



**Dear Parent / Carer,**

We have a lot to celebrate again this week, the children have been working very hard in their classes and we can already see some progression in their skills and learning behaviours.

### **Jeans for Genes day**

Thank you for your generosity and support with Jeans for Genes day. We have paid in £210 to this charity.

### **Macmillan Cake sale**

It was lovely to see many of you after school on Thursday buying cakes for Macmillan. Thank you for your yummy donations and for buying the cakes. I will let you know how much has been raised when it has been all counted up!

### **FOSS connections with Barton Fleming**

Look out for an exciting competition coming home to design a leaflet to advertise our new connection with Barton Fleming. They have pledged that for every home they sell, a percentage of the fee will be donated to a local school. We are very grateful to the people that have nominated our school for this initiative and so far they have donated £1300 to FOSS – this is an amazing amount of money and will be put towards the funds raised for our outdoor classroom. Please spread the word; the more families that nominate us then the more donations we will benefit from!

### **FOSS Bingo**

Looking forward to seeing lots of you tonight at the FOSS bingo event – it promises to be a fun filled evening for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to the FOSS team for organising these events and for all your contributions.

Please remember that my door is always open should you have any queries or concerns. It is much easier to solve problems by working together for the benefit of all the children.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Helen Wollington**

Principal

### **Digi-News Zone**



**Sometimes, it's hard to say no to certain games**





# Southwold Primary & Nursery School

We know that your children love playing online games. We also know that sometimes children choose online games that aren't suitable for them. These games may be violent, contain sexually explicit material, glorify drug abuse or contain profane language. Some gaming sites are havens for all sorts of people and ideas that you really don't want your child exposed to. Knowing which games are ok for your child and diverting them from games which aren't designed for them or are plain dangerous can be tricky.

Rather than playing someone else's game why not encourage your child to create their own game for other people to play? There are lots of apps and websites that allow users to create and share their own games. Some of them carry the same risks as mentioned above and the same advice applies. But there is a safe, child-friendly and free educational game making option - Purple Mash.

**Purple Mash's 2Go, 2Logo, 2Code, and 2DIY3D** are used at your child's school to introduce them to computer programming (coding). They are safe to use at home. You don't need to download anything, they don't allow your child to interact with other people online and are free. They are also very easy to use and your child has probably already enjoyed using them at school.

**If your child loves playing online games, they will love creating their own games with these Purple Mash apps, and you'll love knowing that they are learning valuable skills and having fun in a safe environment. Check these out today!**

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