free to come along on a Monday lunchtime. Well done Mima – we are very proud of your enthusiasm and initiative!

Proposals for clubs and groups are still coming in but if students have an idea and would like to explore this more, please send Mrs Odam or Ed an email.



**WEST MERCIA
POLICE**



Police will keep you safe

West Mercia Police

West Mercia Police are encouraging parents to let their children know that the Police are the '*good guys*' and will protect them and keep them safe. Please see below regarding their message:

Parents - don't make your children scared of the police. Please don't tell your children that the police will '*lock them up*' or '*catch you if you are naughty*'. We want children to come to us if they are scared, lost or in danger, not run away from us. Please try and engage with us if you see us out and about and this will show your child that we are approachable and friendly.

Children - the police will keep you safe. If you are in trouble, lost or scared, the police can help. We're here to catch the baddies and to protect you. Please don't be scared of us. If you see us in the street give us a wave.

Schools - We try our best to attend most schools during drop off and collection times to engage with the children and to keep an eye on any other issues. We also attend schools to talk about road safety, stranger danger and many more subjects.

If you have any information in relation to any crimes or suspicious incidents please let us know using the online '*Tell Us About*' form on our website www.westmercia.police.uk

If you aren't comfortable contacting us directly, you can pass on information anonymously to the independent charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

For a crime in progress please call 999.

It is only by the police and the public working together that we can prevent and detect crime.



Money Helper

Where to get free debt advice

If you're struggling with debt, it can be hard to know where to turn. But with lots of free advice services available across the UK, you can find help in a way that's best for you.

Free Debt Adviser, click this [link](#) and search for support in your local town.



The December edition of OUR NEWS is here

Neighbourhood Matters are pleased to bring you the latest edition of their newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales.

Here are some highlights in December's edition:

- Reach out to your neighbour this Christmas - small ways you can make a big difference to your neighbours and community during the festive season.
- SimpliSafe share their tips for protecting your home this Christmas.
- You can support Neighbourhood Watch for free while shopping, with EasyFundraising.
- Remember to check your smoke alarms this Christmas - the Home Office shares their message on fire safety.
- Avast gives us Five Golden Tips to shop online safely.
- Nominations are open until 17th December for the Movement for Good's charity awards - you could help us win!

[Read the December Newsletter Here](#)

Food Banks – Worcestershire Area

Worcester City (Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri, 11am—2pm) 0808 2082138
7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester
WR1 2RS, UK

Droitwich (Tues 1pm—3pm & Fri)
07532 130604 / 07532 130604
Droitwich Baptist Church,
Ombersley Street East, WR9 8QS

Redditch & Bromsgrove (Mon—Thursday 11am —2pm & Fri 10am— 1pm) 01527 69161
Number 24, Church Green East,
Redditch, B98 8DE



Malvern Hills Foodbank (Mon—10.15am—12.30pm, Tues 1pm—3.15pm, Thurs 10.15am – 12.30pm) 07529 322985
Unit 4, Spring Court, Spring Lane
South, Malvern, WR14 1AT

Pershore (Tues 11am— 1pm, Fri 1pm—3pm) 01386555347
St Andrews, Church Walk,
Pershore, WR10 1BH

Kidderminster (Mon, Wed & Fri 12:30pm—3pm) 015262 916555
Unit 9, Swan Shopping Centre,
Blackwell Street, Kidderminster
DY10 2DP

EARLY HELP IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Help and support for Children, Young People and their families or carers.



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VIRTUAL FAMILY HUB:

WORCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/FAMILYHUB

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Act on Energy

Act Energy encourage energy conservation by providing free and impartial advice to householders and small businesses in Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Coventry, Solihull, Birmingham & the wider West Midlands.

Household Support Fund

For those who have previously received funding from the Household Support Fund prior to the 30th September 2022, can now re-apply for funding – subject to the conditions.



End-to-end encryption – CEOP

You may have heard the announcement that end-to-end encryption (E2EE) is being rolled out by default on Meta platforms.

Whilst encryption plays an important role in protecting our privacy online, this must be balanced with the imperative to safeguard children and young people online.

The roll out of E2EE will affect the ability of social media companies to detect child sexual abuse on their platforms, and instead places undue pressure on children and young people to self-report instances of abuse, rather than platforms having security features in place to both prevent and detect abuse before it occurs.

Find further information and advice, please click on the links below:

[Parents and Carers](#)

[Children and Young People](#)

Find out more on the [National Crime Agency's response to the roll out of end-to-end encryption](#).

Free Activities in The Local Area

Redditch Library

Crafty Kids Club (Wednesday's from 3:30pm to 4:30pm)



For children aged 4 years and above. Come along each week for a new STEAM-based construction activity. Invent and create toys, games and models.

Evesham Library

Table top Club (Thursday's from 10am to 2pm)



Tabletop club is a twice weekly club that allows anyone to play card and board games. We have a selection of board games and cards that you are welcome to play. Come and join in, bring a friend or make some new ones!

Alvechurch Library

Lego Club (Friday's from 3:30pm to 4:30pm)



Come and get creative at our LEGO club. Most suited for children aged 4 years and above. Let your imagination run wild with the latest LEGO challenge.

Droitwich Spa Library

Friday Film Club (Saturday's from 11am to 1:30pm)



Become an adventurer with our Dungeons and Dragons group. Booking in advance is essential. Suitable for adults 16 years and over.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CE' or 'Charmain Eaton'.

Charmain Eaton
Deputy Head (Pastoral and Safeguarding) & CCF Contingent Commander