

Wild Week is always my favourite week of the year in school; it gives me so much pleasure to watch our children dipping in the pond, identifying our trees and bugs, balancing on logs in Grin Low Woods, sitting quietly under the tree canopy in Forest School, writing poems in the Bluebell Wood and much more. We are blessed to have such amazing grounds and woodland on our doorstep. Thank you to all the staff who have tried their hardest to make sure the children connect with nature and have fun outdoors this week.

A very well done to all the Year 6 children who worked incredibly hard last week for their SATS. We were so impressed by their focus and concentration in all of the tests and are very proud of them.

A reminder that the 11th June is our Consultation Day about plans to join the Embark Federation. Members of the Embark team will be on the school gate from 8.30am-9.05am and will also be around for some of the Sports Morning too. They will then be holding a consultation meeting for all parents and carers at 5.15pm that evening in school which we hope can attend.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and that the rain holds off. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd June for the first day of term. (Monday 2nd June is INSET day for staff and school will be closed). Please note that we will be breaking up for summer at 2pm on Thursday 24th July.

School Events			
Weds 11 th June 25	9.20am - 11.00am	Sports Day	Whole School
Weds 11 th June 25	5.15pm - 6.15pm	Embark consultation meeting	All parents & carers
Thurs 3 rd July 25	6pm – 7pm	Disco for Y3 and Y4	Y3 and Y4
Thurs 3 rd July 25	7.15pm – 8.15pm	Disco for Y5 and Y6	Y5 and Y6
Thurs 24 th July 25	2pm	Term Ends	Whole school

Year 3			
Tue 10 th June 25	3.35pm – 4.00pm	Art showcase	Year 3
Tue 22 nd July 25	3.35pm– 4.00pm	Celebration of Work	Year 3

Year 4			
Tuesday 17 th June 25	8am departure	Halle & MoSI trip	Year 4
Friday 11 th July 25	2.00pm	Violin Concert	Year 4
Tues 22 nd July 25	3.35pm	Celebration of Work	Year 4

Year 5			
Tues 1 st July 25	3.35pm	Art Showcase	Year 5
Tues 22 nd July 25	3.35pm	Celebration of Work	Year 5

Year 6			
Tues 15 th July 25	2pm	Y6 Production	Year 6
Weds 16 th July 25	7pm	Y6 Production	Year 6
Tue 22 nd July 25	3.35pm – 4.00pm	Celebration of Work	Year 6
Tue 22 nd July	7.00pm -8pm	Y6 Leavers' Disco	Year 6
Thur 24 th July 25	9.15am – 10.00am	Leavers' Assembly	Year 6



Some of our fantastic Y6 at Quad Kids on Wednesday at the Community School



Online Safety



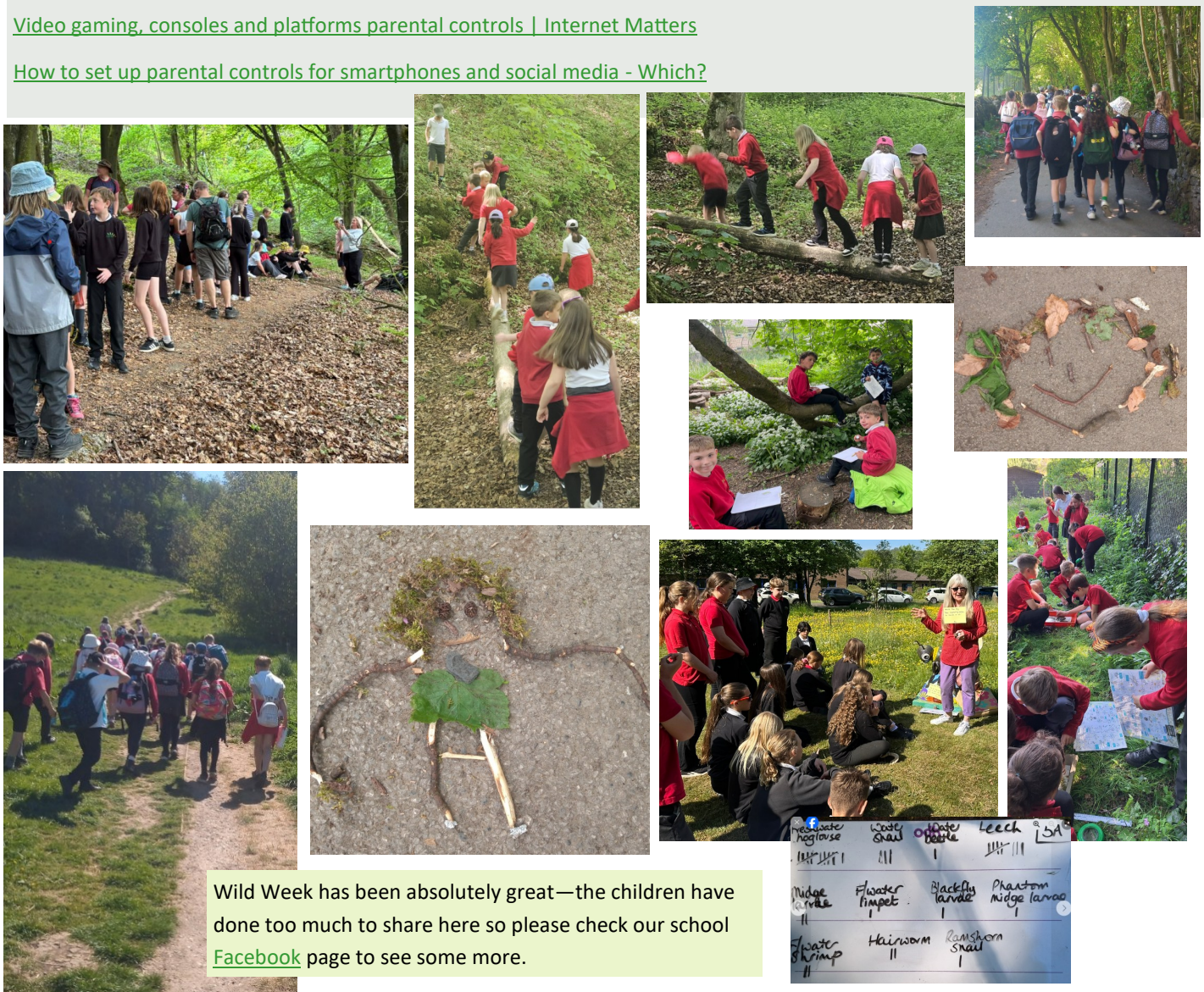
Thank you to all those who were able to come to the online safety and smartphone meeting. The meeting was full of really useful discussion and the parents and carers who attended said how useful they found it to meet up. There are clearly many parents and carers among you who are keen to hold the line in terms of delaying acquiring a smartphone for your children. We would encourage you to reach out to share your plans with the parents of your child's friendship groups; at the meeting, we discussed the power of strength in numbers and many parents said how much easier it was to delay acquiring smartphones when you can be sure that you're not the only ones.

We also discussed:

- Smartphones don't have to be fully enabled and can be locked down with no apps
- It is much easier to put rules in around use (e.g., time limits and no screens upstairs) early but that it's never too late
- Dumbphones are also a really good option instead of a smartphone
- Asking the secondary schools to say something about smartphones at the Y5 open evenings.
- The smartphone surveys are useful but will now only happen twice, at the beginning and end of the academic year.
- School will look into hosting an information evening, delivered by an outside agency, to parents and carers about how to protect your child's mental health in these challenging digital times.
- There are some useful guides out there about parental controls (apparently 1 in 6 children can disable them). Here are a couple:

[Video gaming, consoles and platforms parental controls | Internet Matters](#)

[How to set up parental controls for smartphones and social media - Which?](#)



Wild Week has been absolutely great—the children have done too much to share here so please check our school [Facebook](#) page to see some more.

Red water hogtoad	Wood snail	Water beetle	Leech	LSA
Midge larvae	Flower fly	Blackfly	Phantom midge larvae	
Water shrimp	Hairworm	Ranunculus snail		