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Effects of Video Games on Children

As the Student Wellbeing Leader at Solomontown P.S, I feel the need to bring to your attention the possible effects of video games on children. The simple childhood games of yesteryear have given way to endless, compelling worlds of fantasy wherein children can become so immersed that they lose touch with reality. Whilst it is important to acknowledge that there are positive effects of some video games on children, research indicates that there are also a number of negative effects of video games on children, and it is this I would like to address.

Negative Effects of Video Games on Children

- Some research suggests that some video games may see negative traits like addiction; depression and aggression develop in players – particularly games that contain violence
- Obsessive, unregulated gameplay can cause stress, lead to poor school performance and concentration levels, increase sleep problems and may lead to mental health issues
- There is untold potential for children to be exposed to inappropriate content in some video games, particularly when they are playing without their parents/ carers full knowledge or supervision.

Violence in video games is not appropriate for young children as they are not mature enough to be able to link the violence to the themes or context behind it. Whereas an adult might view shooting violence in a game as part of the protagonist's quest, a child may only see the shooting and the death therefore I would urge parents and carers to consider the following ground rules for your child when gaming

- Length of time they will play for
- Where they will play (a common area is preferable)
- Always check game ratings
- Time of day they will play (it's best to avoid screen activities late at night as the blue light given off by screens can delay the release of melatonin)
- How video games will be balanced with other activities and commitments
- Always check video game reviews to ensure the game is age-appropriate for your child.

If you are concerned about your child's gaming habits or have any questions about this article, please do not hesitate to contact the school and book a time to see me.

Cheers

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H.A.S.S with Mrs Ferme

For Geography in H.A.S.S, we have been talking about countries of the world, their flags and the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

We talked about Greece, the first place the Olympics went to. **Marc**

Different countries all over the world went to the Olympic games in Tokyo, Japan. **Alexis**

When I grow up I want to be in the bike riding in the Olympics. **Olivia**

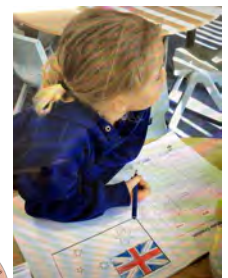
The people in Tokyo, Japan lit the torch at the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony. **Charlotte.W**

I like swimming because we won the women's swimming. **Meg**

I like soccer so I watch it. **Kwaide**

They run fast at the Olympics. **Luke**

We put the flags from Australia, Japan and Greece where their countries are on the world map. **Nathan.**



Week 6 Lunch Special

Chicken burger with lettuce and mayo plus either a bottle of water or chocolate or strawberry milk. Please return money, plus order by Monday 23rd August.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share with you the importance of reading to your child at home. It's undeniable that a child's reading skills are important to their success in school, work, and life in general. And it is very possible to help ensure your child's success by reading to them starting at a very early age. Whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life. Some benefits reading to children include:

⇒ **Improved language skills**

Reading daily to young children, starting in infancy, can help with language acquisition, communication skills, social skills, and literacy skills. This is because reading to your children in the earliest months stimulates the part of the brain that allows them to understand the meaning of language and helps build key language, literacy and social skills. In fact, a recent brain scan study found that "reading at home with children from an early age was strongly correlated with brain activation in areas connected with visual imagery and understanding the meaning of language".

⇒ **Developing a special bond with your child**

It goes without saying that reading to your young child on a regular basis can help you forge a stronger relationship with them. When it comes to children, one of the most important things you can do to positively influence their development is spend time with them. Reading to your children provides a great opportunity to set up a regular, shared event where you can look forward to spending time together. With shared reading, your child will trust and expect that you will be there for them. The importance of trust to small children cannot be overstated. Reading a favorite book to your children not only helps you bond with them, but also gives your children a sense of intimacy and wellbeing. This feeling of intimacy helps your child feel close to you, and the feelings of love and attention encourage positive growth and development.

⇒ **Improved imagination and creativity**

Young children naturally have a capacity to dream big and use their imaginations. Reading aloud to your child helps them use their imaginations to explore people, places, times, and events beyond their own experiences. Reading as an imaginative activity can open doors to all kinds of new worlds for your child. By widening your child's imagination, your child is more likely to dream bigger and act creatively which can benefit their school, work, and life in the future.

⇒ **Cultivating a lifelong love of reading**

Reading is the key for lifelong learning, and if you can instill a love of reading at an early age, then a commitment to lifelong learning is sure to follow. Reading aloud presents books as sources of pleasant, valuable, and exciting experiences. Children who value books are motivated to read on their own, and will likely continue to practice independent reading throughout the rest of their lives.

Given all the benefits of reading to your children at home, I encourage you to do so and if you already do, keep it up.

Cheers,

Noeline Gapp
Student Wellbeing Leader

Reading at Home Challenge

The importance of reading at home cannot be stressed enough, reading every day has a huge impact on every child's learning. To help encourage each student to be willing to read, Solly Primary have come up with some incentives for children to read at home.

Each child has been given a 'Reading Log' book to have a parent or an older person record when they read at home.

The reading will have milestones and children will be rewarded after reading 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 etc. (listed below).

We ask that you are diligent in filling out the log books and only fill it in if your child/children have read to you. You do not have to be reminded that by filling in the log if the student have not done the reading only cheats your child of a better education. We all know that the only way to improve in life is to practice.

The reading should only take 5-10 minutes of your time every day. This is quality time with your child and a time of memory making. You will need to watch and listen to ensure they are reading the words on the page and not guessing them, then assist with any challenging words they may come across.

As a staff we hope that every child will be more motivated to practice their reading every day.

Reading stickers	Reading reward
25 stickers	Certificate and a sticker
50 stickers	Certificate and a novelty pen
75 stickers	Certificate and a zooper dooper
100 stickers	Certificate and a canteen item

Sports Day Polo Shirts

Parents have been given the opportunity to purchase/order sports day polo shirts. Some parents are concerned that their child only gets to wear this shirt for the one day. Mr Winther has decided that students can wear their sports day shirts each Friday. Students will be having health hustle on Fridays now, so it seems fitting that students be in their sports day colours.

Upcoming Events

Monday 30th August - STUDENT FREE DAY

2nd September - Whole School Attending Performance at Theatre

14th September - Sports Day

Current COVID restrictions

The current Department for Education directives for our School Operations are COVID-19 Update – School and preschool operations

Masks - Masks must continue to be worn as outlined on the intranet.

From Thursday 5 August, the following activities can resume:

- playgroups and Learning Together (parents should wear masks where possible)
- whole school assemblies
- choir and dance rehearsals within the school
- all extracurricular activities within the school
- incursions, excursions and intrastate camps. Please ask the venue for a copy of their COVID safe or COVID Management plan and ensure you can comply with it
- events held at offsite venues with approved COVID safe or COVID Management plans
- events held within school or preschool grounds (such as performances and concerts) providing:
 - density requirements and physical distancing requirements are met by all attending adults
 - masks are worn by adults and students in years 8 and above who are not performing
 - all attendees are encouraged to COVID Safe check in.
- school sports including interschool sport training, trials and competitions
- water safety/swimming/aquatic lessons.

The following measures remain in place until further notice:

- all interstate camps and travel must be postponed



Book Week 2021

Friday 27th August is our dress up day for Book Week 2021. Students will take part in a parade on the basketball court at 9.30am. Parents can attend, as long as they adhere to social distancing, **masks are compulsory.**

(This is subject to COVID restriction changes.)

OLD WORLDS

NEW WORLDS

OTHER WORLDS

Willochra war cry

Boomaraka, Boomaraka, Boosh Boom Bar

We're the loudest team by far,

Willochra house are here that's right,

Willochra leaves them out of sight.

Catch them, thrash them, here right now.

Watch us as we show them how!

GOOOOOOOO WILLOCHRA!!! (clap)

Wilpena war cry

Willa Bang, Willa Bang, Willa Bang Bang,

We are the house of the old green gang.

Cheering, cheering, right to the line,

We are the loudest of all time.

Wilpena, Wilpena, brave and bold,

Watch us win and take the gold

GOOOOOOOOOO WILPENA!! (clap)

Bunyeroo war cry

Hoopla, Hoopla Hoopla, Hoooo,

Watch out teams 'cos we're Bunyeroo.

Racing, chasing, red roo's tear,

Brilliant, bright, brave and fair.

Bunyeroo, Bunyeroo, we're the best,

Watch us as we thrash the rest!

GOOOOO BUNYEROO!! (clap)

2021 Solomontown Sports Day

Tuesday 14th September

- 9.00am Students gather in House teams on the basketball court.
- 9.05am Welcome to Country, Health Hustle, War Cries and Opening.
- 9.25am Students to assemble with teachers ready for event rotations.
- 9.35am Event 1
- 9.45am Event 2
- 9.55am Event 3
- 10.05am Event 4
- 10.15am Event 5
- 10.25am Event 6
- 10.35am RECESS
- 10.50am Event 7
- 11.00am Event 8
- 11.10am Event 9
- 11.20am Event 10
- 11.30am Event 11
- 11.40am Event 12
- 11.50am LUNCH
- 12.10pm Assemble in team bays
- 12.15pm Sprints
- 12.40pm End to End Relay
- 12.50pm Staff v Parents v Captains event (impartial referee Steve)
- 1.00pm Clean up. Teams assemble house bays.
- 1.10pm Results and presentation of Trophy
- 3.00pm Normal dismissal unless parents take their children home from sportsday.

SSO week celebrations

This week our leaders and teachers celebrated SSO week by catering a morning tea for them. We would like to thank our SSO's for all of their hard work and dedication they show to our students, teachers and school community.

Michelle Joyce

Karen Caputo

Sue Norton

Peter Dick

Avril Luke

Kerry Budd

Haylee Pisani

Danica Manfield

Karen Bowering

Wendy Taylor

Helen Brill

Tash Blad

Lyn McGree

Colleen Jebb

Kathryn Clarke

Rose Finlayson

School Zone speeding

We have had some reports from parents with concerns about cars speeding past the school. We would just like to put out a polite reminder, please check your speed. School zones have a speed limit of 25 km/h at any time when a child is in the zone, whenever a child is on the road, footpath, median strip, even if they are on a bike. A child is any person less than 18 years of age and includes a student of any age wearing school uniform.



STUDENT FREE DAY - MONDAY 30TH AUGUST

Teachers/Staff will be participating in a Professional Development day. We will be continuing with the Berry street training. This training supports students from trauma backgrounds.