



Water Street News



Autumn Term 2023

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**October 2023
Newsletter**

Welcome to the October newsletter.

It has been another busy and exciting month at Water Street and the children have worked amazingly well.

We hope you enjoy the articles for each year group and finding out more about what your children have been learning during the last month.

Many thanks

Neil Gunstone
Headteacher

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Autumn Term 2023

Monday 6th November	School Re-opens for Pupils Year 6 Depart for Bewerley Park Residential Image Theatre
Wednesday 8th November	Year 6 Return from Bewerley Park Residential
Friday 10th November	Y3 Music Workshop Year 6 Football - Sandylands - Morning Year 5 Football - Sandylands - Afternoon
Wednesday 15th November	Parents' Evening
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 22nd November	Bags2School - Friends of Water Street Parents' Evening
Monday 27th November	Staff Training Day - School Closed
Friday 1st December	Monthly Newsletter FoWS Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December	KS2 Church Performances
Friday 22nd December	Monthly Newsletter School closes for Christmas Holiday

There will be other dates that will be added to the diary as the term progresses.

We will keep you updated!

Any new or amended dates added this week are shown in red

Stars of the Week...



Year R: Alfie & Penny

Year 1: Zack & Edie

Year 2: Alfie & Summer

Year 3: Jack E & Rafi

Year 4: Alex K & Nora

Year 5: Anyah & Noah

Year 6: Eva & Hunter

Well done everyone!

Keep up the great work!

House Points...

Wensleydale = 126

Ribblesdale = 165

Swaledale = 138

Nidderdale = 163

*Congratulations to
Ribblesdale*

Attendance

Last week = 96.77%

Year to date = 96.96%

Our next monthly newsletter will be ...
Monday 4th December

IMPORTANT

We have a number of children in school with serious nut allergies. Please remember there should be no food in lunch boxes or breaktime snacks that contain nuts. This includes Peanut Butter or Nutella Sandwiches. Thank you



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WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL



Reception

Wow! We are already into our second half term! Where has the time gone?

It has been a wonderful first half term. The children have taken everything in their stride and risen to every challenge set before them as they've settled into school life. We couldn't be any more proud! We even attended our first school assembly last week and the children sat beautifully and listened carefully to Mr Gunstone, although they were a little startled when the whole school began to sing... they'll soon be joining in I'm sure!

Throughout October we have loved learning all about autumn and harvest. The colours, sights and smells as well as observing autumn artefacts including fruits and vegetables after reading 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'Pumpkin soup' and 'The Leaf Thief'. We also enjoyed engaging in Black History month, reading and discussing the story of Rosa Parks.

In October the reception class also learned to read! Yes – we are now readers! The listening in our class phonic sessions has been amazing and we are now sound-blending simple words with pride and confidence. Thank you to all the parents who came to our phonics zoom. Remember the best way to help your child with phonics is to read their reading book with them as all books are phonically matched. If you were unable to make the evening please see the PowerPoint I put on tapestry and as always if you have any questions please ask Mrs Busfield or I. In maths we are developing a super grasp of the number system; including counting, value, order, more and less, partitioning and recombining, addition and subtraction.

Finally, thank you also for all of the lovely additions to tapestry. We absolutely love reading your observations from home! They help us to build a fantastic picture of your child's learning journey. Keep them coming...

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Busfield, Mrs Balderstone & Mrs Bracewell



Year 1

Each day, Year One have come to school with smiley faces and readiness to learn. There has been lots of learning and exploring this October.

We have spent the first half term exploring 'Ourselves' through Science and PSHE. We finished our topic by making mini collages of ourselves, thinking carefully about our clothes, eye colour and hair colour. Take a look at our wonderful display of everyone in Year One that will remain in our classroom all year to show how unique and individual we all are.

In Maths, we have started to learn about addition, including learning the + and = symbols and using these to write number sentences. We have used lots of maths resources to build part-whole models and finding all the number bonds to 10.

Everyone has been working tremendously on Phonics and have completed the first set of phonemes in Phase 5. Each week, we try to read as many phonemes as we can in 35 seconds – our current score is 22 phonemes in 35 seconds and each week we are improving our score. Year One have particularly enjoyed guided reading sessions where we engage with stories as a whole class and in small groups.

In English, we have been exploring 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French. We have sung lots of songs to remember the days of the week to help us make a timetable of what Oliver ate on each day. Surprisingly, Oliver's grandad from the story visited our classroom and we asked his character lots of questions about his allotment and growing vegetables. We also read another book by the same author called 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' which inspired us to design, make and evaluate our own fruit salads. We started by choosing the fruits, carefully cutting them with a knife, mixing them together and lastly, the best part – tasting!



Lastly, Year One have loved visiting the computer room to practise their computing skills. In only a few weeks, everyone can now log in to their account themselves using the keyboard to find each letter and control the mouse. We have been sorting objects, using 2paint to create a picture and designing our avatars.

What a fantastic October everyone!

Miss Anderson and Mrs Rushton-Hall



Year 2

The Year 2 class have worked, learned and challenged themselves VERY hard indeed through October and we are so impressed with them! They have calculated & counted, written & edited whole stories, made, created, investigated AND... read & Read & READ! Mr Gunstone has been to our classroom while showing groups of visitors around our school and he is SUPER impressed with how calm we all are and how focused on our learning. We feel PROUD of ourselves!

A highlight in October was our visit to Skipton Castle. The children listened so well during their guided tours and were fascinated by the tales from the past they heard. Anything gruesome and ghastly was particularly well received! We danced in the great hall, imagined Rapunzel trapped in the tower, tried our hand at target practise like a medieval archer and, of course, LOVED our packed lunches! Very big thanks to all the parents who came to help us and to those of you who also offered. We are very grateful. If you are interested to see the dancing, as well as our team castle models, there just may be a chance for you to do that during parents evening this half term... watch this space.

We rounded off our unit of English on Rapunzel with a lovely piece of poetry. We thought about when the witch threatens to put a terrible curse on Rapunzel and decided to make our own gruesome potion! We added spiders, worms (all pretend of course!), witches hair, cobwebs, magic sparkles and much more. We then watched the potion bubble, foam and fizz over the side of our cauldron. We thought of adjectives and verbs to describe what we could see and what the potion was doing. We then used these in our diamond poems.

The children have been learning lots about animals in Science this month. We have learnt about the human life cycle and compared it to other animals, such as a butterfly and a frog. We have learnt about what animals need to survive as well as the importance of exercise and the effect it has on our bodies.

Mrs Stockdale, Miss Longman, Miss Ireland



Year 3

What a busy first half-term in Year 3! In English, we have been learning about imperative or 'bossy' verbs and prepositions. We have written a very bossy set of instructions based on 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth'. This all links with our history topic this term of the Stone Age to Iron Age. We have also made our very own Woolly Mammoths out of reused milk cartons. Thank you so much for bringing them into school! I hope you are impressed by all of our interesting creations brought home. We also enjoyed our first school trip to Craven Museum to take part in a Stone Age workshop. All of the children engaged with this fabulously and it is a fantastic resource right on our doorstep! They are all looking forward to returning for our Romans workshop in the Spring term.



In Science, we enjoyed learning all about Rocks and Soils. The children really engaged with this topic and it brought many discussion points. A big thank you to all of the many interesting rocks and fossils brought in from home, as we have had many show and tell sessions to discuss these! We have learnt all about Mary Anning and her amazing discovery of the Ichthyosaur. We have also conducted our very own soil Investigation and collected various soil samples from around school to discover the key differences between soil and to make scientific comparisons on.



In Maths, we have started addition and subtraction with a large focus on number lines and the column method. The children were very excited to draw on the tables using whiteboard pens and construct their own number lines, and HTO columns. A big thank you to all of your efforts at home on MyMaths as well!

In ICT, we have now finished Online Safety and are improving our touch-typing skills. We have been using BBC Dance Mat and Purple Mash to do this. We have also finished 'rock and roll' themed dancing with Howard on a Monday and are going to be learning some outward bound and orienteering skills in PE next half-term.

We have lots to look forward to during the next half-term in Year 3. I hope the children enjoy the choir workshop in November, the KS2 Christmas production and all of the exciting learning opportunities in the run-up to Christmas.

Best wishes,

Miss Dale and Mrs Griffiths.

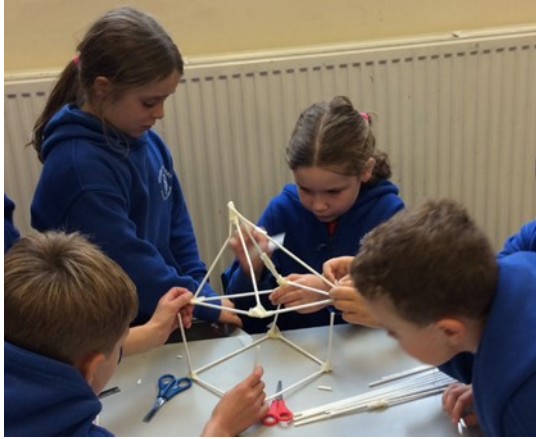


Year 4

It has been another fantastic month in Year 4!

We have completed our unit on place value in maths, and started new units on addition, subtraction and shape.

This month, the children have created some fantastic writing based on How to Train Your Dragon. They have also explored the features of non-chronological reports based on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, and they are looking forward to creating their own reports.



In RE, the children have loved talking about people who inspire them and exploring why Jesus is inspirational to Christians. They enjoyed making straw and Lego houses to explore the meaning behind the parable of the two builders. They also enjoyed re-enacting some of the miracle stories from the Bible.

In Science, we have continued to learn about states of matter and the children were amazed to discover that gas does have a weight. They have also used thermometers to measure temperature in different places around school.

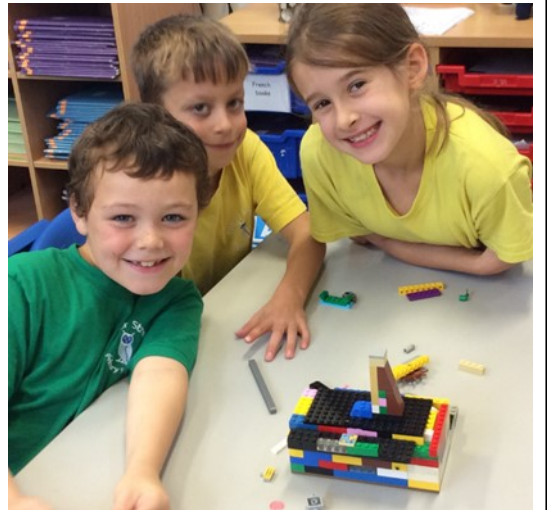
It is lovely to see Year 4's artwork based on hot and cold colours being displayed in the hall. They have worked really hard to produce some excellent pictures.

October has been another super month, and the children

should be

proud of their achievements in school. We are excited to see what

November has in store as we look forward to enjoying Children in Need Day, and beginning to prepare for different festive events.



Mrs Taylor, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs J



Year 5

Whenever we sit back to reflect on the past month, we are always amazed by how much we have fitted in and October has been the same.

In Science we finished our Space Topic. We learnt all about the orbit of the planets around the Sun, the orbit of the moon around the Earth and why we have day and night. We have kept a moon diary to look at the different phases of the moon. We enjoyed creating plasticine models to demonstrate our understanding and even had a go at acting out the Solar System.

We used our knowledge of the different phases of the moon to write some amazing metaphor poems. The standard of the poems was so high that we have created an anthology of them so we can enjoy reading each other's during ERIC.

We love reading in Year 5 and are continuing to enjoy the adventures of Feo in our class novel *The Wolf Wilder* and we continue to share our own favourite books with each other during our 'Reading Shelfie' time. It is lovely to hear about all the wonderful books that are out there. Many of them new to us!

In PE, we have been dancing and improving our athletics skills. We have all made great progress in both areas. Many pupils from Year 5 represented the school at the Skipton Schools' Cross-Country event. The grit and determination all runners showed was impressive.

In History, we have continued to learn about the Industrial Revolution and the evidence that we can see. We have enjoyed learning how the Cottage Industry moved on to mills and factories in places like Skipton, that became populated with mill workers. We also started our Geography topic about North America.

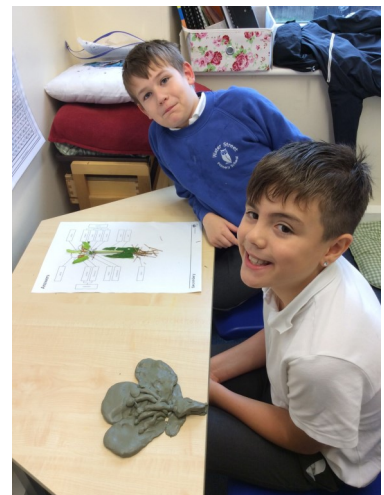
PSHE has been all about e-safety. We have had some very interesting and important discussions about how to keep ourselves safe on line. We have thought about the information we share online, what happens to this (our digital footprints) and how to protect ourselves or report things if it goes wrong. We have also discussed communicating with people we don't know, the dangers of this and again how to protect ourselves and report things that make us feel uncomfortable. Hopefully all valuable lessons that the pupils will apply in their everyday lives.

Earlier in the month, Year 5 were invited to watch a concert by Skipton Camerata. For some of the class, this was their first experience of listening to live classical music. The concert was fantastic and the class joined in with the music discussion and listened very carefully.

In Art, we have been learning more about David Hockney. We looked at ways of making black, in the style of Hockney and created some wonderful artwork using perspective.

Another enjoyable and productive month Year 5. We can't wait to see what excitement November will hold.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Bownass, Mrs Hay & Mrs Knapp

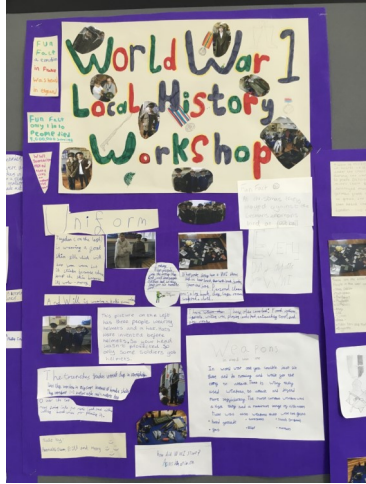


Year 6

And all of a sudden it's the end of October!

We've had a great half term in Year 6! I've been really proud of how Y6 have embraced their responsibilities around school, not only as Y6 buddies, but also doing dinner duty, being Peer Heros, supporting each other....and generally being wonderful! We've managed to get over 800 dojos in fact!

We were delighted that Dr Smith came back into school this



week to look at all the personal WW1 and WW2 research that the children had done around family members- he was blown away by the children's engagement and enthusiasm. Thank you to anyone in the family who also helped out!

We've been doing some fabulous art work this term too- we hope you loved the Christmas Card snowman art. Our WW1 silhouette creations have been just as stunning.



Throughout the school we have all been making sure that we allocate 10 minutes a day to read a story to the



children. In Year 6 we have been reading- "The Boy who made everyone Laugh" by Helen Rutter. It's been such a wonderful story, and one which we didn't want to end! It's going to be hard to find a new story to replace the characters that we have got to know so well.



Our PE this term has focussed on personal fitness challenges. We have also been doing some amazing fitness with hoops and music. Just ask anyone in Year 6 and they will tell you all about it. We might even share it on the school You Tube channel so you can see what we have been up to.

In science we completed our topic this half term on living things.



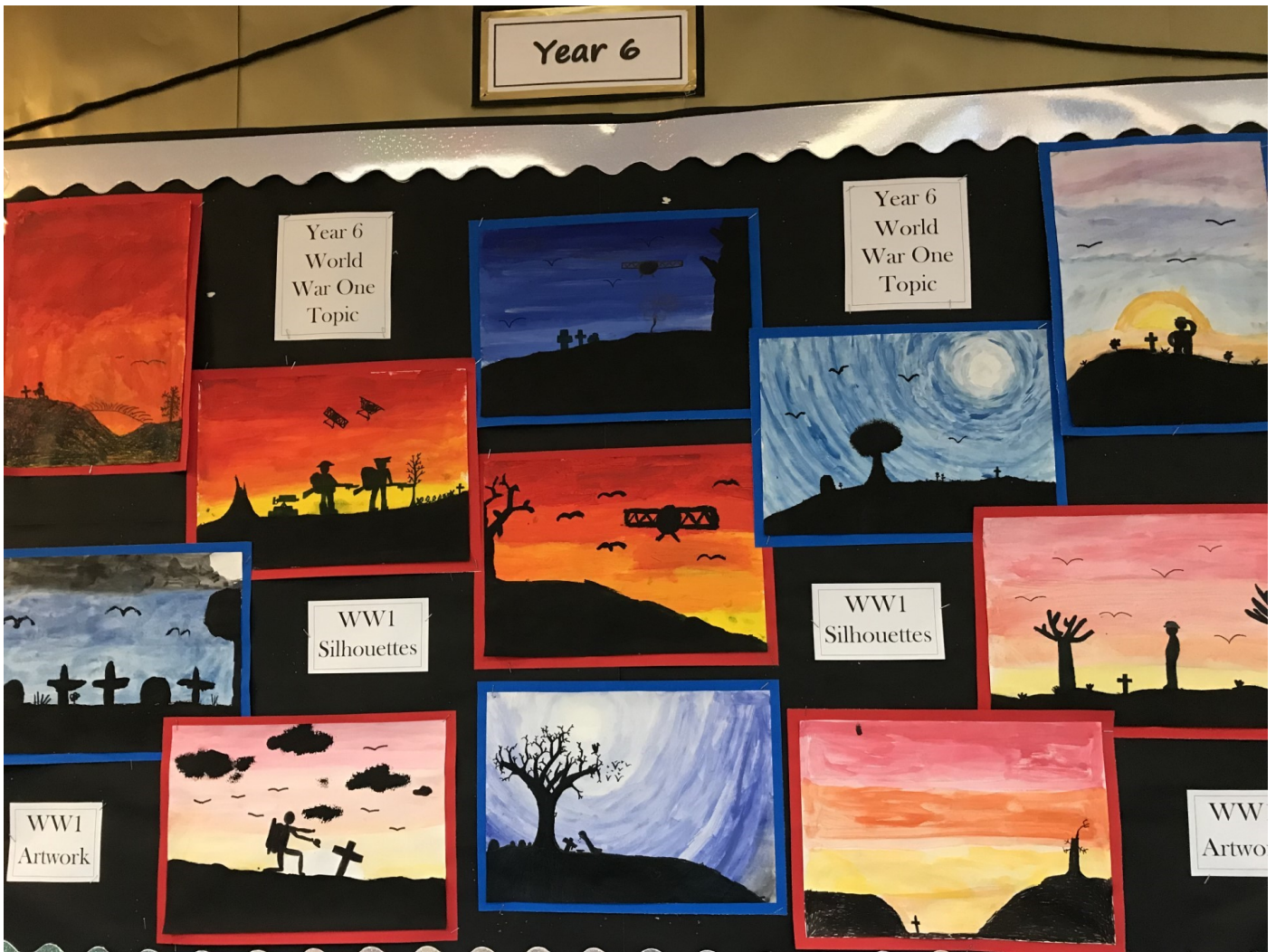
These last two weeks we moved onto the smallest things of all - microbes. Our yeast experiment was very successful - as you can see from the photos!- and created much excitement as the hands got bigger!



Although we are all ready for the holidays, we can't wait for November, when we set off on our Year 6 residential to Bewerley Park- we will tell you all about that in the next monthly news!

From Mrs Macnab, Mrs Procter and Mrs Jardine.





Autumn Term 1 Sports News

Autumn Term has been a busy one and the achievements so far have been amazing.

On top of the 2 PE lessons that each class take part in every week; active playtimes, active lessons and brain breaks are carefully planned into our days:

- Y4 have been attending weekly swimming lessons.
- Howard, Fire-House Dance Studio, has taught Y3 and 5 to Street Dance.
- All KS1 have worked alongside coaches from Skipton Tennis Club
- All KS2 have developed their athletic skills with Mr Mukherjee

Competitions:

- 87 KS2 pupils took part in the Skipton Schools' Cross-Country competition.
- 20 KS2 pupils qualified to take part in the Craven Schools' Cross-Country competition at Giggleswick School.
- 5 pupils qualified to represent Craven in the North Yorkshire Schools' Cross-Country finals. Watch this space to see how they get on!
- Y6 attended a Skipton schools basketball festival.
- Each week a team made up of Y6 pupils have taken part in matches against the other Skipton schools.

Extra:

- KS2 after-school clubs: Street Dance and Athletics were both well attended.
- Next half-term clubs will be KS1 Dance , Y3/4 Table tennis and Y6 Friday Football.
- Scooting to school available to all.
- A huge well done to Luke in Y6 who despite being a quadruple amputee has managed to climb to the top of Embsay Crag (on a wet and rainy day) to raise money for Children in Need and Limb Power. At last look he has raised over £13,000.

There are lots of plans in place for Autumn Term 2 including: Y6 Bewerley Park residential, UKS2 boys football tournament, UKS2 girls football tournament, Y5/6 pupils all attending a football festival, Y2 all attending a multi-sports festival, Y4 tag rugby sessions and a tournament



Friends of Water Street Christmas Raffle

FoWS are currently working away sourcing prizes for the Christmas raffle and we need your help.

Are you involved in a business or work for someone that would be willing to support our lovely school by donating a raffle prize?

If so please speak to your FoWS class representative or FoWS member Jacqueline Baldwin (Y5 & Y1 Mum) who is co-ordinating the prize list.

Alternatively email:
friends@waterstreetschool.org.uk

More details of this years christmas raffle to be announced soon.

Are you entering Skipton's Santa Fun Run this year?

Join the FOWS team and you
could win us £££



This year we're entering a Friends of Water Street team in the Skipton Santa Fun Run on 26th November. If you're thinking of entering, please join as part of our team. You won't need to run with us but if we get enough people registering we are in with a chance of getting a £250 donation to our fundraising efforts!

All you need to do is enter as normal at **[racebest.com/races/zhy7s](https://www.racebest.com/races/zhy7s)** and pop 'Friends of Water Street' into the Team Name box when prompted. Then just turn up at the start line at 11am on the day.

We'll see you there!

The FOWS team





Please Do Your Part To Reduce Water Street Traffic!

As we edge closer to the Winter months, I know that there is greater temptation to drive to school and drop the children off as close as possible.

Elliot Street is a tight road at the best of times and in recent weeks I have had a number of complaints/concerns brought to me regarding the volume of traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times, with particular fears over the safety of children crossing the road. We were very close to an accident the other day with someone backing into a driveway to turn around.

So far, we have not had an accident. However, I worry that if we do not work together on this there will come a day when I am asking for your support not through fear of an accident, but rather because there has been an accident.

To reduce traffic on Elliot Street, I have been informed that the traffic wardens allow parents to park for a short time in Coach Street car park whilst walking to and from school, without requiring a ticket. To help with this, we are in the process of creating a Water Street drop-off badge that you will be able to put in your car window, to make traffic wardens aware that you are on the school run.

I have also been asked to request that Water Street parents avoid using the St Stephen's Church car park.

Thank you for you continued support





Parent/Carer Support Group

About Us:

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Next Parents Support Group details: Tuesday 21st November 2023
Topic: "Supporting your child: Anger & frustration".

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Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday
21st November



10:30am or
7:30pm



Held on Zoom

Please email the
address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: ANGER AND FRUSTRATION



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be discussing anger and frustration. This session will include strategies to support your child when they are experiencing this emotion. This will include both younger and older children

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